

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
MAY 26, 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, Pastor of Spoken Word Evangelistic 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, Reddin, Carter, Trovato
Mayor Volk

Absent: No One

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 12, 2015 were approved as submitted. Councilpersons Carter and Swanson abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, 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.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue inquired about Ordinance #2232-15 asking for more details. James Pierson, City Solicitor and Michael Theokas, City Administrator gave an explanation of the County's proposed program for vacant & abandoned homes.

Seeing 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.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Administration Committee:

#2230-15 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury City, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey, Canceling Certain Funded and Unfunded Appropriation Balances heretofore provided for Various Capital and Utility Projects Totaling \$1,385,280.24
(Second Reading)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance for second reading. 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 Parker and unanimously approved the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was unanimously approved by a roll call vote:

Ayes 9
Nays 0

#2231-15 - An Ordinance to Fix and Establish Salaries and Rate of Compensation on the Various Officers and Employees of the City of Woodbury in the County of Gloucester, and to Provide the Manner of Payment thereof and Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith (First Reading)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Several Council members had questions, which the City Administrator answered.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, 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 next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Mayor and Council on June 9, 2015.

#2232-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending the Code of the City of Woodbury Section "Vacant Properties" (First Reading)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Mr. Theokas explained the intent and how the program will be implemented.

Several Councilmembers had questions, which Mr. Theokas addressed.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, 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 next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Mayor and Council on June 9, 2015.

#2233-15 –Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Undertaking and Completion of Various Improvements and Property in and for the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$400,000 Therefore: 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 \$380,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing (First Reading)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilmembers had questions regarding the bond. Mr. Theokas and CFO Robert Law explained. Councilwoman Floyd expressed concern regarding approving the bonding for a project that was not discussed prior to this.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Reddin, the ordinance was 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 next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Mayor and Council on June 9, 2015.

Councilman Swanson abstained from voting; all others voted in favor.

#15-111 - Resolution Authorizing Cancelations of Balances on Water Sewer Accounts in the City of Woodbury

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 approved by a voice vote.

#15-112 - Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of 2014 Year End Penalty added on for Unpaid Water & Sewer Charges

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 approved by a voice vote.

#15-113 - Resolution Appointing Part Time Building, Plumbing, Electrical and Fire Inspector for the City of Woodbury

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#15-114 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Gloucester for Participation in a County-Wide Registration Program for Abandoned Properties

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 approved by a voice vote.

Finance Committee:

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

Councilman Swanson also noted receipt of the Tax & Utility Collector's monthly report of taxes received.

Lastly Mr. Swanson congratulated Bob Law for recently completing the Wildwood Half Marathon.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Councilman Johnson thanked Charles Hughes for organizing the Memorial Day Observance.

Councilman Reddin advised of property maintenance complaints for high grass on several properties. He also noted that he attended the ribbon cutting of the Gloucester County Police Museum at Rowan College of Gloucester County.

Councilwoman Tierney thanked Randi Woerner for the well-organized event for the Candlelight Vigil, calling it "a moving tribute" and also thanked the Boy Scouts., along with all the other participants, for their efforts on Memorial Day.

Report of the City Clerk

Mr. Duffield reminded everyone to vote in the June 2 Primary Election.

Department Announcements

Jeans Wipf announced the Juneteenth Celebration scheduled at the Library on June 13th and acknowledged Donna Miller work on the project.

Captain Ryan noted that his department is handling high grass complaints this time of year. He congratulated Randi on the amazing job she did with the Candlelight Vigil honoring fallen soldiers and POW/MIA's.

Randi Woerner thanked all the sponsors and participants who helped make the Candlelight Vigil possible especially American Legion Post 133. She also noted the ribbon cutting will be held May 27 for Mc Art Studios on Broad Street

Open to the Public

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

Charles Hughes of 31 N Childs came forward to personally thank many individuals for making the Memorial Day Observance a success. Mr. Hughes gave some background information on the Dough Boy ('The Victor' statue) and presented copies of the program from the 1925 dedication of the statue.

Councilwoman Gwendolyn Brown, also thanked the Clergy and elected officials who participated and many others who were in attendance that day.

Lee Weatherby, President of the Merchants & Professionals Association, recognized both Randi Woerner and Scout Leader Charles Hughes for all the work they put into the Candlelight Vigil and the Memorial Day Ceremonies. He noted that many of our civic groups and individuals worked together to put on this event and others at little cost to the City.

Paul Bunn, 18 E. Packer Street, handed out information on floating wetlands mats used on Lake Hopatcong which may also benefit our lake systems.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue invited everyone to come out to hear Dr. Diane Turner speak at the Library on May 28 regarding the Civil War. Ms. Holmes also noted that minorities are not well represented on City Council and within the City's various Boards and departments and would ask if Council could make a more conscientious effort when making their appointments to the various boards and groups.

Jared Hunter, 128 High Street offered to volunteer his services where ever needed.

Mary Carter of Main Street Woodbury welcomed everyone out to the White Table Event on June 13 at Bell Lake Park.

Hearing 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, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials in Attendance

Administrator: Mike Theokas
Chief Financial Officer: Robert law
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Breier, PE
Police: Captain Tom Ryan
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.
Public Works Director: Rich Leidy
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner