

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
APRIL 28, 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 Reverend Robert Moore of New Life Missionary.

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

Absent: Mayor Volk

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Minutes of the Council Meeting of April 14, 2015, were 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 Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Administration Committee:

#15-92 - Resolution Authorizing Reading of Budget by Title Only

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Presentation and Public Hearing on the Introduced Municipal Budget:

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was open for a Public Hearing on the Municipal Budget.

Mr. Michael Cesaro of Bowman & Company, the City's Auditor gave Council and the public an explanation of the 2015 budget.

Mrs. Judy Skeels of 26 N Drexel Street asked why the line item for shade trees was reduced; Mr. Theokas explained that we have been spending less than budgeted.

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

#15-102 - Resolution to Amend 2015 Budget

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes (9) Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Reddin, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Carter, Trovato
Nays (0)

#15-93 - Resolution to Adopt 2015 Budget

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes (9) Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Reddin, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Carter, Trovato
Nays (0)

#15-94 - Resolution Authorizing a Permit for Fireworks Display and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract for the Fourth of July Public Fireworks Display

Councilman Fleming 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.

#15-95- Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Public Property On-Line through a New Jersey State Contract Auction Service (GovDeals.com)

Councilman Fleming 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.

#15-96 - Resolution Authorizing the City of Woodbury Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation to Determine if the Study Area known as The Inspira Study Area, Delineated Herein, Qualifies as an Area in Need of Redevelopment and as a "Condemnation Redevelopment Area" in accordance with Local Redevelopment and Housing Law and to Provide Recommendations to City Council

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

President Trovato gave a summary of a recent meeting with Inspira Health Network officials to discuss their long range plans for their Woodbury facilities. Including the Inspira properties in our redevelopment zone will give the City some input into any future use of the property. Council discussed the matter.

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

#15-97 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing a 120 Day Extension of the Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Woodbury and SORA Northeast

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#15-98 - Resolution Establishing City Hall Summer Hours

Councilman Fleming 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.

#15-99 - Resolution Acknowledging Award of South Jersey Power Cooperative Bidding Results for Electric Supply Service

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Finance Committee:

Councilman Swanson announced that the City has received a grant from the New Jersey Department of Transportation in the amount of \$190,320 which will be used for West Barber Avenue.

#2228-15 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment in and for the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$1,575,000 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 \$1,127,500; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing (First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance for first reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading and ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the Regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on May 12, 2015.

#2229-15 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Water and Sewer Utility Improvements in the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$500,000 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 \$500,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the foregoing (First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance for first reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Reddin, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading and ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the Regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on May 12, 2015.

#15-100 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 6 for the Renovations to the New Woodbury Police Station

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 voice vote.

Vouchers:

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

Councilman Swanson thanked all who worked so hard on the budget. With our reduction in the tax levy and no tax increase, the City is moving in the right direction.

Public Works Committee:

#2227-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 190-31 of the Code of the City of Woodbury Prohibiting Parking on the Southside of Salem Avenue Beginning at a Point 280.33 Feet Southwest from the Corner of Mantua Avenue (Route 45) and Ending at a Point 213.50 Feet Southwest Thereof (FIRST READING)

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled ordinance for first reading. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Reddin, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading and ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the Regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on May 12, 2015.

Councilwoman Parker advised that there are only two garden plots left in the Community Gardens if anyone is interested.

Property Maintenance/City Beautification Committee:

#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 (SECOND READING)

Councilman Reddin presented the above-titled ordinance for second reading. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

Hearing no one, on motion of Councilman Reddin, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the Public Hearing was closed.

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

Ayes (9) Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Reddin, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Carter, Trovato
Nays (0)

#15-101 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Imposing Lien(s) for Property Maintenance Pursuant to Municipality Code §162-4

Councilman Reddin presented the above-titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Reddin noted that a red fox has been spotted near Washington Avenue, and advised residents to be careful if they see because of rabies possibility.

Old Business None

New Business

President Trovato related a success story of Woodbury native Darryl Bush of LSU's track team who earned a gold medal at Penn Relays and is a candidate for the

US Olympic team. His grandmother Jackie Robinson was in the audience. These are the success stories we love to hear about the City of Woodbury.

Committee Reports:

Mayor's report: President Trovato stated that the Mayor was not in attendance due to attending his son's graduation from Marine Corps boot camp at Parris Island.

City Clerk's report:

Mr. Duffield reminded all local government officers to file their Financial Disclosure Statements by April 30. He reminded everyone about the Feast of St. Florian and the blessing of fire apparatus to be celebrated on May 3rd. Lastly he announced a Public Hearing of Board of Education at the High School Auditorium on May 7th to discuss the School Funding Reform Act.

Green Team Committee:

Councilwoman Tierney advised that the April 24th Arbor Day Celebration was a huge success and thanked all who helped with the program, especially Jean Wipf, Randi Woerner and our Public Works Dept. Nearly 150 people attended, including several of our Council members.

City Municipal Maintenance Committee:

Councilwoman Carter stated that TK Architects is working on plans for the interior of City Hall and hopes to have preliminary plans for our next meeting.

Community Development Committee:

Councilwoman Floyd also commented on the success of the Arbor Day Event. She thanked John Carter and those responsible for hosting another successful Woodbury Relays event.

Councilman Johnson announced a Special meeting of the Board of Education tomorrow evening (April 29). He stated that he is glad to see them make capital improvements when needed but hopes they can avoid unnecessary expenses in administration and salaries.

Department Announcements:

Economic Development Director Randi Woerner reminded everyone to make her aware of any business and community events so she can post them on our website and Facebook. Also the YMCA is promoting Healthy Kids Programs so certain children can join the Y for free. On Sunday May 24th there will be a Candlelight Vigil for Memorial Day at American Legion Post 133. Main Street Woodbury will have Lunch Munch on May 13th and September 16th along Broad Street from 11:00 to 2:00 pm. Also a White Table Gala Event fundraiser for Main Street Woodbury will be held on June 13th.

Police Chief Reed Merinuk asked residents to report high weeds & grass complaints to WPD. He also reminded everyone to keep their car doors locked; he himself was recently a victim of a car break-in. They are still interviewing for the Patrolman vacancy and they are down to the last 5 candidates.

CFO Bob Law thanked everyone for the adoption of the Budget and mentioned that he next has to complete the State's 'user friendly budget' questionnaire. He reminded Council that the mandatory JIF training is available on-line.

Administrator Mike Theokas briefed Council on the 2 capital bond ordinances that were introduced this evening. He said the salary ordinance is nearly ready for introduction and thanked Council for adopting summer hours for City Hall.

Jean Wipf stated the Municipal Alliance grant she administers is used to support after school programs at the Library, the Healthy Kids Program at the YMCA, and the Arbor Day program, among other things. She also commented on how great the Arbor Day Program went, and a special thank you to Councilwoman Heather Tierney.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Fleming and unanimously approved, the floor was opened to the Public for any Items.

Judy Skeels, 26 N. Drexel Street and a member of the WHS strategic Planning team came forward to make Council aware the School Board does not receive all of their allocated State Aid.

Jackie Robinson, 921 N. Broad Street, stated that her extended family received a good education in the Woodbury school system, but to continue that for our children and their children, we all have to support our schools. It will not be long before the next generation is leading our City.

As no one else approached council, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved the Public Session was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Adjournment

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 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.
Library Director: Jean Wipf
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Engineer: Paul Breier, PE
Auditor: Michael Cesaro