

MINUTES OF 143rd ANNUAL RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
January 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Woodbury City Clerk, Roy A. Duffield at 6:00 pm in the Gloucester County Court House, 1 N. Broad Street. Clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

Invocation was given by Rev. Dr. T.W. Barringer, Woodbury native and brother of Hon. Councilwoman Gwendolyn J. Brown.

City Clerk read the results of the 2013 election as to City Council:

Ward 1: Harry R. Riskie (314); **Danielle Carter (315)**

Ward 2: Julie Dear (273); **David Trovato (462)**

Ward 3: **Heather S. Tierney (594)**; Jessica M Floyd (524)

Ward 3 unexpired term: **Richard Hock (598)**; Christopher Lacroix (514)

Councilwoman Danielle Carter was sworn in by Freeholder Joe Chila and accompanied by her daughter Briana Trevino, son Moses Trevino, and granddaughter Londyn Tolbert.

Councilman David Trovato was sworn in by Sen. Donald Norcross and accompanied by his wife Cindy, daughter Alicia and mother Barbara.

Councilwoman Heather Tierney was sworn in by her father, former Mayor Don Sanderson and accompanied by her husband John and oldest son Jack. Oath of office was administered by City Clerk Roy A Duffield.

Councilman Richard Hock was sworn in by City Clerk Roy A Duffield. He was accompanied by his son Hamilton Hock.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilpersons Carter, Lockman, Parker, Fleming, Trovato, Tierney, Hock, Swanson and Mayor Volk.

Absent: no one.

Clerk called for nominations for Council President.

Councilman Trovato nominated William Fleming; Councilman Swanson seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

The nomination was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Council President Fleming was sworn in by Freeholder Heather Simmons.

President Fleming introduced the many dignitaries in attendance, including Senators Sweeney and Norcross, Assemblyman Wilson, Freeholders Chila, Demarco, Simmons and Taliaferro, former Mayor Don Sanderson, former Councilman Jadie Barringer, School Board members Curtis Campbell and Elizabeth McIlvaine and many other current and former elected officials.

The Clerk read the three (3) names presented to City Council by the Woodbury Democratic Committee to fill the 2nd Ward Council seat left vacant as a result of Councilwoman Gwendolyn J Brown's resignation:

Theodore Johnson Jr
Evelyn Fox
Karen Pierce

Councilman Trovato nominated Theodore Johnson Jr; Councilwoman Parker seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made.

The nomination was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Councilman Theodore Johnson Jr. was sworn in by Freeholder Adam Taliaferro. He was accompanied by his parents Theodore Sr. and Patricia, sister Trish, nephew Lavar, nieces Laila and Marlee and girlfriend Kristin.

President Fleming read a Proclamation honoring the service of the Gwendolyn J Brown, former Councilwoman and Council President Pro Tempore. Freeholder Taliaferro, Assemblyman Wilson, NAACP President Loretta Winters, the Gloucester County Minority Coalition, the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and the South Jersey Political Black Caucus each presented Proclamations honoring Ms. Brown.

President of Council delivered his annual message and appointed the following Council Committees:

Finance Swanson, Trovato, Lockman

Community Development Johnson, Lockman, Carter

Public Works Tierney, Parker, Trovato

Property Lockman, Swanson, Johnson

Public Safety Carter, Hock, Tierney

Parks, Recreation and Community Relations Parker, Johnson, Hock

Economic Development Trovato, Tierney, Swanson

Environmental/Green Acres Hock, Carter, Tierney

Council members gave brief remarks.

* Councilman Swanson left the meeting at 7:08 pm.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion was made by Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Carter and unanimously approved to approve Resolutions #14-01 through 14-28:

#14-01 - Resolution Ratifying and Confirming Motion Fixing Time of the Annual Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury for the Year 2014

#14-02 - Resolution Establishing the Rules and Regulations of the City of Woodbury for the Year 2014

#14-03 - Resolution Designating a President “Pro Tempore” of the City Council of the City of Woodbury With Full Authority to Act in All Matters as the President During Periods of Absence from the City of Council President (David Trovato)

#14-04 - Resolution to Adopt a Temporary Budget for the Year 2014

#14-05 - Resolution Establishing the Schedule of Regular Meetings of City Council of the City of Woodbury for the Legislative Year 2014

#14-06 - Resolution Fixing the Sum to be Charged for Notice of Public Meetings

#14-07 - Resolution Designating Depositories of Funds of the City of Woodbury (Fulton Bank, PNC Bank, TD Bank, Capital Bank and Colonial Bank)

#14-08 - Resolution Designating the South Jersey Times and the Courier Post as the Official Newspapers for Notices of Public Meetings

#14-09 - Resolution Appointing Tax Search Officer for the City of Woodbury [Lorraine Reeves]

#14-10 - Resolution Appointing Grant Coordinator and Grant Treasurer for the City of Woodbury [Robert Law]

#14-11- Resolution Appointing Signatories for Banking Institutions [Robert Law, Michael Theokas, Lorraine Reeves, William Volk]

#14-12 - Resolution Appointing Court Administrator [Marguerite Falls]

