

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 25, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened by President Tierney at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance at City Hall in Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey.

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Joseph Coles, Asst. Minister, Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Open Public Meeting Statement

The City Clerk stated that due notice had been given to both the public and the press by publication of Resolution #12-05 adopted at the Reorganization Meeting of the Mayor and Council on January 3, 2012.

Roll Call

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

Absent: 0

Minutes

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Louis, the minutes of the Council Meeting of June 11, 2012, were approved as submitted. Councilman Sloane abstained from the vote.

Presentation by Group Melvin

President Tierney introduced Bob Melvin, of Group Melvin Design, who came forward to present the Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

Mr. Melvin started by explaining the purpose of the Plan; and the impact the proposed arrival of the rail line would have on the City's neighborhoods. Mr. Melvin stated that the study was funded by DVPRC.

Currently two rail stops are being considered and the neighborhoods affected would be North Woodbury, West Woodbury, and East/South Woodbury (defining the boundaries). Mr. Melvin advised that several meetings and walking tours were conducted in the affected areas, with public participation of both residents and business owners.

Some topics discussed were parking, pedestrian traffic, and land use. Mr. Melvin advised that he has also been to the Planning/Zoning Board with the draft of the plan and would like to hear their comments, as well as Council's comments from tonight's presentation.

As the funding application has a deadline, he asked that Council review and submit their comments ASAP.

7:50 PM

Public for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda items only.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

PUBLIC SESSION ON ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinances

#2165-12 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Appointing the City Clerk As the Issuing Authority for Raffle and Gaming Licenses

Councilman Connor presented the above-entitled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was ordered open for public hearing.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was placed on final reading and unanimously adopted by a roll call vote.

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| Ayes | 9 | Carter, Connor, Lockman, Sloane, Brown, Fleming, Trout, Louis, President Tierney |
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| Nays | 0 |
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#2166-12 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Establishing and Dedicating a Street to Be Named Traband Trail and To Authorize An Amendment to Section 190-38 of the City of Woodbury Municipal Code for the Installation of a Stop Sign at the Intersection of Traband Trail and Hunter Street

Councilman Connor presented the above-entitled ordinance for first reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the ordinance was placed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, and to come up for public hearing and second and final reading at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting on July 9, 2012.

Resolutions

Finance & Administration

#12-119 - Resolution for Renewal of Membership in the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

Discussion – Health Insurance Coverage – David Strout Jr.

Mr. Strout, Risk Management Consultant for the City of Woodbury has been investigating whether we could obtain comparable health insurance for our employees at a lower cost. Mr. Strout then introduced Mr. Jerry Campanaro from Marsh & McLennan Agency to take the floor.

Mr. Campanaro distributed a handout comparing our current Ameri Health plan and Aetna's plan. He stated that on the basis of this comparison his company can offer a savings of \$600,000.00 dollars for the City by changing to the Aetna plan. He gave a detailed description of where the savings would be realized. There was a discussion period where several questions were asked by Councilpersons.

President Tierney requested that Bob Law give his input regarding the change. Mr. Law, Chief Financial Officer stated that he reviewed the figures and is satisfied with what he has seen. Mr. Law explained that the differences from his point of view.

Councilman Louis inquired whether we'll experience an increase in next year's premium.

Mr. Law responded that there are no guarantees in this business; but he cannot see any reason for what has been presented to him that the City should not take advantage of the \$600,000.00 savings. We can ask for a cap to be placed on next year's premium increase. If we leave our current plan we can't go back to it for at least two years;

In conclusion, Mr. Campanaro requested that Council look over the data and to call him with any questions before making a final decision. Mr. Strout advised Council that they should consider all the benefits that Mr. Campanaro just explained as the sooner as a decision is made the sooner the City will reap the savings involved.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Connor, Mr. Strout was authorized to move forward with the change of insurance carrier as discussed above. Councilman Trout abstained from the vote.

8:39 PM

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid. Councilman Louis and Councilman Trout abstained from the vote.

Public Safety

Councilman Connor had nothing to report.

Public Works/Utilities

Councilman Fleming advised that summer hours have been implemented for Public Works Employees from 6:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Mr. William Lynch, Supervisor in Public Works advised that the macerator at Hunter Street is not operating; and is in the process of being repaired. It has been in service for over 15 years so the malfunction did not come as a surprise.

Economic Development

Councilman Trout advised that applications are currently being received for the Economic Development Director position.

Personnel

Councilman Sloane had nothing to report.

Property Maintenance

Councilman Lockman had nothing to report.

Community Development

Councilwoman Brown thanked Mr. Kinkler, City Administrator for honoring a request she recently asked him to attend to.

Parks and Recreation/Environmental

Councilwoman Carter had nothing to report.

Reports

8:43 PM

Mayor

Mayor Riskie advised that he attended the Juneteenth Festivities, along with Congressman Andrews, and Gloria Holmes for the presentation made to Virginia Horn and Tom Bowe.

A meeting was held with Shaun Gardner, who is proposing the Film Artist Festival and is seeking the cooperation of the Board of Education.

The Mayor also stated that he has been approached by a handful of people who were inquiring about our Fourth of July Fireworks Display. Unfortunately, the City will not be able to conduct the event this year because of economic constraints. However, with the help of Mr. Gardner and the Artist Festival that is currently being discussed, we hope to have the fireworks again in the future.

Mayor Riskie advised that a Public Meeting will be held at City Hall, Council Chambers, on Thursday, July 5th at 4:00 pm, to discuss the Pedestrian Walkway.

In conclusion, the Mayor wished everyone a Happy Fourth of July, and reminded everyone how lucky we are to have the freedom we do and encourages all individuals to participate in all levels of their government and voice their concerns.

Clerk

Mr. Duffield reported that our 2011 Tonnage Report has been submitted. The recycled tonnage was more than double from the prior year's report. .

At the next Council Meeting on July 9, 2012, Council will hold a hearing on Holy Angels Parish's request to demolish the building at 85-89 Cooper St..

Mr. Duffield also advised that Gloucester County is still trying to sell two properties; one at 55 Delaware Street and the other 476 Salem Avenue.

Mr. Duffield introduced his wife, Debbie who was in the audience.

Public

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Ave, came forward to thank the City for the use of Wing-Dickerson Park for their Juneteenth Celebration and everyone who participated.

Mrs. Holmes also thanked the City for the blue recycling cans, they look so beautiful and are much appreciated.

Brendan Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired if the City has made any progress with the water main issues discussed at the previous Council Meeting. Mr. Clancy responded that the issues have been resolved in large part; some details are still being worked out.

Mr. Chiesa also inquired about the bump-outs that the Department of Transportation is putting at Broad & Cooper and if they are only going on one side of Broad Street. Mr. Kinkler responded that the plans are in his office and they do not include any bump outs on the west side of the intersection.

Mr. Chiesa inquired if it would be beneficial for the City to join the health insurance plan that the Board of Education has. President Tierney responded that at this time, it is not feasible because of differences in coverage, which would require the consent of our labor unions. However that may be revisited in the future.

8:56 PM

Adjourn

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Trout, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Administrator/Deputy Clerk: Karl J. Kinkler

Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law

City Engineer: James Clancy, PE

Public Works: William Lynch, Supervisor

Risk Mgmt Consultant: David Strout