

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 9, 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 Freeholder Jim Jefferson.

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

Absent: Mayor Volk

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Fleming the minutes of the Council Meeting of May 26, 2015 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Presentations and Discussions

#15-115 - Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Matthew Martinez as Patrolman in the Woodbury 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 Councilwoman Parker the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Swearing-In of Patrolman Matthew Martinez

Freeholder Jim Jefferson administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Martinez. Patrolman Martinez introduced his family and thanked Council for his appointment.

Proclamation for Patrolman Phillips

Council President Trovato read a Proclamation recognizing Patrolman Alexander Phillips for his actions while on duty which directly resulted in saving a man's life.

Proclamation for Officers Beckett, Cacciola and Phillips

Council President Trovato read a Proclamation recognizing Det. Beckett and Patrolmen Cacciola and Phillips for their participation in the Police Unity Tour (bicycling) to raise money for the families of officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. All three Officers were present and accepted the recognition.

Proclamation for Woodbury Rotary Club

Councilman Reddin presented the Proclamation to Wanda Budd-McIlvaine, President of the Woodbury Lunch Rotary Club. Mrs. McIlvaine presented Pres. Trovato with a photo album of the improvements they've made to Rotary Park.

Olympic Day Proclamation

Councilwoman Floyd read the Proclamation to the Road Runners Club for Olympic Day, giving an overview of the various events and causes they accomplish.

Eagle Scout Proclamation

Councilwoman Floyd read the Proclamation for Eagle Scout Sean Elliott from Boy Scout Troop #7. Sean was present to accept the proclamation.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, 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, asked for clarifications on Ordinance #2232-15 and resolutions #15-118 and 15-116; the Solicitor responded.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

- **Administration Committee:**

#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 (Second Reading)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance for second reading, public hearing and final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

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

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

Ayes 9 Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, Trovato

Nays 0

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

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance for second reading, public hearing and 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 Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved the Public Hearing was closed.

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

Ayes 9 Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, Trovato

Nays 0

#2233-15 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Undertaking and Completion For Various Improvements and Renovations to Municipal Buildings and Property in and for the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$400,000 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 \$380,000; 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 second reading, public hearing and final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

In response to Councilwoman Tierney's question Mr. Theokas explained that approx. \$200,000 each was intended to be used for site improvements at the new police station, and for building improvements to City Hall. No spending is being authorized by this action; only approving the borrowing if needed. Any work on those projects would be by contract, subject to Council's approval.

Hearing no one else, 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 roll call vote:

Ayes 8 Tierney, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, Trovato
Nays 0
Abstain 1 Swanson

#15-116 - Resolution Re-Appointing Herb Budd to Board of Health

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.

#15-117 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Renewing Membership in the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

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:

#15-118 - Resolution Authorizing a Purchase under State Contract with Morpho Trak LLC for a Police Livescan Machine

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 approved by a voice vote.

#15-119 - Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the Budget of the City of Woodbury Pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)

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 approved by a voice vote.

Vouchers

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

• Public Works Committee:

#15-120 - Resolution Awarding Contract to Gerald A. Barrett, LLC for FY2014 NJDOT Local Aid Project No. 2205680 East Red Bank Avenue, Milling and Overlay

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 approved by a voice vote.

#15-121 - Resolution Awarding Contract to Gerald A. Barrett, LLC for FY2015 Local Roads Resurfacing Project – Griscom Drive, Lake Drive, S. Woodland Avenue, Rotary Park, Tatum Street (Progress Avenue to Watkins Street) and Logan Street (S. Columbia Street to S. Jackson Street)

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.
The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.
On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Floyd, the resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

#15-122 - Resolution Awarding Contract to Mount Construction for Wood Street Water Main Extension Project Delaware Street to West Red Bank Avenue

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 approved by a voice vote.

• **Community Development Committee:**

#15-123 - Resolution Accepting Volunteer Firefighter Application of Samantha Williamson for Membership in the Woodbury Fire Department

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.
The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.
On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

#15-124 - Resolution Accepting Volunteer Firefighter Application of Austin Connelly for Membership in the Woodbury Fire Department

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.
The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.
On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

#15-125 - Resolution Accepting Volunteer Firefighter Application of Robert Lopaz for Membership in the Woodbury Fire Department

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.
The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.
On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Old Business - None

New Business

Councilman Swanson thanked Councilwoman Parker, Mike Theokas and Paul Brier for all the work they have done and continue to do on the repaving projects.

Other Committee Reports:

Parks & Rec Committee Chairman Johnson stated that he recently attended a minority community meeting. Many items were discussed including the state's school funding formula, police involvement in our community, and activities for our youth. Also present at the meeting were Mayor Volk and Pres. Trovato. Councilman Fleming added that the school's Minority Task Force has been meeting for the past 10 years and has made a significant impact to assure that the School's strategic plan addresses the needs of our minority students.