#14-13 - Resolution Appointing Deputy Court Administrators [Denise Athey, Linda Banks, and Joan Reid]

#14-14 - Resolution Appointing Housing Inspectors for the City of Woodbury [Brian Bosworth and John Leech]

#14-15 - Resolution Appointing Assistant Building Inspector for the City of Woodbury [John Leech]

#14-16 - Resolution Appointing Members to the City of Woodbury Board of Health (Karen Chabot and Kathryn Pierson)

#14-17 - Resolution Appointing Councilperson to the Planning Board of the City of Woodbury [David Trovato]

#14-18 - Resolution Designating a Director for the Woodbury Public Library [Jean Wipf]

#14-19 - Resolution Appointing a Director for the Community Service Program for the City of Woodbury [Charles Gill]

#14-20 - Resolution Appointing Assistant Municipal Finance Officers for the City of Woodbury [Joy Dreyer and Marion Harris]

#14-21- Resolution Appointing Planning/Zoning Board Administrator for the City of Woodbury [Brian Bosworth]

#14-22 - Resolution Appointing Zoning Officer for the City of Woodbury [John Leech]

#14-23 - Resolution Authorizing County Tax Assessor to Act as Agent for the City of Woodbury for the Purpose of Filing and Settling Tax Appeals on Behalf of the Taxing District for the Tax Year 2014

#14-24 - Resolution Fixing Interest Rate for Delinquency in Payment of Taxes and/or Water and Sewer Billings and Fixing the Rate of Interest to be Charged on Assessment Installments

#14-25 - Resolution Appointing Fund Commissioner for the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund [Robert Law]

#14-26 - Resolution Appointing an Alternate Fund Commissioner for the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund [Michael Theokas]

#14-27 - Resolution Appointing a Safety Coordinator for the Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (Kelli Marro)

#14-28 - Resolution to Adopt a Cash Management Plan and Internal Control Procedures

Motion was made by Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Carter and unanimously approved to approve Resolutions #14-29 through 14-41:

#14-29 - Resolution Designating a Solicitor and Foreclosure Attorney for the City of Woodbury [Angelini, Viniar & Freedman, L.L.P./James Pierson, Esq.]

#14-30 - Resolution Appointing a Public Defender [Costa, Vetra, LaRosa & Costa /Seth Hasbrouck, Esq.]

#14-31 - Resolution Appointing an Auditor for the City of Woodbury [Bowman and Company LLP/Michael Cesaro]

#14-32 - Resolution Appointing an Engineer for the City of Woodbury [Federici and Akin]

#14-33 - Resolution Appointing Bond Counsel for the City of Woodbury [Parker, McKay, PA/Phil Norcross, Esq. and Jeff Winitsky, Esq.]

#14-34 - Resolution Appointing Computer Consulting Services for the City of Woodbury Police Department [All Covered IT Services]

#14-35 - Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Woodbury Public School District for the Provision of Computer Consulting Services

#14-36 - Resolution Appointing a Prosecutor for the City of Woodbury (John Alice, Esq.)

#14-37 - Resolution Appointing Labor Counsel for the City of Woodbury [Brown and Connery/Christine O'Hearn, Esq]

**#14-38 - Resolution Appointing Architect for the City of Woodbury
[Robbie Conley Architects]**

**#14-39 - Resolution Appointing Insurance Agent and Risk Management
Consultant for the Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland County Municipal
Joint Insurance Fund [Hardenbergh Insurance Group/Chris Powell]**

**#14-40 - Resolution Appointing a Redevelopment Planner for the City of
Woodbury [Group Melvin Design/Robert Melvin, PP]**

**#14-41 - Resolution Designating Special Redevelopment Counsel for the
City of Woodbury [Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader, LLC/Louis
Capelli, Esq.]**

Mayor Volk delivered his annual message and made the following appointments:

Planning/Zoning Board Ryan Lange and Mark Meagher;

alternates are Leticia Marks and Julie Behrndt

Historic Preservation Jacqualynn Knight and Bryan Bonfiglio

Library Trustees Tina Minor and Ann Bianchi

Motion was made by Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved to confirm the Mayor's appointments.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Carter and unanimously approved the floor was opened to the public.

Retired Councilwoman Gwendolyn Brown thanked everyone for the accolades she received tonight.

Jackie Love, Jarod Hunter, Cleatus Kennedy, John Riley, Pastor Rudolph Palmer, Rev. Dr. Rhetta Enmore and former Mayor Sanderson each recognized, thanked and congratulated Ms. Brown for her many years of public service.

Cheryl Reifsteck remarked about the racial harmony existing in Woodbury and the easy access to public transportation.

Hearing from no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Teirney, seconded by Councilwoman Carter and unanimously approved the public hearing was closed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney seconded by Councilman Lockman and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other officials present:

Michael Theokas, City Administrator

Roy A Duffield, City Clerk

Robert Law, CFO

Paul Breier, PE, City Engineer

Randi Woerner, Economic Development Director

Reed Merinuk, Police Chief

Richard Leidy, Director of Public Works

William Lynch, Water/Sewer Supervisor

James Pierson, Esq, Solicitor

Jean Wipf, Librarian