

December 30, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury held on the above date was called to order by President Curtis 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 2, 2003.

The Reverend Alvin Collins, Jr. of the Spoken Word Evangelical Church in Woodbury delivered the Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Riskie, Schrock, Brown, Sloane, Louis, Graziani, President Curtis, and Mayor Clark

Absent: Schreyer, Grebb

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2003 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #03-191 – RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CERTAIN TAX PAYMENTS OVER AND UNDER \$10.00

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-192 – RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #03-140 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION HOME PROGRAM FUNDS FOR BLOCK 69 LOT 15 A/K/A 113 WEST BARBER AVENUE

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #03-193 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE LOCAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2003

Councilman Sloane presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Riskie, the vouchers as listed and certified were authorized paid.

MAYOR CLARK

Mayor Clark advised that she attended a gathering two weeks ago of the newly-formed Gloucester County Business Association and looks forward to working with this organization. The Mayor stated that she also met two growing businesses who were considering relocation to Woodbury.

At this gathering the Mayor was presented with an original bottle of the “August Flower” patent medicine produced by the G. G. Green Company. The Mayor stated that she has become aware that the City has acquired some historically and culturally interesting artifacts over the years and hopes to put all on display in City Hall in the near future.

The Mayor also extended her congratulations to John Redrow upon his retirement from the Public Works Department after many years of service to the City of Woodbury.

Mayor Clark then extended her appreciation and thanks to all of the City employees, volunteers and City Officials for all their hard work in helping make the City the place it is today.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the public for non-agenda items.

Christopher Hope, resident of Westville, also a former resident of Woodbury, reflected on the past year and how difficult it was for him when the City took over his property by eminent domain. Mr. Hope then read a

Court Order signed by Judge Stanger dated October 31st whereby the plaintiff was ordered by the court to make payments for an outstanding mortgage. Mr. Hope was outraged that the City acted as though they were above the law. Mr. Hope then referenced a letter from his attorney to the City's attorney dated November 18th, he stated that the City has ignored compliance with the court order.

Mr. Hasbrouck responded that he did respond in writing and also by phone regarding the November 18th correspondence. Mr. Hasbrouck has still not received a response back.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

President Curtis thanked all Council Members for their input during the Council meetings in helping make decisions on behalf of the City. He especially thanked Councilman Schrock for his service to the City during his terms of office. President Curtis also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m..

THOMAS B. BOWE
Clerk/Administrator

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

City Engineer: William Fleming
Deputy City Clerk: Gail R. Scheffler
Neighborhood Preservation Director: Virginia Horn
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk, Sergeant Cope
Solicitor: Bruce Hasbrouck, Esq.