

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Harry R. Riskie at 7:30 p.m.. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, N.J.. The Deputy Administrator, Robert Law, stated that it was a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Woodbury City Council and due notice had been given to both the press and the public by reason of a resolution for Regular Meetings adopted January 5, 2005.

A Moment of Silence was requested by President Riskie for former Councilman James Barry who recently passed away.

Councilman Michael Graziani delivered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Brown, Curtis, Louis, Graziani, Schreyer, Grimming, Tierney, President Riskie and Mayor Clark

Absent: Sloane

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the minutes of December 12, 2005 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Tierney abstained from the vote.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items only.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Grimming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

RESOLUTIONS

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #05-170 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASES AND REFUNDS OF REAL ESTATE TAXES IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY (177 Leeds Place)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #05-171 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CONTRACT PRICE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS STORAGE FACILITY PROJECT AND LEVEL 1 CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #05-173 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASES AND REFUNDS OF REAL ESTATE TAXES IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #05-175 - RESOLUTION APPLYING FOR A \$75,000 SPECIAL PURPOSE GRANT FROM THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION FOR VARIOUS REPAIRS TO THE EXTERIOR OF CITY HALL

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Law explained how the application process took place and how much the City will be receiving; this is just paperwork that is required to be done.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #06-176 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE LOCAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2005

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #05-178 - RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L.1948)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the vouchers as presented were authorized paid.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RESOLUTION #05-172 - RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND RATIFYING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FIREMEN'S MUTUAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION LOCAL NO. 62 AND THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Law explained what the salary increases were and what other terms were agreed upon during negotiations.

President Riskie thanked all the City Negotiators for all their time put into negotiating the terms of the contract with the firemen's association representatives.

Councilman Louis inquired if the salary increase was retroactive.

Mr. Law explained exactly how and when the increases occurred.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

RESOLUTION #05-177 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HARRIS COMPUTER SYSTEMS FOR PROPRIETARY COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER ADVISORY SERVICES

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Law explained in some detail how the new system will benefit not only the consumer but will ensure more accurate readings.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Schreyer stated her Committee is moving along and gathering information for putting together a flyer/newsletter for distribution in the spring.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown advised that she attended a senior meeting today where the seniors expressed a concern over leaves on Tatum Street and the vicinity. Councilwoman Brown also stated that there was a question as to "what is the City doing for senior citizens?"

GREEN ACRES

RESOLUTION #05-174 - STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION

Councilman Curtis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Curtis inquired why this resolution was being presented the last meeting of the year and without any notice and why such a large amount.

Mr. Law explained that the Green Acres amount originally requested and allocated for in the budget over a three-year period was 2.4 million; the City only received 1.8 million. Mr. Law stated it is his decision to introduce the resolution this evening rather than wait until the January 23, 2006 meeting and apologies for not informing Councilman Curtis in advance but this information was just received. Mr. Law also stated that this was Phase two of the project, increasing the original allocation from 1.0 million to 1.8 million.

On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

PRESIDENT RISKIE

President Riskie thanked the Mayor all Council Members for their input and hard work and dedication they provided in serving their position as Council members.

RESOLUTION #05-179 - RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING & HONORING MICHAEL GRAZIANI UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the contents of the resolution in its entirety.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Grimming, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote. Councilman Graziani abstained.

COMMENTS FROM OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCILWOMAN TIERNEY

Wished Councilman Graziani all the best and stated that one of qualities she admired was the ability to come to a decision when it pertained to Council matters. Councilwoman Tierney also stated he was a honor to have him as a family friend and respected her father's decision, former Mayor Donald P. Sanderson for having seen those qualities in Michael Graziani when handpicking him to take the Councilman position.

COUNCILMAN LOUIS

As a brother -in-law to Michael he stated he will continue to see him amongst the family gatherings. However, on a more serious note, he will be missed as a Councilman for the City of Woodbury. Councilman Louis stated that Michael will be remembered for being a great debater, eloquent on his feet and his ability to get his point across will be missed.

COUNCILMAN GRIMMING

Councilman Grimming stated that he was impressed with Councilman Graziani's opinions and dedication to the City of Woodbury.

COUNCILMAN CURTIS

Councilman Curtis referred to Councilman's Graziani's decision making process in that Council always knew exactly how he felt about many topics that came before Council and that made their jobs easier. Councilman Curtis stated that even though all of Council may not have agreed with his opinions, they knew why he came to certain decision because he had the ability to articulate his opinion. Those are qualities that make a great Councilperson.

COUNCILWOMAN BROWN

Councilwoman Brown also extended her good wishes and blessings to Councilman Graziani and commented on Councilman Graziani's qualities.

COUNCILWOMAN SCHREYER

Councilwoman Schreyer reiterated all the qualities her colleagues had already expressed in addition to thanking Councilman Graziani for all the time he volunteered as a Planning Board Member.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark stated it was a privilege to get to know Councilman Graziani and she hopes that he will continue to stay involved and hopefully, one day consider returning to his former position. The Mayor referenced some challenging issues that came before Council and the Planning Board and on every one of them, Councilman Graziani rose above with grace and intelligence.

PRESIDENT RISKIE

President Riskie stated that, in his opinion, Councilman Graziani did an outstanding job on both Council and the Planning Board.

COUNCILMAN GRAZIANI

Councilman Graziani stated that he could not express how much this acknowledgement meant to him and how much he enjoyed working with everyone and benefiting from their knowledge and experience as well.

Councilman Graziani also thanked Bob Law and all the Staff of City Hall and also hopes that one day he can return to his Council position. He is surely going to miss everyone.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark wished everyone a safe and happy new year.

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Robert Law also wanted to be added to the list of well-wishes for Councilman Graziani.

The Deputy Administrator reminded everyone that the Reorganizational Meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2006 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers.

Mr. Law referenced the Engineer's Report inquiring if there were any questions.

Councilwoman Schreyer inquired what the status was on the Reservoir Project and inquired what the "presently investigating alternative to location" was all about as it appeared in the Engineer's Report

Also, Councilwoman Schreyer inquired what the Red Bank Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement entailed.

Unfortunately, Mr. Law was not able to fully answer the questions and stated he would find out and get back to Councilwoman Schreyer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Riskie presented the Treasurer's Report which was received as filed.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Non-Agenda Items.

Dr. Robert Rogers, 130 Rugby Place, inquired about Hunter Street and Cooper Street intersection regarding the possibility of putting a "No Left Hand Turn" sign off of Hunter going onto Cooper Street and was curious if anyone considered making Hunter Street one-way going into the other direction, as this would eliminate the problem entirely.

Mayor Clark stated that this was one of the considerations being considered. However, another meeting will be held early January where the residents would be invited for their opinions and all the options would be presented for their discussion. Notices will be sent to all residents when a time and place has been established.

Dr. Rogers wished Councilman Graziani all the best, stating that he too was very impressed with his work; and he will be missed by many residents in the City of Woodbury.

On motion of Councilman Curtis, seconded by Councilman Graziani, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Graziani, seconded by Councilman Curtis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ROBERT LAW
Deputy Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield

Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler

Emergency Management Director: Lieutenant Steven Cope