City Municipal Maintenance Chairwoman Carter advised that her Committee met to discuss some of the changes that are being suggested for City Hall renovations.

Green Team Chairwoman Tierney advised that the Green Team met on June 8th and they continue to work on Sustainable Jersey recertification and planting of flowers on Broad St. Councilwoman Tierney attended Garden Tour on June 6, and she congratulated Woodbury High School seniors on their June 19 Graduation.

Councilwoman Floyd commented on the Road Runners Club's Annual Benjamin-Ross Run on June 7th and invited all to participate in Juneteenth Day on June 13th. She also asked Nick Dalsey of Main Street Woodbury to give details of their White Table Gala scheduled for June 13th.

Councilman Johnson invited all to a Wine & Cheese Fundraiser the Woodbury Child Development Center will be having on June 12th in Wenonah.

Councilman Reddin of City Beautification Committee expressed his concerns about PSE&G's tree trimming practices. Randi Woerner said PSE&G stated that they do take the tree's health and appearance into consideration, but their primary focus is to keep the power lines clear of obstructions.

Report of the City Clerk

Roy Duffield reported the results of the June 2 Primary Election:

First Ward:	(D) Parker	(R) Towles
Second Ward	(D) Fleming	(R) Gallenthin
Third Ward	(D) Swanson	(R) Louis

Department Heads' Reports:

Chief Merinuk thanked Council for the Proclamations for his officers, and the hiring of Patrolman Martinez, whom he feels will be an asset to the force.

CFO Law thanked Council for renewing our JIF membership, which has stabilized with our insurance costs, and he applauded the efforts of Sgt. Kelly Marro and Marion Harris. Also, Bob congratulated all City Hall employees that participated in the Benjamin-Ross Run, especially Randi Woerner, who placed third.

Economic Development Director Randi Woerner announced the Fireworks being held on July 3rd and the opening of Aldi's grocery by the end of summer.

Paul Brier, City Engineer briefed Council on several projects in progress.

Mike Theokas, City Administrator advised that Phase II of the Bikepath is near completion. Also, a special thank you to Lorraine Reeves for all the work she has done on the collection taxes and utilities helping to reduce our tax sale list. Our Municipal Tax Sale will be on June 24th.

Pres. Trovato and Councilman Swanson discussed landlords who fail to pay their taxes should be denied a landlord license in the future. Mr. Swanson stated his Committee is currently reviewing our ordinance to address these violators.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Carter and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for any Items.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue congratulated Samantha Williams as a female firefighter. Also, Ms. Holmes was concerned that the Juneteenth Event was moved to the Woodbury Library from the Child Development Center. In addition to Dr. William King she mentioned others who should be recognized for their contributions to the community, including Dr. Engleton, Alice Corsey, Alberta Perry, Dr. Irene Hill-Smith.

Jackie Robinson, 921 N. Broad Street, stated our community should stick together, it shouldn't be dependent on our race, but simply out of respect for each other for the betterment of the community.

Susan Anderson, 220 S. Jackson Street would like to see some of our committee meetings held in the evenings so working residents can attend. She would especially be interested in a PSE&G meeting regarding their trimming of the trees.

Ron Wilcox, 250 S. Barber Avenue, invited all to attend the 3rd Annual Basketball Tournament scheduled to be held on July 11th at Wing-Dickerson Park. There will be

free food, music and a fun time for all. They also will be honoring the late Willie Murray, a Woodbury football and basketball coach.

Gloria Holmes suggested there should be a Committee to coordinate all public events held within the City. Angela Rhodes, 140 Franklin Street, stated she was concerned with different groups sending out flyers requesting donations, etc. and very often they are individuals just taking on a cause without any accountability for the event.

Councilman Johnson responded that he likes the idea of having a Committee who can coordinate the organizations' events. Councilwoman Floyd suggested that the Community Development Committee could oversee such a committee. Mr. Theokas remarked that the City cannot deny a request to hold an event without good reason, if they follow all the procedures required.

Angela Rhodes came forward to discuss the three-way stop sign on Hopkins and Franklin Streets; many motorists do not stop there. Also she expressed a need for a four-way stop sign at Carpenter Street and Railroad Avenue, it is a dangerous intersection. Chief Reed Merinuk stated there have been issues at those locations that need attention and he will see to it there is more police presence.

Wanda McIlvaine, 456 Delaware St, a life-long resident of Woodbury and a long-time Realtor asked Council to concentrate on the appearance of our downtown area and on the enforcement of vacant & abandoned property maintenance. This is a major concern she hears when dealing with would-be homebuyers. She also stressed the importance of the landlord license process. Mr. Theokas responded that this is exactly what the City intends to focus on with our newly adopted Property Maintenance Ordinance; and encourages everyone to contact the City to report such properties.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Reddin and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was approved.

Adjournment

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Reddin and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 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.
Engineer: Paul Breier, PE
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner