

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
APRIL 22, 2014**

Pledge of Allegiance

The Meeting was opened by President Fleming at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance in Council Chambers at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury.

Invocation

Reverend Wendell F. McGinness, Pastor, North Baptist Church delivered the Invocation.

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 #14-05 adopted at the Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 6, 2014.

Roll Call

Present: Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Lockman, Parker, Johnson, President Fleming

Absent: Councilwoman Carter and Mayor Volk

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Lockman, the minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2014 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

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

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance & Administration

#14-84 - Resolution Authorizing Reading of Budget by Title Only

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Public Hearing on the Introduced Municipal Budget

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, and unanimously approved the public hearing for the 2014 Municipal Budget was opened.

City Auditor Michael Cesaro, RMA of Bowman & Co. gave a detailed explanation of the City's proposed budget. President Fleming thanked Mr. Cesaro and the entire Finance Committee for all the time put into the preparation of the budget. CFO Robert Law gave

additional information and noted that this is only the City's budget; we are still waiting for the County's and School's budgets and tax rates.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired why \$200,000 was being transferred from the water & sewer fund balance to our general fund, as it has not been the policy of the City, in the past, to transfer surplus funds from the water & sewer account to the general account. Mr. Law and Mr. Cesaro explained the rationale for making these types of transfers. Councilwoman Tierney stated that the stepped-up efforts to collect overdue water/sewer bills has been worthwhile; however, she believes that the surplus funds in the water & sewer account should be used to pay down the water & sewer debt or reduce the water & sewer rates.

As no one from the Public came forward to ask questions, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

#14-85 - Resolution to Adopt 2014 Budget

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 adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes	6	Swanson, Trovato, Johnson, Lockman, Parker, Fleming
Nays	2	Tierney, Hock
Absent	1	Carter

#2201-14 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Woodbury to Amend Chapter 167 of the Code of the City of Woodbury, Entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" (Second Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

On motion of Councilman Swanson seconded by Councilwoman Parker the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes	8	Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Johnson, Lockman, Parker, Fleming
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Carter

#2202-14 - An Ordinance Adopting Personnel Policies for the City of Woodbury (Second Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes	7	Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Johnson, Lockman, Parker, Fleming
Nays	0	
Abstain	1	Tierney
Absent	1	Carter

#2203-14 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements In and For the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$4,000,000 therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$3,800,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing (First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, and unanimously approved, the Ordinance was passed on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading and public hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on May 13, 2014.

#2204-14 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Replacement of Water Mains and the Acquisition of Water and Sewer Utility Capital Equipment in the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$290,000 therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$290,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the foregoing (First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved the Ordinance was passed on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading and public hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on May 13, 2014.

#14-86 - Resolution Authorizing the City Architect to Issue Notice to Bidders for Interior Demolition of 220 South Broad Street

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 approved by voice vote.

#14-87 - Resolution Authorizing Sale of Personal Property

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 approved by voice vote.

Councilman Swanson advised that our paperwork has been submitted for reimbursement of our overhead expenses from Hurricane Sandy Relief ; and also for our firefighters who responded to the Paulsboro train tanker derailment incident.

Councilman Swanson acknowledged Woodbury resident Geoff Shute who participated in the Boston Marathon and placed 152 out of 35,000+ runners.

Vouchers

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

Public Safety

In Councilwoman Carter's absence, Councilman Hock had nothing to report on this Committee.

Public Works/Parks and Recreation

#14-88 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Approving a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of West Deptford for the Use of a Street Sweeper

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-89 - Resolution Awarding Contract to Golden Equipment Co., Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of a New Hopper Bin for the City of Woodbury's 2003 Tymco Model 600 Street Sweeper

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Parker reported on committee's meeting last Thursday when they met at the Public Works yard for a first-hand look at their facilities and vehicles. She also thanked the Public Works Dept. for the cleanup at Wing Dickerson Park.

Economic Development

Councilman Trovato stated that he participated in a tour of the White House at 39 S Broad Street; the new owners are doing a great job renovating the premises. Also, Excess Re-Insurance is planning to open on June 1st at 48 N Broad St, the former Masonic Lodge. He also said he has asked Inspira Health to pay for the repainting of the train trestles.

Community Relations

#14-90 - Resolution Authorization the Execution of a Bus Purchase Agreement with County of Gloucester

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

#14-91 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Gloucester County Improvement Authority for Use of Certain Stage Unit

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Councilwoman Tierney announced the Bonsal Blues Band will be having their Spring Concert at the High School on Saturday, April 26th; this year they will be honoring her parents Don & Judy Sanderson. Also, a reminder that the Memorial Day concert and candle lighting ceremony will be held at American Legion Post 133 on Sunday May 25th.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilman Hock reported on the April 21 Green Team Meeting and the status of the Tree Ordinance.

Community Development

Councilman Johnson had nothing to report for this committee.

Property

Councilman Lockman gave an update on the Property Committee Meeting of April 17; and also discussed an inquiry by a resident of Hemlock Terrace regarding the alley there.

Mr. Theokas explained the alleys in that neighborhood are City owned property but no longer used for their original purpose. There have been numerous requests from property owners concerning who is responsible for the maintenance of these alleys. The City continues to look into the best way to resolve this situation.

Old Business - None

New Business

Reports:

Mayor – Not present

Clerk

Mr. Duffield advised that the Clean Communities grant sponsored a recent program at Woodbury High School which encourages our youth to recycle and respect the environment. Mr. Duffield and Mr. Law attended the program.

Report of Tax & Utility Collector

The Monthly Statement of Receipts for March was submitted by the Tax Collector, Lorraine Reeves as required.

Library

Jean Wipf advised that the May Calendar of Events was available.

Engineer

Mr. Breier had nothing additional to report.

Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Law stated that the Clean Communities Program was so well received, that he would like to see a similar programs made available to adults. He asked for Council's authorization to arrange for such a program. On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Lockman and unanimously approved, Mr. Law was authorized to utilize Clean Communities grant funds to do so.

Police

Captain Ryan gave a brief report of a recent directed patrol on Broad St which resulted in 14 traffic tickets, 17 municipal ordinance violations, 11 warrants served and 10 criminal complaints issued.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Lockman and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for any items.

Jim Clark, of Village Green Condominiums, brought to Council's attention that the lake's bank is eroding and undermining a weeping cherry tree, and asked if the City can do anything to save it. President Fleming asked Mr. Rich Leidy, Public Works Manager, to investigate.

Seeing 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, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A. Duffield
City Clerk

Other Officials in Attendance

Administrator: Michael Theokas
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Engineer: Paul Breier
Library: Jean Wipf
Police: Captain Thomas Ryan
Public Works: Rich Leidy
Solicitor: James Pierson