

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 26, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance: President of Council Tierney opened the Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council at 7:30 pm.

Invocation: Rev. Robert Moore – New Birth Baptist Church

Reading of the Open Public Meeting Statement: The City Clerk, Roy Duffield opened the meeting

Roll Call:

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

Absent: *Fleming (arrived at 7:40 pm), Sloane

Minutes:

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2012 were approved as submitted.

Public

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Louis, the regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, referred to Ordinance #2160-12 and the tax figures, assessed value of the property, and time frame and percentages listed.

President Tierney confirmed that the contents of the ordinance were accurate and any detailed questions could be directed to Mr. Capelli, Redevelopment Counsel, who was responsible party for putting together the figures during the Open Public Hearing of the reading of the ordinance later in the meeting.

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

PUBLIC SESSION ON ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinances

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 (Second Reading)

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, the ordinance was ordered open for Public Hearing.

As no one came forward, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

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

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

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

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, the ordinance was ordered open for Public Hearing.

As no one came forward, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

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

***Councilman Fleming arrived at 7:40 pm.**

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

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) *(Second Reading)*

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, the ordinance was ordered open for Public Hearing.

As no one came forward, on motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

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

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

Ayes	8	Carter, Connor, Lockman, Brown, Fleming, Trout, Louis, President Tierney
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Sloane

Ordinance #2159-12 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 167, Article IV, of the Code of the City of Woodbury Entitled: Streets and Sidewalks (First Reading)

Councilman Connor presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Trout, the ordinance was placed on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law, come up to second and final reading scheduled for the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council to be held on April 9 , 2012.

Councilman Louis inquired if this ordinance came about at the suggestion of the Planning/Zoning Board.

Mr. Aimino, City Solicitor stated that the ordinance was amending an existing ordinance which at the time of its adoption some ten (10) years ago allowed for one type of sidewalk if required to be replaced. It has now been deemed a little too stringent for today's market where more than one designated look could be done. This amendment would allow for a different size and/or design of the sidewalk; however, still needing Planning/Zoning Board approval.

Resolutions

Finance & Administration

Resolution #12-83 - Resolution Authorizing Assignment of Tax Sale Certificates #10-00112; #10-00115; #10-00116; and #05-0076 at Private Sale Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:5-113 to Three WM Real Estate, LLC and Four WM Real Estate, LLC and/or their assignees, nominees or designees

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 unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Resolution #12-84 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations in the Local Budget of the City of Woodbury for the Fiscal Year 2011

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 unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Vouchers

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

Public Safety

Councilman Connor had nothing to report.

Public Works/Utilities

Councilman Fleming had nothing to report.

Economic Development

Resolution #12-86 - 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 Connor, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

Councilman Trout invited Ronda Abbruzzese to update Council on the Walking Tours recently conducted.

Mrs. Abbruzzese stated that three tours were conducted to update the public on what is being planned for the redevelopment of the City. The residents will continue to be informed of the progress of future plans.

Personnel

Councilman Connor had nothing to report in Councilman Sloane's Committee

Property Maintenance

Councilman Lockman had nothing to report.

Community Development

Councilwoman Brown had nothing to report.

Parks and Recreation/Environmental

#12-85 - Resolution Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Gloucester County Improvement Authority for Stage Rental on October 6, 2012 for the Greater Woodbury Fall Festival Parade

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Carter, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Reports:

Mayor

Mayor Riskie discussed the following:

- 1) Congratulations to the YMCA for celebrating their 100th Anniversary. Former Mayor Sanderson will be presenting a letter to them on his behalf;
- 2) Centre Street is now fully opened to traffic;
- 3) Applications are now being received for the Dean Kimmel Scholarship Award;
- 4) June 2nd will be the Annual Regatta which will start at 10:00 am at Stewart Lake;
- 5) Mayor Riskie advised of the passing of Reverend Willis' father; and
- 6) the Mayor thanked everyone who participated and who worked on the Walking Tours for the Neighborhood Preservation Plan.

In conclusion, the Mayor advised of the passing of former Councilman Thomas A. Simms. Mr. Simms passed away just this morning in California. The Mayor stated that Councilman Simms, served on Council for 10 years during the 1980's; and he was also a personal friend and a very kind and likeable individual. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Clerk

Mr. Duffield had nothing to report.

Public

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

Pat Prey, a crossing guard on Evergreen Avenue asked that a very large pot hole be repaired near the Armory. President Tierney instructed Mr. Lynch from Public Works to look into the repair.

Cheryl Reifsteck, of 205 S. Barber Avenue came forward to say that she was to receive a tax abatement and a trash can on the sidewalk in front of her house, and has not received either, she is extremely discouraged by this.

Also, one of her neighbors at 42. E. Barber Avenue put a driveway right in front of her residence because he was not permitted to do so in his back yard. This was an extremely unsafe decision and she is concerned because of the high volume of traffic in that area. She also was not notified and cannot understand how this was approved.

President Tierney stated that this is the first time they are being made aware of it but could look into it, if that is what Ms. Reifsteck is requesting.

Seeing no one else, 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 Trout, there was a five minute recess before Council went into Executive Session (approximately 8:05 pm)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Connor, the Regular Order of Business was resumed upon return from Executive Session (approximately 8:39 pm).

Resolution #12-87 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Woodbury and RPM Development, LLC Pursuant to a Redevelopment Plan of Block 113, Lots 1, 15 and 16 as Shown on the Current Official Tax Map of the City of Woodbury

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 vote.

Ordinance #2160-12 - Ordinance No. 2160 of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, Approving the Application for a Long Term Tax Exemption and Authorizing the Execution of a Financial Agreement with Senior Green Urban Renewal Associates, L.P. (First Reading)

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 ordinance was passed on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law, come up for public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on April 9, 2012.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Louis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Administrator/Deputy Clerk: Karl J. Kinkler
Assessor/Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
Economic Development Director: Ronda Abbruzzese
Engineer: James Clancy, PE
Librarian: Jean Wipf
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk
Public Works: Bill Lynch, Supervisor
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.