

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
MAY 27, 2014**

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened by President Pro Tempore Trovato at City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. President Pro Tempore Trovato welcomed the students from the Woodbury High School who were participating in the Students in Government Program.

Invocation

Reverend Joseph Cuff, Pastor of Campbell AME Church and Chaplain of the Woodbury Fire Department lead the Invocation.

Open Public Meeting Statement

City Clerk, Roy Duffield introduced WHS student Justin Vera.

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, President Pro Tem Trovato, Lockman, Parker, Carter, Johnson, Mayor Volk

Absent: President Fleming

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Lockman, the minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2014 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Tierney abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor.

Presentation by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

President Pro Tem Trovato introduced Michelle Baines from Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Denise Dunham, Principal of Woodbury Junior/Senior High School. Mrs. Baines presented Mrs. Dunham with an Award for her participation in the Students in Government Program.

Mrs. Dunham thanked everyone both students, parents and facility members who have helped her make this program successful.

Presentation by Robbie Conley Architects

Mr. Conley presented Council with floor plan drawings for the Police Station at 220 South Broad Street made a presentation on how he intends to use office space within the existing building, along with a cost estimate of \$3,486,738. Councilwoman Tierney asked whether plans have been made for relocating the Municipal Court; Mr. Conley answered that his plan is only for the Police Station. Mr. Ron Wilcox of 250 S Barber asked whether the plan includes any other properties in the neighborhood; Mr. Conley said it is only for 220 S Broad. Mr. Anthony Chiesa of 36 Rugby Pl. asked if there are plans for the use of 200 N Broad once the Police and Court vacates it. Mr. Theokas explained that there may be some deed restrictions that limit the future uses of that site.

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 Agenda Items Only.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, addressed Council regarding Res. 14-99, asking what redevelopment plans have been made for the area at CVS/McDonalds/J&D Liquors, etc. Pres. Trovato answered that SORA has not completed their planning; the purpose of this resolution is to extend them additional time to investigate the matter. For Res. 14-107 he asked what is being done to Leeds Place; the resolution is to apply for a grant for repaving. Lastly he inquired about Res. 14-104 for the demolition of 661 Green St; Mr. Theokas advised him that we don't know what will ultimately happen to the property, but because of its condition we are seeking a grant to tear it down.

Hearing 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.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance & Administration

#2205-14 - 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 (Second 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 Tierney, and unanimously approved the Public Hearing for this ordinance was opened.

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

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

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

#14-99 - Resolution Extending Memorandum of Understanding Appointing SORA Northeast as Redeveloper of Property Designated as Block 122, Lots 1, 2, 3, 3.01, 3.04, 3.05, 3.06, 3.07, 7, 7.03, 7.04, 9 & 11 on the City's Tax Map for a Period of 90 Days

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.

#14-100 - Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with UFCW Local 1360

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 voice vote.

#14-101 - Resolution Authorizing Issuance for Request for Bids for Lease of a Portion of 249 Leona Court for the Purpose of Construction of a Cell Tower

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney asked why that particular location was chosen; Mr. Theokas, City Administrator explained that the utility company has specific requirements regarding tower locations.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the resolution was adopted by voice vote. Councilwoman Tierney voted Nay; all others voted in favor.

Vouchers

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

Public Safety

#14-102 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Employment Agreement with Captain Thomas Ryan, Woodbury Police Department

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Public Works/Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Parker introduced WHS student Shaayah Bryant. Her Committee reported on the following:

1. Summer Hours will start on 6-2-14 of Public Works Dept.;
2. Parking lines will be painted on Broad Street;
3. Water main break at Girard and Myrtle was repaired;
4. Working on storm drain issues at Rotary Park
5. Woodbury Community Gardens will be amending their bi-laws;
6. Thank you to Public Works for all their help at the Memorial Day vigil.

Economic Development

#2206-14 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 202. Zoning, Article XV. Signs of the Code of the City of Woodbury (FIRST READING)

Councilwoman Tierney introduced WHS student Desiree Haven.

