

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

**Changes to Agenda**

President Pro-Tempore Swanson advised that Resolution #15-62 Authorizing the Purchase of Security and Technology Items from RFP Solutions for the New City of Woodbury Police Station Through Co-Operative Purchasing Agreement will be added to this evening's agenda under Finance Committee.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Meeting was called to order by President Pro-Tempore Swanson at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance in Council Chambers at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware St.

**Invocation**

The Invocation was delivered by the Reverend Dr. William King, Pastor of Living Word Bible Fellowship Church and the first African-American doctor at Underwood Hospital.

**Open Public Meeting Statement**

The City Clerk stated that due notice had been given to both the public and the press by posting and publication of Resolution #15-05 adopted at the 2015 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 3, 2015.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin; Mayor Volk

**Absent:** Carter, Trovato

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Parker, seconded by Johnson the minutes of the Council Meeting of January 27, 2015 were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Presentations and Discussions**

**#15-56 - Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Ryan Alcott as Patrolman in the Woodbury Police Department**

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

### **Swearing-In of Patrolman Ryan Alcott**

Mayor Volk Administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Ryan Alcott.

Patrolman Alcott thanked Mayor and Council for the appointment and was introduced to each Council Member. Chief Merinuk mentioned that Patrolman Alcott speaks fluent Spanish and has proved to be an asset to the Department.

### **Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was open to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed, and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

### **Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports:**

#### **Administration Committee:**

#### **#15-57 - Resolution of Support from the City of Woodbury to apply for the 2014-2015 Sustainable Jersey \$10,000 Small Grant Program**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#### **#15-58 - Resolution Confirming the City of Woodbury's Participation in the South Jersey Power Cooperative (SJPC) and Authorizing Submission of Participation Form**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#### **#15-59 - Resolution Approving Chief of Police Contract**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**#15-60 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Approving a Shared Services Agreement with the Gloucester County Improvement Authority for the Use of Certain Stage Units**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Finance Committee:**

Councilman Fleming advised that the Finance Committee met this evening to discuss the proposed Budget for 2015 that will be introduced in March.

**#15-61- Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Security and Technology Items from RFP Solutions for the New City of Woodbury Police Station Under State Contract**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**#15-62 – Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Security and Technology Items from RFP Solutions for the New City of Woodbury Police Station Through Co-Operative Purchasing Agreement**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney asked for an explanation; Mr. Theokas stated that these are additional security items that were deemed necessary for the new Police Station.

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

**Vouchers**

On motion of Councilman Fleming seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

**Property Maintenance/City Beautification Committee:**

**#15-63 - Resolution Waiving Certain Local Fees for Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity for Block 102, Lot 13 and Block 77, Lot 1**

Councilman Reddin presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Reddin, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Councilman Reddin advised he attended an Abandoned Properties forum today with Mike Theokas and John Leech which was very informative. We are better off than many municipalities in this regard because we have an ordinance and registration process in place giving us the tools needed to work on this problem.

Councilman Reddin stated he will conduct a survey to find out about our residents' greatest concerns in their neighborhoods. There will be a Shred Event and plastic bag recycling collection on April 11. Lastly, he thanked our various Department Heads for their quick responses to his inquiries.

**City Municipal Maintenance Committee:**

**#15-64 - Resolution Authorizing the City of Woodbury to Apply for Tonnage Grant to Encourage Local Source Separation and Recycling Programs**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Community Development Committee:**

**#2223-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending the Code of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 55 "Alcoholic Beverages" Creating Section 55-10 "Social Affairs Permits" (SECOND READING)**

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing on this ordinance was opened.

Jacquallynn Knight of 232 Hunter Street and a member of FAF Coalition thanked Council for including FAF and other interested groups in the discussions about this ordinance. FAF looks forward to scheduling events of this nature and hopes that we can all work together and be open minded to amend the ordinance if warranted.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Floyd seconded by Councilman Fleming and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Floyd thanked Randi Woerner for opening the communications with our various civic groups for their input, and Councilwoman Tierney thanked those groups for participating in the discussion.

On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes 7 Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin  
Nays 0  
Absent 2 Trovato, Carter

**Old Business: none**

**New Business:**

**Parks and Recreation Committee:**

Councilman Johnson advised that this committee met recently with several youth sports organizations and he looks forward to working together this year.

**Green Team Committee:**

Councilwoman Tierney stated that this committee held a public meeting yesterday to discuss our Brownfields properties. She also announced that we will have an Arbor Day Celebration on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Bell Lake Park. Green Team is developing a brochure to explain our tree ordinance and tree trust fund. The next meeting will be held March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Department Heads Reports:**

**Economic Development Director:**

Randi Woerner gave an update on new businesses, including Patients First ribbon cutting on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, Sweet Pea's Soul Food at 43 S Broad St, Rite Aid moving to 343 S Broad St, and interest in the closed Corsetti's Pasta building on N Evergreen Ave. She continues to promote the 'Shop Woodbury' incentive cards.

**Police Chief:**

Chief Merinuk discussed a recent [NJ.com](#) article that cited crime statistics for Woodbury. He feels the article is misleading and paints an inaccurate picture of our City. Our crime statistics are stable over the past several years.

The Chief also gave an update on the Police Station construction. Because of change orders, revisions and D.O.C. requirements the anticipated completion date has been pushed back to June 2015.

**Public Works Dept:**

Rich Leidy advised that 3 new signs have been added warning of low clearance and work being done on the Conrail Bridge on East Red Bank Avenue.

**Engineer's Report:**

Mayor Volk inquired if more bridge clearance can be achieved while repairs are being done in that area. Paul Breier explained that due to grading restrictions it is probably not feasible but he will investigate it further.

**Open to the Public**

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Non-Agenda Items.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**ROY A. DUFFIELD**  
City Clerk

**Other Officials Present**

Administrator: Michael Theokas  
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law  
City Clerk: Roy A Duffield  
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner  
Emergency Mgmt Officer: Joe Buono  
Librarian: Jean Wipf  
Main Street Director: Mary Carter  
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk, Captain Thomas Ryan  
Public Works Director: Rich Leidy  
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esquire