

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

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

Invocation was delivered by Minister Tanicka K. Brown of Faith Revival 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: Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Carter, President Trovato, Mayor Volk

Absent: Reddin

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Parker, seconded by Johnson the minutes of the Council Meeting of February 24, 2015 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Tierney abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Presentations and Discussions

#15-70 - Resolution Authorizing the Promotion of Matthew Porter to Sergeant in the Woodbury Police Department

Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Mayor Volk Administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Porter

After taking the Oath of Office, Sergeant Porter introduced his family members and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the City of Woodbury.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items Only

On motion of Johnson, seconded by Parker, and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was open to the Public.

Tim Zatzariny, 237 S. Warner Street, inquired about Ordinance #2225-15 regarding the shoveling of snow from private property into the street. Mayor Volk and Solicitor James Pierson, Esq. explained why this ordinance is being considered.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about Ordinance #2224-15 and the “Cap Bank”. CFO Robert Law explained.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Swanson seconded by Parker and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Business was resumed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Administration Committee:

#15-71- Resolution Authorizing Solicitation of Bids for Site Plan Work re: 220 South Broad Street – New Woodbury City Police Station

Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Finance Committee:

#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) (Second Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above titled ordinance for second reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Swanson, seconded by Parker and unanimously approved the Public Hearing for this ordinance was ordered opened.

Hearing no one, on motion of Swanson, seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Swanson, seconded by Johnson the ordinance was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote.

#15-72 - Resolution Awarding an Architectural Contract to TK Studios, Inc. for Preparation of Design and Master Plan Layout of Woodbury City Hall

Councilman Swanson presented the above titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#15-73 - Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Furniture and Fixtures for the New City of Woodbury Police Station Under State Contract

Councilman Swanson presented the above titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Swanson, seconded by Carter the resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote. Mr. Swanson noted that this purchase was being made through Bellia's, a Woodbury vendor.

#15-74 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Surety Bond of Bottom Dollar Food Northeast, LLC regarding 203/221 South Broad Street, 33 West Barber Avenue and 20 High Street, Block 74, Lots 22, 23, 24, 24.01, 25, 25.01, 26, 26.01 and 27

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Vouchers

On motion of Swanson seconded by Parker and unanimously approved, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized to be paid.

Mr. Swanson announced that the Finance Committee will hold another budget meeting next week, and expects to introduce the 2015 Budget at next Council meeting.

Public Works Committee:

#15-75 - Resolution Urging Transportation Trust Fund Reauthorization and Increased Funding for Local Transportation Property Maintenance/City Beautification

Councilwoman Parker presented the above titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Parker thanked the Public Works Department for the excellent job they did during the recent snow storm.

Property Maintenance/City Beautification Committee:

#2225-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 167: Streets and Sidewalks Section 167-3 Obstructing Public Streets of the Code of the City of Woodbury (First Reading)

Councilwoman Carter presented the above titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Carter, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney and unanimously approved, the ordinance was approved on first reading, to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the next Regularly Scheduled

Meeting of Mayor and Council on March 24, 2015.

New Business:

Councilman Johnson suggested the possibility of holding work sessions of City Council in addition to twice-monthly Regular Council meetings. At the work sessions Council could discuss topics in more detail prior to voting on them at Council Meetings. The work sessions would be open to the public but less formal than Council Meetings.

Reports:

Councilwoman Floyd advised that Students in Government will be on April 14th for the students to observe and participate in the Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Floyd also acknowledged all the hard work Jean Wipf does with the Municipal Alliance programs.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Volk announced two ribbon cuttings were held today; at Rite Aid's new location and at Sweat Pea's Soul Food. The Mayor also advised that our new fire truck #513 is scheduled to arrive within the next week.

City Clerk's Report

Mr. Duffield advised that the Green Team met March 9. They will be collecting plastic shopping bags for recycling. If they meet the goal of collecting 500# of bags Trex Lumber will donate a park bench for the Community Garden. They are also planning the Arbor Day celebration for April 24.

Police Department Report:

Chief Merinuk announced arrests made in the recent armed robbery at the Heritage Dairy Store on Delaware St. He also advised that his department wrote 17 summonses for failure to clear snow from sidewalks after the recent storm. Chief Merinuk thanked Council for the promotion of Sgt. Matthew Porter. The Chief also discussed the ongoing search for the vacant Patrolman position and their efforts to seek qualified candidates of diverse ethnic backgrounds; over 50 applications have been received. He and Captain Ryan recently attended an NAACP Workshop to discuss community interactions. He mentioned that their cars are being equipped with dashboard cameras and body cameras are being investigated.

Economic Development Director's Report:

Randi Woerner said the Wire newsletter will be out next week. She also announced she will be speaking at the South Jersey Real Estate Investors Association to encourage them to invest here, and she announced several business openings, including Vanguard Claims Administration at 108 Euclid St.

Public Works Department Report:

Rich Leidy said they are busy making cold patch pothole repairs after the winter.

Chief Financial Officer's Report:

Bob Law informed Council that the mandatory JIF training is available online.

City Administrator's Report:

Mike Theokas stated that he is compiling a list of infrastructure and capital repairs needed for the upcoming year and beyond.

Open to the Public

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

There being no one, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Adjournment

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present

Administrator: Mike Theokas
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Breier
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Library Director: Jean Wipf
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk and Captain Tom Ryan
Public works Director: Rich Leidy
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.