

# **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF**

**MARCH 12, 2012**

The meeting was ordered opened by the President of Council, Heather Tierney with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street.

**Invocation:** Councilwoman Brown delivered the Invocation.

## **Reading of the Open Public Meeting Statement**

The City Clerk, Roy A. Duffield, read the Open Public Meeting statement.

## **Roll Call**

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

**Absent:** No One

## **Changes to the Agenda**

President Tierney stated that Resolution # 12-81 would not be presented until after the Executive Session.

## **Minutes**

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the minutes of February 27, 2012 were approved as submitted. Councilman Sloane abstained from the vote.

## **Public**

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

## **PUBLIC SESSION ON ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Ordinances**

**Ordinance # 2155-12 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 202, Article XV of the Code of the City of Woodbury Entitled: Signs**

Councilman Trout presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was ordered open for Public Hearing.

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Conner, the public hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was placed on final reading.

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes 9 Carter, Connor, Lockman, Sloane, Brown, Fleming, Trout, Louis,  
President Tierney

Nays 0

**Ordinance #2157-12 - An Ordinance Establishing Regulations for Small Wind Energy Systems and Solar Energy Systems**

Councilman Trout presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Connor, and approved by a unanimous voice vote, the ordinance was placed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, come up for Public Hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council to be held on March 26, 2012.

**Finance**

**Ordinance # 2156-12 - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance # 2153-12 to Fix and Establish Salaries and Rate of Compensation on the Various Officers and Employees of the City of Woodbury in the County of Gloucester, and to Provide the Manner of Payment Thereof and Repealing All Ordinances or Parts of Ordinance Inconsistent Herewith**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, and approved by a unanimous voice vote, the ordinance was placed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, come up for Public Hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council to be held on March 26, 2012.

**Ordinance # 2158-12 - City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, Calendar Year 2012, Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, seconded by Council Louis, it was unanimously approved that the ordinance was placed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, come up for Public Hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council to be held on March 26, 2012.

Councilman Louis requested an explanation from Mr. Robert Law, Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Law defined the process of the budget appropriation limits and why it was necessary to set a "cap".

**Resolutions**

**Finance & Administration**

**Resolution # 12-76 - Resolution to Waive Interest on Account # 44930-2**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Resolution # 12-77 - Resolution Authorizing Cancellations of Balances on Water Sewer Accounts in the City of Woodbury**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Resolution # 12-78 - Resolution to reimburse Tax Payment**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Resolution #12-80 - Resolution to Introduce 2012 Budget**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Louis stated that this year's budget will include a 6.2 cent increase; however included in next year's budget are several capital projects; new ladder truck, reconstruction of Wood Street, Cooper Street storm sewer, Repaving of Various Streets, new filtering system at the water treatment plant and the purchase of sewer jet vac machine.

Councilman Louis discussed some of the changes that affected the budget for next year, first by mentioning the savings of \$231,000.00 due to the retirement of several employees, where the positions were not filled.

Also, Mr. Law advised that the budget will be sent up to the State this week after it is adopted this evening, advertised on March 28, 2012, with a Public Hearing held for the Budget on April 8, 2012. Also, the budget will be available on the web site in detail.

Councilman Louis thanked Bob Law and Karl Kinkler for working so diligently with the Finance Committee on the Budget. Mr. Law, in return thanked the Department Heads, where it all starts by working with them to put the figures together.

President Tierney thanked Karl Kinkler, Robert Law, Finance Committee on all the hard work that went into putting the budget together

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes 9 Carter, Connor, Lockman, Sloane, Brown, Fleming, Trout, Louis,  
President Tierney

Nays 0

### **Vouchers**

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

### **Public Safety**

#### **Raffle/Bingo Application**

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the raffle application from the Woman's Rotary Breakfast for a Afghan, to be held on June 2, 2012 was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the application for a Bingo License to be held at the American Legion Post #133 on May 15, 2012 was unanimously approved by a voice vote as submitted

### **Public Works/Utilities**

#### **Resolution # 12-79 - Resolution Authorizing the City of Woodbury to Apply for Tonnage Grant to Encourage Local Source Separation and Recycling Programs**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

### **Economic Development**

#### **Resolution # 12-82 - Resolution Authorizing Executive Session (Pending or Anticipated Contract Negotiations) (Redevelopment Agreement GG Green Block Building)**

Councilman Trout 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 unanimously by a voice vote.

President Tierney stated no action would be taken following the Executive Session.

### **Personnel**

Councilman Sloane had nothing to report.

### **Property Maintenance**

Councilman Lockman had nothing to report.

### **Community Development**

Councilwoman Brown expressed her appreciation for the help she received from two of Woodbury's Police Officers, in her time of need.

Also, Councilwoman Brown acknowledged her granddaughter, Nina, who was in the audience this evening.

### **Parks/Recreation/Environmental**

Councilwoman Carter had nothing to report.

### **Reports:**

#### **Mayor Riskie**

Mayor Riskie stated he was happy to receive two essays for the Louis Bey Scholarship Contest the City is participating in.

The Mayor congratulated John Weatherby for all his efforts in landscaping the Frances Avenue Dug House Fields, in order to earn his Eagle Scout status.

Mayor Riskie announced that this is the second of three tours being conducted by Melvin Group, where walks are being conducted throughout the neighborhoods to discuss the further plans of the redevelopment of the City.

The Mayor announced there will be a Road Runners Meeting at John Carter's residence on March 15th. The meeting will be to start planning for the Woodbury Relays, which has grown immensely in the last 40 years.

Mayor Riskie thanked the Woodbury Planning Board and all who participated in the Public Meeting regarding the Bottom Dollar store. Also, a special thank you to the Gloucester County Times for their coverage of the meeting and we are very hopeful this store will be an asset to our downtown area.

### **CITY CLERK**

Had nothing to report.

**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.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, there was a five-minute recess before going into Executive Session (approximately 6:15 pm).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Regular Order of Business was resumed (approximately 8:40 pm)

**Resolution #12-81 - Resolution Authorizing a Sixty (60) Day Extension of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Woodbury and RPM Development, LLC with Respect to the GG Green Block Building, Block 113, Lot 1**

Councilman Trout 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 vote.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Trout, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

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ROY A. DUFFIELD  
City Clerk

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Administrator/Deputy City Clerk: Karl J. Kinkler  
Assessor: Roy Duffield  
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law  
City Engineer: James Clancy, PE  
Economic Development Officer: Ronda Abbruzzese  
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk  
Public Works Director: Rich Leidy  
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.