

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF  
APRIL 26, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Trovato at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey. Pres. Trovato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation**

The Invocation was delivered by Rev. Norwood Cuff, Chaplain of Friendship Fire Co.

**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 #16-05 adopted at the 2016 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 5, 2016.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Carter, President Trovato

**Absent:** Mayor Volk

**Minutes**

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2016 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Parker abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor of the motion.

**Presentation on the Introduced 2016 Municipal Budget**

President Trovato introduced Mike Cesaro, Auditor from Bowman & Company who gave an overview of the 2016 budget. Mike Theokas stated that the Budget would be voted on for adoption at the next Council Meeting on May 10, 2016. Another public hearing will be held at that time. Council members and the public were invited to ask any questions they might have.

**Public Hearing for Agenda Items**

The City Clerk announced that the public hearing for ordinance #2246-16 which was advertised for this meeting has been postponed until May 10, 2016. On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker 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 Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee:**

**#16-70 - Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session**

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.

**#16-71- Resolution to Reimburse Tax Payment Block 177.01 Lot 15**

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.

**#16-72 - Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Non-Fair and Open Contract for Appraisal Services to Molinari & Associates**

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.

**#16-73 - Resolution Authorizing a \$25.00 Charge for Tax Sale Mailings in lieu of Advertising**

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.

**#16-74 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Premium Account into the General Current Fund with regard to Block 107, Lots 7 & 8**

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.

**#16-75 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Emergency Repair Contract for W. Red Bank Avenue Water Main**

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.

**#16-76 - Resolution Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Developer's Escrow Fund required by N.J.S. 40:55d-53.1**

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.

**Vouchers**

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

**Economic Development Committee**

**#16-77 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Supporting Inspira Nurses United for Quality Care**

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**#16-78 - Resolution Endorsing and Approving Community Development Block Grant Project Application of the City of Woodbury regarding Demolition of 20-22 Carpenter St., Block 106, Lot 20; 48 Nelson Ave., Block 100, Lot 22; 66 Nelson Ave., Block 100, Lot 27; and 457 Allen St., Block 101, Lot 16.03**

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Parks and Recreation Committee**

**#16-79 - Resolution Authorizing a Permit for Fireworks Display and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract for the Fourth of July Public Fireworks Display**

Councilman Johnson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

## **Public Works Committee**

### **#16-80 - Resolution Authorizing a State Contract Purchase for 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 Swanson the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Councilwoman Parker also announced the changes to the trash routes effective May 1, and hydrant flushing will begin Sundays through Thursdays for the next several weeks.

### **Old Business** - None

**New Business** - President Trovato announced the departure of Joe Jones, Superintendent of Woodbury Public Schools. He suggested that this might be an opportune time to discuss shared services with the Board of Education.

### **Other Committee Reports**

Green Team Chairwoman Tierney reminded everyone of Arbor Day Celebrations on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Wing-Dickerson Park. A special dedication to Victor Browne will be held.

City Municipal Maintenance Chairwoman Carter said Public Works Dept. has painted the Frances Avenue Clubhouse inside and out. Also changes have been made to the City Hall floor plan to better serve the public.

Policy Chairman Fleming reminded Council and the public that a public meeting will be held April 27 regarding the Water/ Sewer Utility and wants to be clear that we are not in a situation where a decision must be made immediately. We will just be discussing our options and explaining the findings of the Remington & Vernick report.

Economic Development Chairwoman Floyd said the Creative Team met on April 20<sup>th</sup>; Chamber of Commerce is holding Dancing with the Stars fund raiser; WORC will be holding a cocktail party fundraiser on May 21<sup>st</sup>, Main Street will be holding their White Table Event on June 4<sup>th</sup>, and Lunch Munch is May 11<sup>th</sup>. The Woodbury Relays was a great event and brings a lot of people into the City. The School Board budget hearing will be April 27 and since this is where much of our taxes go, hopefully many people will attend and ask questions. Lastly, she advised that she attended the YoYo Event held by Tiki Tiki Board Games which was a very nice family event.

