

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
OF JUNE 23, 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: Floyd, Fleming, Johnson, Reddin, Parker, Pres. Trovato, Mayor Volk

Absent: Tierney, Carter, Swanson,

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Reddin the minutes of the Council Meeting of June 9, 2015 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Changes to the Agenda

President Trovato stated that Res. #15-129 was removed from the agenda, and Res. #15-134 was added to the agenda. The proclamation for Mr. Murray will be presented at a future meeting.

Public Portion for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Reddin 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 Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Presentations and Discussions

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

• **Administration Committee:**

#15-126 - Resolution Authorizing License Agreement with Princeton Geoscience, Inc. for 663 Evergreen Avenue for Groundwater Sampling

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 a voice vote.

#15-127 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Logan for Construction Code Enforcement

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 a voice vote.

#15-128 - Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses with the City of Woodbury Beginning July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016

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 a voice vote.

Councilman Fleming reported on the status of the City's water system evaluation.
Councilman Fleming made a motion to authorize our Engineer to conduct an inventory of our water & sewer assets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Reddin and unanimously approved by voice vote.

- **Finance Committee:**

Vouchers

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

- **Public Works Committee:**

#15-130 - Resolution Awarding Contract to Gerald A. Barrett, LLC for Wood Street Roadway Resurfacing and 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 a voice vote.

#15-131 - Resolution Awarding Contract to J. Daunoras, Inc. for FY2009 Woodbury Bikeway Project – Phase 3 (Frances Avenue Park to Tatum Street)

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 a voice vote.

#15-132 - Resolution Authorizing City Engineer to Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding the FY2015 Storm Sewer Infrastructure Improvements Lake Drive at E. Barber Ave., Spruce Lane at N. Bayard Ave., Rotary Park, Logan Street at S. Columbia Street, Briar Hill Lane Intersections, S. Evergreen Ave. at Railroad Bridge - Discharge Into Hesters Branch

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 a voice vote.

- **Community Development Committee:**

#15-133 - Resolution Authorizing the City of Woodbury Planning Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation to Determine if the Study Area known as The Inspira Study Area Delineated Herein Qualifies as an Area in Need of Redevelopment as a "Non-Condemnation Redevelopment Area" in Accordance with Local Redevelopment and Housing Law and to Provide Recommendations to City Council

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 adopted by a voice vote.

#15-134 - Resolution Requesting Extension from the Department of Community Affairs to File 2014 City Audit

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 adopted by a voice vote.

Councilwoman Floyd stated that she attended the White Table Gala sponsored by Main Street Woodbury on June 13 which was spectacular. Also, the Juneteenth Celebration on the same date was amazing.

Other Committee Reports:

President Trovato reported on progress at the new Police Station the Burris Acute Care project. Both will be assets to the City. Demolition should begin at 85-89 Cooper Street in the near future.

Councilman Johnson attended the White Table Gala, Juneteenth, Child Development Center's wine & cheese fundraiser, which were all very successful events.

Councilman Reddin stated the Beautification Committee will hold an evening meeting which will be open to the public.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Volk expressed his concerns and prayers to all who were affected by today's severe storm.

Also, the Mayor stated he attended Juneteenth and the Grand Opening of Mc Art ala Cart. He is looking forward to the opening of Aldi later this summer. They will be hiring up to 350 employees for three stores in our area. Mayor Volk also announced the City has received a \$700,000 NJDEP grant for bank stabilization and erosion protection.

Department Announcements:

Jean Wipf announced the Library's summer programs.

Mr. Theokas further described some of the damage the City suffered in today's storm. He cautioned everyone to be careful of downed trees and power lines.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the floor was opened to the public for any items.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, asked when the Block Parties would be held; Mrs. Floyd gave her the dates. Ms. Holmes asked if a committee was formed to coordinate all community events. Mrs. Floyd informed her that the Community Development Committee had met to discuss that and the park permit process.

Ms. Holmes recalled that a water fountain was to be installed at Wing Dickerson Park from a 2007 Green Acres Grant, and asked why it has not been. No one recalled such a project but Mr. Duffield offered to look into it. Ms. Holmes also inquired why we do not offer more summer events. Mr. Theokas named the Library, YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs and summer basketball leagues as example of summer activities. President Trovato elaborated on the difficulty finding dedicated and qualified volunteers to run the leagues.

Lastly Ms. Holmes complained about the scarcity of on-street parking on Nelson Ave, because of nearby businesses. Mayor Volk stated he too lives in a neighborhood that has parking problems because of a restaurant nearby.

Mary Carter, Main Street Woodbury Director, thank everyone who helped put the White Table Gala together; it was such a success they intend to do it again next year. Mrs. Carter advised that on July 8th Main Street will sponsor a Meet and Greet event at El Manantiel and offer advice for businesses that are struggling.

Sue Anderson, 220 S. Jackson Street, came forward to address parking problems in her neighborhood, and asked if parking could be by permit only, for residents.

Rhonda Hunter, 128 High Street, thanked Council Members Floyd and Johnson for the fine work they're doing in the community. Mrs. Hunter also stated that the Police have issued her summonses for occupancy violations. She wants to know why the landlord/tenant rules are so strict. Mr. Theokas explained our regulations to her.

Mrs. Hunter was also disappointed that the Municipal Court was moved to East Greenwich because it is difficult to get there using public transportation. The nearest bus stop is a mile from the courtroom. Mr. Theokas advised that prior to relocating our court we asked NJ Transit to schedule a stop there and they declined to do so. We also asked if East Greenwich has a shuttle bus that could make the trip but they do not.

President Trovato asked Mr. Theokas & Mr. Duffield to again contact NJ Transit. Since our joint municipal court has been running for several months now they may see sufficient ridership to justify re-routing their bus to establish a stop there. Mr. Duffield recalled that prior to establishing the joint court Chief Merinuk mentioned that most of our municipal code violators are not Woodbury residents. Councilman Johnson also expressed his concern for the lack of public transportation and requested figures on the number of Woodbury residents who have to travel to East Greenwich for municipal court appearances.

As no one else addressed Council, on motion of Councilman Fleming seconded by Councilman Reddin 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 Parker, seconded by Councilman Reddin and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials in Attendance

Administrator: Mike Theokas

City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield

Librarian: Jean Wipf

Main Street Woodbury: Mary Carter, Director

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.