

MINUTES

January 9, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance: The Meeting was called to order by Council President Heather Tierney.

Invocation: Councilman Louis delivered the Invocation.

Reading of the Open Public Meeting Statement: The City Clerk opened the Meeting at 7:30 pm by stating that due notice has been made to both the public and the press by reason of a resolution adopted January 3, 2012.

Roll Call:

Present: Carter, Connor, Lockman, Sloane, Brown, Fleming, Trout, Louis, President Tierney and Mayor Riskie

Absent: No one

Approval of Minutes: On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Fleming, the minutes of December 28, 2011 were approved as submitted. President Tierney and Councilman Sloane abstained from the vote.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the minutes of the meeting of January 3, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items: On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items only.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place inquired about the liability status of the G. G. Green Bldg when the City takes possession of the building.

Councilman Louis stated that the City would be responsible for all environmental concerns either way whether by demolition or rehabilitation.

Jim Gradwell, 611 Cooper Street, congratulated President Tierney being selected to the position of Council President and all other Council Members elected.

Mr. Gradwell also expressed some concerns regarding the Green Block Building and if RPM Developers were to back out of the project and the City were to take ownership of the building who would ultimately be responsible. Also, the City should consider taking out an insurance policy stating that the City would not be responsible.

President Tierney requested the City Solicitor, Michael Aimino, since it was a legal question.

Mr. Aimino, City Solicitor stated that it would depend who owns the building at the time, which is currently being negotiated.

Mr. John Schmidt, a Gloucester City resident came forward to address the Financial Disclosure Forms that each elected official is required to submit. Mr. Schmidt stated that he is attempting to reach out to several municipalities either by letter or attending a meeting. Mr. Schmidt stated that the City of Woodbury has only had one instance of an elected official that did not file; he would like to see that all officials comply.

President Tierney explained to the Public what the Financial Disclosure Forms are and expressed her thanks to Mr. Schmidt for taking the time and interest on this subject matter.

Jim Nichols, President of Omni Recycling, the current recycling contractor for the City of Woodbury, asked City Council to reconsider their decision to award the new contract to another firm. Mr. Nichols explained some of the factors involved and did not understand why after ten years of service, his local company, with a guaranteed fixed rate per ton, was not awarded the contract. The reason was stated that his company did not supply a financial detail with his bid. Mr. Nichols stated he reassured he would comply if the award was awarded to his company.

President Tierney advised Mr. Nichols that this particular bid will be based on the opinion of the Public Works Manager and the Qualified Purchasing Agent. President Tierney reassured Mr. Nichols, when it is time for Council to vote on the matter, she would asked why their recommendation was to award it to another company.

Mr. Nichols stated he would appreciate the consideration.

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

PUBLIC SESSION ON ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinances

#2152-12 - Ordinance No.2152 -12, of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Purchase of Property Located at 104 S. Broad Street in the City of Woodbury and Further Designated as Block 113, Lot 1 on the Current Official Tax Map of the City of Woodbury and the Acquisition of Certain Tax Sale Certificates Currently Outstanding in Connection with the Property, All with Respect to the Redevelopment of Said Property Pursuant to a Redevelopment Plan Previously Adopted (First Reading)

Councilman Trout presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was unanimously passed on first reading, authorized to be advertised according to law, and come up for public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council to be held on January 23, 2012.

Resolutions

Finance & Administration

#12-47 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with David Strout Jr. of Cetei & Connell for Services as Insurance Agent and Risk Management Consultant for an Amount Not to Exceed 4.5% of the City's Annual Assessment

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#12-48 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with James Clancy, P.E. of Clancy & Associates, Inc., for Services as City Engineer in an Amount Not to Exceed \$80,000.00

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#12-49 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Michael A. Aimino for Services as City Solicitor in an Amount Not to Exceed \$85,000.00.

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Vouchers

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

Public Safety

#12-44 - Resolution to Appoint a Fire Official and Deputy Fire Official for the City of Woodbury

Councilman Connor presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Public Works/Utilities

#12-46 - Resolution to Award a Contract to Re Community Recycling for the Disposal of Recyclable Materials

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

President Tierney requested Mr. Rich Leidy, Public Works Official to explain why this recommendation was made. Mr. Leidy stated that the RFP and selection process was fair. He also suggested that Re Communities be invited to attend a meeting to explain their proposal.

Mr. Law, Purchasing Agent, added that it had been several years since the last contract was awarded, so at the suggestion of our auditor we again went out for proposals. He and Mr. Leidy developed a 6 point scoring method to evaluate the proposals. Price was only one of the factors; another was the financial condition of the bidder. Omni did not provide the requested financial data which reduced their score. Based on the scoring system Re-Community was the highest; the others were not close.

Mr. Law continued by explaining other components of the proposals, including fixed vs. variable price for the recycled materials. Another factor was to award for a one year contract with options to renew. FCR, the predecessor of Re-Community was our recycling contractor in the past and their performance was satisfactory.

Mr. Law stated that he feels this choice is in the best interest of the City.

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

Economic Development

#12-45 - Resolution Referring Amendments to the Redevelopment Plan Concerning Block 74, Lots 22, 23, 24, 24.01, 25, 25.01, 26, 26.01 and 27 to the Combined Planning/Zoning Board for Review and Recommendation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-7e

Councilman Trout presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Mayor Riskie stated that this same subject property will be discussed at the Planning Board Meeting on the 18th of January.

President Tierney advised the public that the property is the former O'Neil Buick at the corner of Broad and Barber Streets along with two apartment buildings at 20-24 High St.

Councilman Trout advised that there would be a Neighborhood Conservation Plan Meeting held at the Woodbury High School on Tuesday, January 24th at 7:00 pm.

Personnel

Councilman Sloane advised that the Personnel Committee has met this evening and last week to discuss the recent retirement of Gail Scheffler and Mike Walsh. Several options were discussed and their recommendations will be passed along to the Finance Committee for review.

Property Maintenance

Councilman Lockman thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to work with Council to make the best decisions for the City.

Also, Councilman Lockman stated after tonight's meeting he would like to meet with Councilman Trout and Sloane to discuss a parking lot situation that has come before him.

Community Development

Councilwoman Brown had nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation/Environmental

City Administrator, Karl Kinkler invited Mr. Weatherby to explain what he is requesting of Council.

Mr. Weatherby stated that his son, John, is a Boy Scout who is working towards his Eagle status. Mr. Weatherby stated that his son would like to accomplish this by renovating the Frances Avenue baseball fields, and painting the dugouts, along with doing some landscaping. John has chosen this project because of the history of the fields he associates with his father and grandfather.

Mr. Johnson, the City's Little League President has agreed to work with John on this project.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Trout, John Weatherby, has been approved to work on the Little League Field to complete his project of earning the Eagle Scout Award.

President Tierney instructed the City Administrator to provide a letter of support to John Weatherby.

Reports:

Mayor

Mayor Riskie thanked Council for introducing the Ordinance #2152-12 and Resolution #12-45 for the Green Building and the Ray O'Neil properties.

The Mayor discussed the merging of the Underwood Memorial Hospital along with two other hospitals with the Woodbury location to be the primary hospital because of our location.

Mayor Riskie congratulated Mike Walsh, Florence Meyer and Gail Scheffler upon their recent retirement.

The Mayor advised that they are monitoring the Woodbury Country Club property while it is going through the transition of finding a potential developer.

Clerk

Mr. Duffield referenced Mr. Schmidt's comments regarding the Financial Disclosure Forms and gave the deadline of when the year's forms are due. Mr. Schmidt in a letter requested Council consider presenting something in writing by way of an ordinance to ensure that everyone complies.

President Tierney requested Councilman Sloane as Chairman of the Personnel Committee to look into the request. Mr. Sloane suggested that our Personnel Policy manual be revised to include this requirement.

Open to the Public

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

As no one desired to come forward, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Public Portion was ordered closed.

Adjournment

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Trout, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

ROY A DUFFIELD
Clerk, City of Woodbury

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Administrator: Karl Kinkler
Assessor: Roy Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Economic Development Director: Ronda Abbruzzese
Main Street Woodbury: Larry Geiger
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Public Works: Rich Leidy
Bill Lynch