

December 28, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President C. Barry E. Sloane at 7:30 pm. The meeting was held in Council Chambers located at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ. The Clerk/Administrator, Thomas B. Bowe, 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, 2009.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, there was a Moment of Silence.

ROLL CALL

Present: Pottillo, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Carter, President Sloane
and Mayor Curtis

Absent: Villari, Brown

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

President Sloane requested that Councilman Fleming handle matters for the Economic Development Committee in Councilman Villari's absence and Councilman Trout handle the Community Development Committee matters in Councilwoman Brown's absence.

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of December 14, 2009 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, 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 Trout, seconded by Councilman Tierney the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #09-239 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANTING A 5-YEAR EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 123, LOT 7 AND BLOCK 124, LOTS 1 AND 2, LOCATED AT 26 EAST RED BANK AVENUE, WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

RESOLUTION #09-240 – RESOLUTION TO CORRECT BILL OF WATER CHARGES

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-241 – RESOLUTION TO REMOVE CREDITS FROM WATER TO APPLY TO SEWER TO SHOW ZERO BALANCES ON ACCOUNTS

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-242 – RESOLUTION TO REMOVE INTEREST BALANCES ON ACCOUNTS THAT WERE PAID ON TIME

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

RESOLUTION #09-243 – RESOLUTION TO CORRECT BILL OF WATER CHARGES

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #09-244 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE LOCAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2009

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Fleming advised that he wanted to point out that two items in the current fund that will require additional funding are road repairs and utilities/street lighting which will be reviewed further by the Finance Committee as to why we exceeded the budget on these items.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

RESOLUTION #09-245 – RESOLUTION TO CANCEL OLD BALANCES

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

PUBIC SAFETY

ORDINANCE #2114-09 – ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO PROVIDE PAINTED CROSS-WALKS ON SOUTH BARBER AND EAST BARBER AVENUES

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was ordered opened for Public Hearing.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Fleming, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes 7 Pottillo, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Carter, Sloane

Nays 0
Absent 2 Villari, Brown

For the record, Councilman Pottillo stated that he would like to recognize the Public Works Department for putting forth their best effort in the removal of the snow under very challenging circumstances. All efforts were made to accommodate the residents within the City for the snow removal in a timely and cost efficient manner.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Fleming advised that the City will continue with its plans for the redevelopment of the downtown area in Woodbury.

Councilman Fleming also reminded everyone of the January 13th meeting to be held in the County Ceremonial Courtroom at 7:00 pm. Tricon Corp. will give a presentation regarding the GG Green Building Project.

ORDINANCE #2113-09 – ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ADOPTING USE OF CITY-OWNED VEHICLES POLICY

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was ordered opened for Public Hearing.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Fleming, the ordinance was passed on second and final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes 7 Pottillo, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Carter, Sloane
Nays 0
Absent 2 Villari, Brown

Councilwoman Tierney extended her thanks to the Personnel Committee, Mr. Law and Labor Counsel for all the work they put into re-drafting this part of the personnel policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Carter had nothing to report under this Committee.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Trout had nothing to report under Community Development

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Trout had nothing to report under Green Acres.

Councilman Pottillo stated he would like to thank Mr. Dukelow for the trees that were recently planted in North Woodbury; they look great!

MAYOR CURTIS

Mayor Curtis advised that with the recent snowfall we experienced the second worst snow event ever recorded for December and many of our public works employees worked sixteen (16) hours straight and were able to do at least two plowings to help bring the city back to normal operations. However, for those very few individuals who were not happy with the plowing, it was not the fault of the workers; it was due to residents not moving their vehicles and not using their driveways resulting in people having to shovel their cars out of their space putting the snow back into the plowed street. Hopefully, lessons will be learned from this last snowfall and future problems can be avoided relative to efficient snow removal.

Also, the Mayor advised that the City will be supporting a Special Olympics participant and more information will be available through the schools.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Bowe distributed pictures of what the NJ Transit ticket machines will look like if Woodbury agrees to have them installed at specified locations. Someone will come down from NJ Transit to answer any questions from Council at a future meeting.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular order of business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Non-Agenda Items.

Cheryl Reifsteck, 205 S. Barber Avenue, approached Council to express her disappointment with the snow plowing although the Mayor has made mention that the some department workers worked sixteen (16) hour days. She herself witnessed five to six snow

plows Sunday and Monday go down her street with the snow plow blades up in the air, which appeared to be a waste of time and money and effectiveness in removing the snow. Ms. Reifsteck stated that just on her street alone several residents shoveled their cars out only to have the plows block them back in, which was very frustrating.

President Sloane stated that when snow falls of the recent magnitude, even though it may not be within the City's responsibility to clear certain areas for proper street passage, the City is faced with making certain decisions regarding insuring the safety of our residents. So many factors go into getting a town back into operation when these type of situations occur, and considering all of those factors, we did a great job.

There was some conversation regarding the vehicles in question not being city plows but rather were state and/or county snow plows. Hopefully in the future there could be more communication between the City, State and County involving better coordination of snow plowing.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

PRESIDENT SLOANE

President Sloane wished everyone a very happy, and blessed New Year and looked forward to seeing everyone in 2010.

Councilman Fleming thanked Councilwoman Danielle Carter for filling in for the position of Councilperson during the recent vacancy.

Seeing no other business, on motion of Councilman Pottillo, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Emergency Mgmt Officer: Lieutenant Steven Cope
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esquire