### **Report of the City Clerk**

Mr. Duffield reminded Council Member and others that Financial Disclosure Statements are due April 30<sup>th</sup>. Clean Communities Event was held April 23 and we thank everyone who turned out to help. City Hall and Public Works Personnel were offered CPR and AED classes in City Hall this week.

### **Department Heads' Announcements**

Police Chief Tom Ryan advised that WPD continues to participate in the Diversity in Recruiting program. It has been well received and he expects great results. Last week the Police issued 93 summons and 43 warnings for Crosswalk violations. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> Gloucester County will be holding their annual Law Enforcement Awards Dinner where six of our current or former officers will be recognized: Patrolman Andrews, Sergeant Lokaj, Patrolman Garish, Sergeant Magee and Chief Merinuk and the late Bill McGoff who passed away last year. Lastly Chief Ryan announced Woodbury Community Day which will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the new Police Building.

Economic Development Director Randi Woerner announced the official grand re-opening of Colonial Diner to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Financial Officer Bob Law reminded Council of the mandatory JIF elected officials on-line training May 1 deadline. For each official who takes it the City receives a \$250 credit toward our premium.

City Administrator Mike Theokas informed Council that the street sweeper which was approved tonight (Res. 16-80) is being purchased from our Clean Communities Fund. Resolution #16-78 is to seek a CDBG grant to demolish several dilapidated homes which were recently acquired via tax lien foreclosure. The lots will later be turned over to Habitat for Humanity so new homes can be built for deserving residents. He encouraged all residents who have concerns about water/sewer utility to attend the meeting tomorrow evening so all your concerns can be heard and questions answered.

Council President Trovato advised that the Grand Opening for the Burris Subacute Care Building was on April 19<sup>th</sup> and they did an incredible job. We look forward to the next two buildings being constructed in the very near future.

### **Public Hearing for any 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 any items.

Reverend Cuff, Chaplain of the Woodbury Fire Company invited Council and the public to the festival of St. Florian, Patron Saint of Firefighters on May 1.

Jessica Ferguson, of N. American Street advised that Backyard Chicken classes will be held May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Summer Smith, 456 Griscom Drive inquired about revised trash collection schedule.

Ryan Morrison and Ryan Harbinson of Tiki Tiki Board Games announced their shop will be moving from 232 S Broad to 164 S Broad St., the former Polsky Building.

Ron Wilcox, 250 S. Barber Avenue, announced his annual Basketball Tournament will be held on July 15<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Council for their continued support of the event and invited everyone to attend. He also asked for the Police to enforce speed limits along S. Barber Avenue, traffic moves far too quickly along that route.

Mary Carter, 314 Briar Hill Lane invited everyone out to the Lunch Munch on May 11<sup>th</sup> and the White Table Affair for June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Bud & Jean Campbell, 16 Dare Street, came forward to advise Council of a water drainage problem and pot holes on his block. Councilwoman Parker stated she has talked to Rich Leidy regarding this problem; but more has to be done to rectify it.

President Trovato instructed Mr. Theokas to continue working on a solution.

Lee Weatherby, 303 W. Centre Street, reported on the success of the events surrounding the Woodbury Relays which honored Medal of Honor recipient George Benjamin. He thanked Charlie Hughes for helping put the program together. Also, this year's Memorial Day Candlelight Vigil will honor two Woodbury servicemen, Tom Davis and Kenny Seder. He also reminded everyone of the Woodbury Bazaar and Community Garden Event on May 14 and the Kayak Regatta and Duck Race May 21.

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

On motion of Parker seconded by Carter and unanimously approved Council voted to enter into closed session at 8:26 pm. President Trovato advised action would be taken upon return to the Regular Order of Business after the Executive Session.

### **Closed Session (approx. 8:26-8:35 pm)**

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 8:35 pm.

### **#16-82 - Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement to Purchase Real Property**

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Adjournment**

The being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROY A. DUFFIELD**  
City Clerk

**Other Officials Present:**

Administrator: Mike Theokas

Chief Financial Officer: Bob Law

City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield

Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner

Police: Chief Tom Ryan, Capt. Jeff Pitzo, Ptlmn Jos. Wills

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.