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney seconded by Councilman Swanson, and unanimously approved the ordinance was ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for final adoption and public hearing at the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Mayor and Council on June 10, 2014.

#14-103 - A Resolution to Support the City of Woodbury's Participation in the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Transportation & Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant Program

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-104 - Resolution Endorsing and Approving \$14,000 Community Development Block Grant Project Application of the City of Woodbury Regarding Demolition of 661 Green Street

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-105 - Resolution Endorsing and Approving \$26,000 Community Development Block Grant Project Application of the City of Woodbury Regarding Demolition of 259 South Barber

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-106 - Resolution Endorsing and Approving \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant Project Application of the City of Woodbury Regarding Reconstruction of Franklin Street

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 adopted by voice vote.

#14-107 - Resolution Endorsing and Approving \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant Project Application of the City of Woodbury Regarding Reconstruction of Leeds Place

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 voice vote.

Community Relations

#14-108 - Resolution Authorizing a Permit for Fireworks Display and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract for the Fourth of July Public Fireworks Display

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Tierney commended Randi Woerner, Economic Development Director, and everyone else who played a part in the very moving vigil held at Post #133 on Sunday evening, May 25th as part of the City Observance of Memorial Day.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilman Hock introduced WHS student Mike Sennett. Councilman Hock reported that the Green Team will meet on June 9th at City Hall at 8:45 am.

Community Development

Councilman Johnson introduced Jared Hunter.

Council Johnson had nothing to report for this committee.

Property

Councilman Lockman had nothing to report for this committee.

New Business

Councilman Swanson stated that he spent part of the Memorial Day weekend with the Wounded Warriors Project which was a humbling experience. It is an extremely worthwhile organization.

Reports:

Mayor

Mayor Volk introduced WHS student Sabrina Pantoja. Mayor Volk addressed the following:

1. City of Woodbury received an upgraded AA bond rating from Standard & Poor's;
2. Mayor thanked Randi and Councilwoman Tierney for putting together the Candlelight Vigil; also he thanked an old friend, Captain Romando who acted as MC for the event;
3. WORC will be meeting on June 10th at the Train Station;
4. Mayor congratulated Denise Dunham on her retirement from the Woodbury High School for her many years of dedicated service.

Clerk

Clerk Roy A Duffield reminded all that the Primary Election is June 3rd. He explained the new locations of our polling places.

Police

Chief Merinuk reminded everyone to direct high grass and weed complaints to the Police Dept. He reported a ‘pedestrian friendly’ patrol targeting crosswalk violations which resulted in 67 summonses issued. The Chief also reported on a successful narcotics investigation they conducted around Logan Street.

Economic Development

Randi Woerner thanked everyone for their help in making the Memorial Vigil a huge success. Ms. Woerner also publicly thanked all the sponsors and Woodbury businesses (including the Nut Shop, Caterer’s Corner, Del-Vel Chemical, among others) for their contributions, the Police and Public Works Departments for their help. Also, she announced the opening of the Dance School in the GG Green Building.

President Pro-Tempore

President Pro-Tempore Trovato thanked all the students who came out tonight to participate in the Students in Government Program and also a special “thank-you” to former Councilwoman Gwendolyn J. Brown for putting the program together this evening.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, 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.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, commented that high grass violations should result in suspension of Landlord Licenses. On the topic of pedestrian crosswalk violations, he suggested it could be expanded to include jaywalking violations. Lastly, he mentioned the underfunding of our schools by the State.

Ron Wilcox, 250 S. Barber Avenue asks Council for their support for the Annual Vic Browne Basketball Tournament on July 12.

Lawrence Painter, 24 Packard Avenue, discussed a vacant property next door to him at 22 Packard Avenue.

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, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A. Duffield
City Clerk

Other Officials Present

- Administrator: Michael Theokas
- City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
- City Engineer: Paul Breier
- Economic Development Office: Randi Woerner
- Police: Chief Merinuk and Captain Ryan
- Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.

