

MINUTES
June 13, 2011
7:30 p.m.

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Sloane introduced his student, Hally Maule, who then requested a Moment of Silence.

The Open Public Meeting Statement was read by Anaiyah Ross, who was the student for the Acting Clerk, Gail R. Scheffler.

President Sloane stated that the students would be involved in as much activity as possible; however the actual Councilpersons will be voting on whatever action may be necessary.

The students who participated in this evening's Students in Government Program were:

Gabrielle Bright	David Pipolo	Hally Maule	IBK Oni
Dejana Bogdanovic	Bobby Miller	TJ Oni	Anaiyah Ross
Anna Rulli	Searra Priolo	Cassidy Swanson	
Student Advisors:	Ari Ford and	Andrew Vernon.	

ROLL CALL

Present: Pottillo, Carter, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Connor, President Sloane, and Mayor Riskie

Absent: No One

MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, the minutes of May 23, 2011 were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Pottillo, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was open to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, referenced the Closed Session inquiring if the # 1 Chinese Restaurant would be discussed. Response was "yes it would be".

Mr. Chiesa also inquired if the Bond Ordinance was for the funding of new bonds or existing bonds. Response by Mr. Law was "better rate on existing bonds".

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE #2142-11 - REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING CALLABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2002, DATED AUGUST 15, 2002; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$5,1000,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATIONS REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, TO FINANCE THE COSTS THEREOF; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was passed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, come up for final reading at the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Mayor and Council on June 27, 2011.

RESOLUTION # 11-104 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION REGARDING REAL ESTATE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL/CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice vote.

RESOLUTION #11-106 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:2-51 et eq.

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

Ayes	9	Pottillo, Carter, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Connor, Sloane
Nays	0	
Absent	0	

**RESOLUTION #11-108 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY,
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SUPPORT OF THE
NEW JERSEY STATE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES RESOLUTION NO. 2010-22
CALLING UPON THE STATE TO END DIVERSION OF MUNICIPAL REVENUES
AND DEMANDING COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

**RESOLUTION #11-109 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY
IMPOSING LIEN(S) FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO
MUNICIPALITY CODE**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was adopted by a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION #11-111 - RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR
DELAWARE STREET SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS LATERAL
REPLACEMENT - PHASE II - SEWER & WATER IMPROVEMENTS - WARREN
TO WARNER**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Connor inquired if there were any differences in the materials being used.

Mr. Ted Wilkinson, City Engineer stated he was satisfied with the materials listed which were comparable.

Councilman Fleming inquired what the savings was due to rebidding the project.

Mr. Wilkinson stated about \$70,000.00 after changes were made to the specifications.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

VOUCHERS

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

Councilman Fleming advised that the State Supreme Court has made a decision that will impact education regarding funding; which will affect many schools systems including Woodbury.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Louis introduced his student, Bobby Miller and congratulated him on his recent election of Class President to the Junior Class for 2012.

RESOLUTION #11-103 - RESOLUTION ELIMINATING A BUS STOP AND CREATING A BUS STOP

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

RESOLUTION #11-107 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH ARTICIPATING UNITS

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

RESOLUTION #11-110 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES WITH THE CITY OF WOODBURY BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion. Councilman Trout and Councilwoman Brown abstained from the vote.

Councilman Louis advised that he has reviewed materials and guidelines on how a municipality should proceed to establish a Parking Authority.

Councilman Louis requested Bobby Miller to read the guidelines into the record.

President Sloane inquired where the information was gathered, Councilman Louis replied the State web-site.

Mayor Riskie advised that the City did have a parking authority several years ago under the direction of Chic Dougherty and suggested Councilman Louis attempt to contact him.

Councilman Fleming suggested a visit to Summitville as they have already established a Parking Authority when they were involved with their redevelopment project.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilwoman Tierney thanked Councilwoman Brown for organizing this year's Students in Government Night and applauded this year's team of participants.

Councilwoman Tierney recognized her student, TJ Oni, who is not only a very gifted student academically but who also excels in sports, the Woodbury Marching Band, and was voted again as President of her Class for the year 2012.

ORDINANCE #2140-11 - ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY REGARDING REFUSE CONTAINERS/DUMPERSTERS

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Louis asked for an explanation for said ordinance.

James Pierson, Esq., City Solicitor explained that it is a DEP requirement.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was passed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, come up for final reading at the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Mayor and Council on June 27, 2011.

ORDINANCE #2141-11 - ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY REGARDING PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING ORDINANCE

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was passed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, come up for final reading at the next Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Mayor and Council on June 27, 2011.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Trout advised that he attended a Downtown Revitalization Seminar on Wednesday in Atlantic City with Ronda Abbruzzese, Woodbury Main Street Director, which was sponsored by the State through Main Street New Jersey.

Also Councilman Trout advised that he attended a Sustainable Jersey Workshop in Buena, New Jersey this past Friday pertaining to the advancement of the Green Team.

Councilman Trout stated that this weekend the streets of Woodbury will be very busy and he welcomed everyone to come out to Opening Day of the Farmers Market which starts Friday, June 17th, Juneteenth Celebrations will be on Saturday at Wing-Dickerson Park; and the Annual Broad Street Bash on Sunday the 19th.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Pottillo introduced his student, IBK Oni, a Senior at Woodbury who will be attending the University of Penn and will major in Psychology.

ORDINANCE #2143-11 - ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Councilman Pottillo presented the above-entitled ordinance.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if a detailed job description has been written on this position. Councilman Pottillo responded, not as yet, still reviewing.

President Sloane advised that at this time the ordinance is just creating the position, a job description will follow.

Councilwoman Tierney indicated that would be comparable "to putting the cart before the horse"; how would that individual know what is expected of them.

Mayor Riskie stated that he made it perfectly clear what would be expected of that individual during the interview; and to hold this process up longer for a reason of not having a job description in place would not be his recommendation. We all know what we expect from an Economic Development Director.

Councilwoman Tierney respectfully disagreed with the manner in which the City was approaching the filling of the position. Councilwoman Tierney made the point, indicating that all other municipal positions have a job description specifying one's duties and responsibilities, why then would we not do the same for this position.

Councilman Fleming stated that the redevelopment process has been ongoing for the last three to four years and cannot move forward unless someone is in that position on a full time basis.

Councilwoman Tierney stated, whenever taxpayers monies are being used to pay for an individual's salary which will be over \$50,000, plus health benefits, and retirement benefits, Council, as well as the public, should know what the individual's duties will consist of. It just seems to be a natural process to first establish a job description, then fill the position, not hire someone then create a job description.

President Sloane stated that the individual's primary duty will be to implement the redevelopment plan and report to Council the progress being made. In time, a job description would be in place, but we have to start first by filling the position.

Councilman Louis inquired why now is the City going forward with this action of establishing the position of an Economic Development Director when we have not done so in the past.

President Sloane stated that this is an accurate statement and probably was just an oversight on our part.

Mr. Pierson, City Solicitor stated when he was made aware of the City's intention of hiring an Economic Development Director he recommended that the position be established by ordinance.

Councilwoman Tierney stated that is exactly why she is requesting this time around we do it right so we do not keep repeating the same mistake.

Councilman Pottillo stated that he would see that one is provided prior to Council's vote on the adoption of the ordinance at the next meeting.

On motion of Councilman Pottillo, seconded by Councilman Fleming, the ordinance was passed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, come up for second and final reading at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council to be held on June 27, 2011.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilman Connor advised that he met with the Green Team to discuss the Sustainable Jersey Program and all the requirements necessary towards obtaining our certification. Also present at the meeting were Councilman Trout and Virginia Horn. The next meeting is on Tuesday, June 28th at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers and is open to the Public.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown thanked Councilwoman Tierney for coordinating the Students in Government Program this evening and the dinner provided.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Mr. Ari Ford who has helped put this program together for the last ten years. Also, Councilwoman Brown welcomed Mr. Andrew Vernon, to the program.

A special "thank you" to Former Vice-Principal Mrs. Grimes was offered by Councilwoman Brown for her attendance to this evening's program.

Councilwoman Brown also announced that she would see that the High School was made aware that this year's group of students were the most enthusiastic and talented group she has worked with over the years.

Councilwoman Brown read a Certificate of Appreciation she received on behalf of the City while attending a County Program where our Public Works Department was recognized for their help during the recent Colonial Park Apartment Fire.

President Sloane acknowledged the efforts extended by our Emergency Management Team who also did a remarkable job.

GREEN ACRES

Councilwoman Carter had nothing to report.

REPORTS

MAYOR RISKIE

Mayor Riskie introduced his student, David Pipolo.

Mayor Riskie commented further on the earlier discussion regarding the hiring of the Economic Development Director stating he does respect everyone's opinion on the situation; but does not want to delay filling the Economic Development Director position any longer.

Also, Mayor Riskie stated that he attended the Green Team Committee and Councilman Connor conducted an excellent meeting and displayed positive leadership.

Mayor Riskie added three additional members to the Green Team as follow:

Moon Haines, Resident of the City of Woodbury
Kenneth J. Zanghi, Underwood Memorial Hospital
Chuck Alter, Woodbury High School

The Mayor thanked Councilwoman Brown, Tierney and Councilman Trout for their attendance at the Memorial Day Parade. It was an extremely hot day and all who participated were appreciated.

Mayor Riskie stated that he is meeting with several people tomorrow to discuss the possibility of erecting a privately funded Post Clock at the Woodbury Train Station. Tomorrow's meeting will discuss fundraising techniques on how to accomplish this task. The estimated cost will run around \$26,000 for the clock, plus an additional \$15,000 for the maintenance.

Councilman Fleming commented that he would like to mention that certain vibrations are sensitive to the operation of the clock, especially since it will be located in close proximity to the train passing by.

Mayor Riskie stated he appreciated the information and would specifically ask that question.

CLERK

The Acting Clerk introduced her student, Anayia Ross, and commending her ability in handling all the required reading by a Clerk during a Council Meeting.

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Pottillo, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Non-Agenda Item.

Mr. John Belko, 605 Delaware Street, came forward to invite everyone to another Friday Woodfest Event being held this Friday from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

Mr. Belko inquired on the status of the Way Finding Signs that the City discussed at a prior meeting.

Councilman Fleming stated that the only way we could pursue the signs was through a grant and until then it is being held up. Senator Norcross advised he would offer his support if the City put something in writing and forward to him.

Mr. Belko also was interested on the Broad Street repaving and striping project.

Councilman Fleming stated he has contacted Dewberry, who is the design engineer and have not had a response as of yet, he believes it is still in the design phase.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, advised Council that a vacant house near the corner of Evergreen and Hunter Streets has been attracting some animals and is in grave disrepair. Because of it's close location to the school, he is fearful it may also attract children to enter into the premises. Mr. Chiesa asked is Council could look into securing the premise to deter anyone or anything from continuing gaining access to the property.

President Sloane stated he would instruct the Construction Office to look into the property in question.

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, after a five minute recess, Council was authorized to enter into Executive Session (Approximately 8:40 pm).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Regular Order of Business was resumed after coming out of Executive Session (approximately 10:35 pm).

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Louis, Council authorized James Pierson, Esq., City Solicitor to proceed with the settlement arrangements as discussed in Executive Session with International Senior Properties.

President Sloane stated that Council did not take any action on any personnel matters discussed in Executive Session and will take action at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on June 27, 2011.

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Louis, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 pm.

GAIL R. SCHEFFLER

Acting Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Acting Administrator: Robert Law

Assessor: Roy Duffield

City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE

Police: Chief Reed A. Merinuk

Public Works: William Lynch

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.

Tax/Utility Collector: Lorraine Roberts