

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF  
APRIL 14, 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. Woodbury, NJ.

**Invocation**

The Invocation was delivered by Father Brian Burgess of Christ Episcopal 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, Reddin, President Trovato; and Mayor Volk

**Absent:** No One

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Johnson the Minutes of the Council Meeting of March 24, 2015, were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Presentations and Discussions**

Father Burgess invited everyone to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of St. Florian and Blessing of Emergency Apparatus which will be held at the Christ Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and provided additional information about the ceremony.

President Trovato announced that this is our annual Students in Government night and will be conducted with the participation of students from the Woodbury High School. He thanked Councilwoman Floyd and Councilman Johnson, who worked with the school on this project, along with former Councilwoman Brown.

President Trovato introduced his student partner, sophomore Jake Lloyd.

**Ordinances and Committee Reports:**

**Administration Committee:**

Councilman Fleming introduced his student partner sophomore Na'Tanya Bryant.

**#15-86- Resolution Authorizing a \$25.00 Charge for Tax Sale Mailings In Lieu of Advertising**

Councilman Fleming and Ms. Bryant 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 voice vote.

**#15-87 - Resolution to Reimburse Tax Payment Block 36 Lot 2.06**

Councilman Fleming and Ms. Bryant 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 voice vote.

**#15-88 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee and Accepting the 2-Year Warranty and Installation Acceptance Form of C&D Instrument Services Regarding the SCADA Radio Control System Installation**

Councilman Fleming and Ms. Bryant 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 voice vote.

**Finance Committee:**

Councilman Swanson introduced his student partner freshman Micaela Biancofiore.

**#15-89 - Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Agreement with Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. for Two (2) 2015 Police Vehicles**

Councilman Swanson and Ms. Biancofiore presented the above-titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**#15-90 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order #5 for the Renovations to the New Woodbury Police Station**

Councilman Swanson and Ms. Biancofiore 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 voice vote.

**Vouchers**

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the vouchers were approved as presented and certified.

**Public Works Committee:**

Councilwoman Parker introduced her student partner senior Sabrina Pantoja.

**#15-91 - Resolution Authorizing City Engineer to Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding the 2015 Local Roads Street Paving Plan and Wood Street Water Main Repair**

Councilwoman Parker and Ms. Pantoja presented the above-titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Floyd inquired if Council could give residents the option to have their curbing replaced at the same time when doing an overlay of the streets, as was done in the past. City Solicitor James Pierson advised that it would have to be done under a separate agreement, and he advised against it so as not to run afoul of Local Public Contracts Law.

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

**Property Maintenance/City Beautification Committee:**

Councilman Reddin introduced his student partner sophomore Ashley Campbell.

**#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 (AMENDED – FIRST READING)**

Councilman Reddin and Ms. Campbell presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Mr. Pierson explained the ordinance has been amended after Public comments at our last meeting, and is now being re-introduced on first reading.

On motion of Councilman Reddin, seconded by Council Swanson the amended ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on April 28, 2015.

**#2226-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending the Code of the City of Woodbury Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code (SECOND READING)**

Councilman Reddin and Ms. Campbell presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Reddin, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing on this ordinance was opened.

Hearing no one, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was closed.

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

Ayes	9	Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, President Trovato
Nays	0	
Absent	0	

Councilman Reddin stated that the April 11 Shred Event was quite successful. Approximately 9,250 pounds of confidential documents were shredded for recycling, 92 pounds of plastic shopping bags were collected for recycling, and half a pickup truck load of clothing was donated for Steelers Football.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

President Trovato thanked Senator Sweeney for arranging for Pres. Trovato, Randi Woerner and Mike Theokas to meet with his Senate Majority office staff to discuss potential legislation that could benefit our City's Economic Development.

**Introduction of Students by President Trovato**

In recognition of Students in Government Night, President Trovato asked each Council member to introduce their student partner:

Mayor William J. Volk	DaQuan Brinkley – 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
President of Council Dave Trovato	Jake Lloyd - - 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Councilwoman Jessica Floyd	Ariah Holmes – 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Councilman Ted Johnson	Quinzel Holmes – 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Councilman William Fleming	Na'Tanya Bryant - 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Councilwoman Heather Tierney	Jamira Lawson – 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Councilwoman Danielle Carter	Jaquan Solomon – 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Councilwoman Tracey Parker	Sabrina Pantoja – 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Councilman Daniel Reddin	Ashley Campbell – 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Councilman Dave Swanson	Micaela Biancofiore – 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade

Others in attendance:  
Superintendent of Schools Joseph Jones  
BOE Members William Toole and Joseph Hill  
High School Advisor Liseidy Fontanez  
Former councilwoman Gwendolyn J. Brown

**Other Committee Reports:**

Councilman Johnson and freshman Quinzel Holmes stated that Mr. Johnson attended the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the North Baptist Church. He thanked Pastor McGinnis for the church’s community involvement and wished him continued growth of their congregation.

