

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
MAY 12, 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.

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by the Reverend Alvin Collins, Jr. of Spoken Word 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, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, President Trovato

Absent: Carter, Swanson, Mayor Volk

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Parker the minutes of the Council Meeting of April 28, 2015 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Presentations and Discussions

Council offered a Mayoral Proclamation honoring Dr. William King as the recipient of the Juneteenth Community Service Award for his many years of service to the community and the medical profession. The proclamation will be presented at the June 13 Juneteenth celebration.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was open to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Administration Committee:

#2230-15 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, Canceling Certain Funded and Unfunded Appropriation Balances heretofore Provided for Various General Capital and Utility Capital Projects (First Reading)

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

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the ordinance was placed on first reading, 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 May 26, 2015. Councilwoman Tierney requested a detail of the various bonds that would be cancelled by this action; CFO Robert Law will provide this information to Council.

#15-103 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Regarding New Jersey Transit Bus Stops along East Barber Avenue

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.

#15-104 - Resolution to Cancel Old Balances

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.

#15-105 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Change Order for the Contract for Architect Services with Robbie Conley Architect, LLC

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Theokas explained the revisions to the Architect's contract.

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

Finance Committee:

#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 (Second Reading)

In Councilman Swanson's absence, Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance for second reading and final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

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

Ayes	7	Tierney, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Trovato
Nays	0	
Absent	2	Carter, Swanson

#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 (Second Reading)

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

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

Ayes	7	Tierney, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Trovato
Nays	0	
Absent	2	Carter, Swanson

#15-106 - Resolution Authorizing State Contract for Computer Equipment for the New Police Department

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.

Vouchers

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

Councilman Fleming also announced that the Gloucester County Historical Society is celebrating the 250th anniversary of the Lawrence House on May 16th.

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 (Second Reading)

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

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

Ayes	7	Tierney, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Trovato
Nays	0	
Absent	2	Carter, Swanson

#15-107 - Resolution Authorizing City Engineer to Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding the FY 2009 Bikeway Project – Phase 3 – Frances Avenue Park to Tatum Street along Woodbury Creek

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#15-108 -Resolution Authorizing City Engineer to Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding the Wood Street Roadway Resurfacing & Storm Sewer Improvements

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Reddin the

resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote. Councilman Fleming remarked that this project has been needed for quite some time and obtaining the necessary approvals proved to be very complicated.

Councilwoman Parker mentioned that numerous high school students have been doing volunteer work around the City on various projects.

Lastly she recognized 2010 WHS grad Dyshawn Davis who was recently signed by the Washington Redskins of the NFL. He continues to be involved with our students and is an inspiration to all who meet him.

Green Team Committee:

#15-109 - Resolution Approving the City of Woodbury's Community Forestry Management Plan

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Tierney thanked Randi Woerner, Public Works, Bob Law and Mike Theokas for all their help getting this approved for our Tree City USA designation.

Old Business : None

New Business: None

Community Development Committee:

Resolution #15-110 – Resolution for Shared Services Agreement to Provide Entertainment

At the City Clerk's request Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution to have the County provide a band for the Fireworks Program on July 3rd.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Floyd also thanked the Local Ladies Social Network and Main Street Woodbury for hosting the recent Craft Fair Event. Lastly she noted that West End School PTA held a May Day Fair.

Property Maintenance/City Beautification Committee:

Councilman Reddin reported that \$21,483.81 has been awarded to the City as a Clean Communities Grant.

He also mentioned that he attended the Woodbury Heights Day of Prayer on May 7th and St. Florian's Blessing of Fire & Emergency Apparatus Ceremonies on May 3rd.

Parks & Recreation Committee:

Councilman Johnson reported that he attended the Board of Education's budget hearing as well as a meeting to discuss their funding shortage under the School Funding Reform Act. He noted that the School reduced their tax rate increase from 9.9¢ to 6.7¢, and that they are proposing full day pre-school, and investigating No Parking in front of Evergreen Ave School. He encouraged more involvement by tax payers in School Board and City Council Meetings.

Department Heads' Reports:

Police Chief Merinuk announced that the new Patrolman has been selected from the many qualified applicants. Pending Council's approval, he will be appointed at a future meeting. He reminded the public to notify WPD of property complaints such as high

grass & weeds. Councilwoman Floyd thanked the Chief for increasing patrols at the schools during opening & closing times.

Economic Development Director Randi Woerner announced Ribbons Cuttings for El Manantiel store & restaurant, Premoe Gear clothing store and McArt art studio. The Memorial Day Vigil will be held on May 24th.

CFO Robert Law thanked Council for approving the Bond Ordinances on tonight's agenda.

Administrator Michael Theokas advised Council that the County is proposing a shared service program for vacant & abandoned properties. He announced that we will hire a number of students for summer work. T-K Architect's plans for City Hall interior renovations will be presented at a future Council Meeting. He updated Council on construction activity with the Burriss Property on Cooper Street (formerly Country Club).

Report of the City Clerk

City Clerk Roy A. Duffield stated that Council has received the Tax & Utility Collector's Cash Receipts Reports for January-February-March and the reports will be issued monthly going forward. Any questions contact Lorraine Reeves, CTC.

Open to the Public

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.

Charles Hughes, 31 N Childs announced a Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25th and there will be 7 designated stops along the route.

Mary Carter, Main Street Woodbury announced Lunch Munch on May 13th, also a seminar by Business Consultant Steve Wolf on May 21, and White Table event on June 13th where local eateries will be participating.

Lee Weatherby, Woodbury Merchants & Professionals Association was pleased to hear that the May Day Fair has again been held after a few years of absence. Their annual Car Show on will be held on Labor Day Weekend. He thanked Mr. Hughes and Ms. Woerner for organizing Memorial Day events. He proudly announced that his son is receiving the Union League Citizenship award. He praised our students for their community service volunteer work.

Heidi Louis, 102 N. Girard Street and Woodbury Old-City Restoration Committee (WORC) President, announced a Grant Program for property rehab. On May 16th, WORC will present a plaque to Mark & Jacqualynn Knight for the work they've done preserving their home at 232 Hunter St.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, 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 Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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.

Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner