

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF  
JUNE 28, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Trovato at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey. Pres. Trovato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation**

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Robert Moore - Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church.

**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 #16-05 adopted at the 2016 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 5, 2016.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Carter, President Trovato

**Absent:** Councilman Reddin, Mayor Volk

**Minutes**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Carter the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14<sup>th</sup> were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Tierney abstained from voting; all others voted in favor of the motion.

**Presentations and Discussions**

**Proclamation to Gwendolyn J. Brown**

Councilman Johnson read a Proclamation honoring former Councilwoman Gwendolyn J. Brown for her service to the City. Council also decreed that Aberdeen Street will bear the secondary honorary name of "Gwendolyn J Brown Way".

Freeholder Jim Jefferson then presented her with a proclamation on behalf of the Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Ms. Brown thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition bestowed on her and gave special thanks to those she has worked closely with over the years.

**Presentation by Risk Management Consultant**

President Trovato introduced Bonnie Ridolfino from Hardenberg Insurance who gave a presentation regarding safety in the workplace. Ms. Ridolfino gave examples of how "a second could change your life" if employees and City officials don't utilize the training received to do our jobs in a safe manner.

**Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the floor was open to the Public for Agenda Items only. Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about Ordinance #2246-16 and if this replaced landlord licensing altogether. The City Solicitor answered his questions. Hearing no one else, on motion of Johnson seconded by Tierney and unanimously approved the public hearing was closed.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee:**

**#16-104 - Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session**

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.

**#16-105 - 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 Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

**#2246-16 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 106 “Housing Standards” and Repealing Chapter 114 “Landlord/Tenant Licensing” of the Code of the City of Woodbury (second reading)**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the public hearing for this ordinance was opened.

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

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes	8	Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Carter, Trovato
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Nays	0	
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Absent	1	Reddin
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**#16-106 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order #3 for the Wood Street Water Main Project**

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.

**Vouchers**

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

**Economic Development Committee:**

**#16-107 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Adopting the Recommendation of Determination by the Combined Planning/Zoning Board and Designating Block 84, Lots 2, 4 & 4.01; Block 85, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 24, 24.01, 24.02, & 24.03; and Block 86, Lots 1, 1.01, 2, 3.01, 6, 7, 13, 14 & 16 as an Area in Need of Redevelopment**

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**#16-110 - Resolution to Enter an Urban County Cooperation Agreement with the County of Gloucester for the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement and Home Investment Partnership Program Funds**

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Public Works Committee:**

**#16-108 - Resolution Authorizing the Final Change Order for FY2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project - West Barber 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 Swanson the resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

Councilwoman Parker advised that our student summer employees began working today to help with our Parks and Recreation Department. Also, our newly purchased recycling truck arrives tomorrow; a new part-time female employee was hired for Public Works Dept.; and water shut-offs will begin tomorrow for delinquent accounts.

### **Other Committee Reports:**

Councilwoman Floyd advised that there will be a Ribbon Cutting for FAF's Lot 323, on July 6. Also our Annual Fireworks Display will be on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> along with other activities for the family to enjoy.

Councilman Johnson advised the June 18<sup>th</sup> Juneteenth Event was well received and a special thank you to Gloria Holmes for helping organize the event. Also in attendance were Council Members Carter and Floyd and Freeholder Jim Jefferson.

Councilwoman Tierney thanked former Councilwoman Gwendolyn J. Brown for her years of service and friendship during her time on Council.

### **Report of the City Clerk**

Mr. Duffield thanked Ms. Brown for her service to the City and for all she has done to help him.

### **Department Announcements**

Jean Wipf, Librarian announced their upcoming calendar of events including Movie in the Park on July 11<sup>th</sup> and National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The complete schedule is available on their website.

### **Open to the Public**

On motion of Councilman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for any Items.

Susan Krause, 217 Leona Court, came forward to address an abandoned at 219 Leona Ct. She has complained about it to various City officials and she is unhappy that it still has not been addressed. The house is in disrepair, varmints are in the yard and there are high weeds and poison ivy which encroaches to her yard. Councilman Swanson, Mr. Theokas and the City Solicitor explained the procedures the City must follow for high grass and property maintenance issues, and the difficulties we face dealing with abandoned properties in general. Ms. Krause also discussed a storm water drainage problem along Leona Court. In conclusion, President Trovato advised that the City Engineer would look at the drainage issue, the Police Dept. will monitor the property more closely, and the City will again send someone out to the property to re-evaluate Ms. Krause's concerns.

Chuck Rose, 306 W. Centre Street thanked Mrs. Brown for her service to the City and wished her well in her new location.

Ron Wilcox, 250 S. Barber Avenue acknowledged Councilwoman Brown's continued support to him and dedication to the community. He also reminded everyone of the Basketball Tournament coming up on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved Council went into Executive Session at approximately 8:10 pm.

President Trovato stated that no official action will be taken upon returning to the Regular Meeting after Executive Session.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 8:56 pm.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Swanson seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD  
City Clerk

### **Other Officials Present:**

Administrator: Mike Theokas  
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield  
City Engineer: Paul Breier  
Librarian: Jean Wipf  
Police: Capt. Jeff Pitzo  
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.