

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 24, 2015

The Meeting was called to order by President Trovato 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 Joseph Coles, Interim Pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church

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 Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, Pres. Trovato.

Absent: Tierney (*arrived at 8:30 pm), Mayor Volk

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Parker, seconded by Johnson the minutes of the Council Meeting of January 27, 2015 were approved as submitted. Councilpersons Trovato and Carter abstained from the vote; all others voted Aye.

Proclamation for Arbor Day

City Clerk, Roy A. Duffield read the Mayor's Proclamation naming April 24, 1015 as Arbor Day in the City of Woodbury.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items Only

On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Carter and unanimously approved, 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 Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Administration Committee

#15-65 - Resolution Appointing David Swanson to Combined Planning/Zoning Board

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was approved by a voice vote. Councilman Swanson abstained from the vote; all others voted Aye.

#15-66 - Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session

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

#15-67 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order #4 for the Renovations to the New Woodbury Police Station

Councilman Swanson 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.

#15-68 - Resolution to Adopt Emergency Temporary Appropriations for the Year 2015

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#2224-15 - Calendar Year 2015 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

(First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson the ordinance unanimously approved on first reading and ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the Regularly Scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on March 10, 2015.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Swanson seconded by Councilman Johnson and unani-mously approved, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized to be paid.

Green Team Committee

#15-69 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Appointing Members to the Green Team Advisory Committee For 2015

Councilman Reddin presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Reddin advised that the next Green Team Meeting will be held March 9th.

New Business

In recognition of Black History Month Councilman Johnson read quotes from Barack Obama and Nelson Mandela. He also publicly acknowledged former Councilwoman Gwendolyn J. Brown for being the first African American Councilwoman elected to City Council, and for being a mentor to him and others.

President Trovato stated that he will appoint a Committee to communicate with Inspira Hospital officials to keep Council informed regarding their long term plans. The committee consists of Councilmembers Swanson, Floyd and Parker, and Ms. Woerner.

President Trovato and Mr. Reddin thanked Rich Leidy and his staff for the excellent job they do and have done on the recent snow/ice removal on the streets.

Committee Reports

Community Development Committee:

Councilwoman Floyd stated she is working with the High School to schedule our annual "Students in Government" night in the near future.

City Clerk's report:

Mr. Duffield advised that State mandated Financial Disclosure Statements will be available for all officials to complete beginning next month.

Mr. Duffield also advised that he and Rich Leidy are discussing ways to encourage residents to recycle more effectively. Our sanitation workers will take notice of those residents who are not in compliance and attempt to educate them by placing a notice on their commingle trash.

Also, a clothing recycling bin has been placed at the Dave Laverty field. A percentage of the proceeds collected will benefit the Steelers Football teams. Councilman Johnson thanked Mr. Duffield for getting involved in this project.

Department Announcements & Reports:

Police Department

Chief Merinuk provided each Councilperson with a report of 2014's calls for service, including comparisons to prior years.

He also discussed the recent arrest of suspects accused of robbing delivery persons.

Chief Merinuk informed Council an arrest was made today regarding the theft of money from City Hall. Chief Merinuk commended Detective Marro for her hard work conducting the investigation which resulted in the arrest of a former employee.

Captain Ryan announced they will be accepting applications for a Patrolman to fill the vacancy when Ptlmn Garrish retires next month. They are reaching out to all areas of interest for potential candidates.

Economic Development Director

Randi Woerner advised she is working on the Memorial Day Candlelight Vigil to be held again this year. This year's Vigil will be dedicated to Tony Hollis.

The Woodbury Wire newsletter is expected to come out in mid-March.

Ms. Woerner listed some ground breaking on new businesses and re-openings of existing ones including: Burris B-well Rehab has broken ground; the Rite Aid will relocate to 343 S Broad and re-open on/about March 4; Colonial Diner and Polish Water Ice each have new owners; McDonalds has undergone renovations.

Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Law is currently working on the budget and plans to present it for introduction next month. Also, he reminded everyone of the JIF Safety Breakfast on Thurs, February 26th.

City Administrator

Mr. Theokas advised that the City hosted a Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce event on February 18. The meeting was well attended and he had the opportunity to speak to many organizations regarding opportunities that are available in the City of Woodbury.

Mr. Theokas also mentioned that work on the Police Department project is moving along very well and the architect Mr. Conley is in the audience this evening, if anyone has questions.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Any Items.

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

There was a brief recess before going into Executive Session.

Closed Session

Approximately 8:12 to 8:30 pm

*Councilwoman Tierney arrived at 8:30 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Carter and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present

Administrator: Mike Theokas
Chief Financial Officer: Bob Law
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Breier
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Police: Chief Merinuk and Captain Ryan
Public Works: Rich Leidy
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.