Councilwoman Floyd and freshman Aariah Holmes stated that Mayor Volk threw out the first pitch last Saturday for Little League’s Opening Day.

Councilwoman Tierney and freshman Jamira Lawson announced April 24<sup>th</sup> is Arbor Day and we will be holding a tree planting at Bell Lake Park and a Poster Contest. We are Also working on Memorial Day plans for a ceremony at American Legion Post 133.

**Report of the Mayor:**

Mayor Volk and sophomore DaQuan Brinkley announced the following:

1. School Budget Meeting scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>
2. Woodbury Relays will be held this Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>;
3. Mayor threw out the first pitch on Saturday for Opening Day of Little League; and thanked Kevin O’Neill, President of Little League and all the parents who volunteer their time. Many fond memories from his childhood.
4. Bethel AME Church will celebrate their 175th Anniversary on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
5. Mayor Volk will not be at the next Council meeting as he is proud to announce he will be attending his son Bradley’s graduation from Marine Corps boot camp in Parris Island, SC. .

**Department Announcements:**

**City Clerk’s Report:**

Primary Election petitions were filed by:

**First Ward**

Tracey Parker (D)  
Allyson Towles (R)

**Second Ward**

William H. Fleming, Jr (D)  
Cynthia L. Gallenthin (R)

**Third Ward**

David Swanson (D)  
Thomas B Louis, Jr. (R)

Mr. Duffield reminded that Financial Disclosure Statements must be filed by April 30.

At the request of our Planning/Zoning Administrator, the Clerk read a Public Hearing Notice to be held at West Deptford Planning Board on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> regarding 649 Grant Avenue, W. Deptford Twp. for a set-back variance.

**Police Chief’s Report:**

Chief Reed Merinuk stated the Police Department received 90 applicants for the open Patrolman position, and of that number 25 have been invited for interviews.

**Chief Financial Officer’s Report:**

CFO Robert Law stated the Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget will be held at the next Council meeting on April 28, 2015. Councilman Swanson thanked Mr. Law for his tireless efforts in preparing the Budget.

**Open to the Public:**

On motion of Councilwoman Carter, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the floor was opened for public comment on any items.

Ron Wilcox, 250 S. Barber Avenue, invited everyone to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Memorial Basketball Tournament on July 11 at the Wing Dickerson Park. Also he is planning a March with a non-profit group called YGB (Young, Gifted, and Black) with the message that “Black Lives Matter!” He feels that in general the relationship between the black community and the police dept. is good but he wants to explore ways to improve it.

Lastly, Mr. Wilcox announced his intention to run for City Council.

Charles Hughes, 31 N Childs St and Leader of Boy Scout Troop 7, addressed Council about Troop #7's goal of bringing back the Memorial Day Parade in the City of Woodbury. The Troop has started a Committee and will be reaching out to the schools and churches to support and encourage the parade be celebrate on Monday, the actual Memorial Day Holiday and stop at each designated spot where there is a Monument, as was done in the past.

Christopher Gay, 134 Edith Avenue and member of Troop #7 came forward to also endorse the return of the parade and give Memorial Day the honor it deserves. Councilman Johnson responded by saying that he remembers the parade coming through his street each year and recalls it becoming less attended over the years. He thinks the Candlelight Observance at the Legion was a welcomed change in honoring our fallen soldiers, and it was organized at the request of American Legion Post 133. Mr. Gay stated that their intention is to make the younger generation understand the importance that day.

Councilwoman Tierney recalled that in the past the procession would pause to place a wreath at each memorial site along the route. That is something the City could consider for future years.

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

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROY A. DUFFIELD**  
City Clerk

### **Other Officials in Attendance**

Administrator: Mike Theokas  
Chief Financial Officer: Robert law  
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield  
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk, Captain Tom Ryan  
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.