

# MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 9, 2012

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

## **Invocation**

The Invocation was delivered by the Reverend Dr. Samuel Willis.

## **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 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council held on January 3, 2012.

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** 9 Carter, Connor, Lockman, Sloane, Brown, Fleming, Trout, Louis, President Tierney

**Absent:** 0

## **Changes to the Agenda**

President Tierney advised that the hearing for Holy Angels Parish appeal of denial of Certificate of Appropriateness has been postponed until August 13, 2012.

## **Minutes**

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Conner, the minutes of June 25, 2012 were unanimously approved as submitted.

## **Public for Agenda Items**

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



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

**#12-121 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Imposing Lien(s) for Property Maintenance Pursuant to Municipal Code §162-4**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Vouchers**

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

**Public Safety**

**#12-120 - Resolution Rejecting Bids for the 95' Mid Mount Aerial Platform Fire Truck with 2000 GPM Pump in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.**

Councilman Connor presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Louis, the resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

**Public Works/Utilities**

Councilman Fleming had nothing to report.

**Economic Development**

Councilman Trout advised that applications are still being reviewed for the position of the Economic Development Director; deadline for submitting applications is July 20th at 4:00 pm.

**Personnel**

Councilman Sloane had nothing to report.

### **Property Maintenance**

Councilman Lockman had nothing to report.

### **Community Development**

Councilwoman Brown had nothing to report.

### **Parks and Recreation/Environmental**

Councilwoman Carter had nothing to report.

### **Reports**

#### **Mayor**

Mayor Riskie stated he has received a request to swear-in two Police Officers at the next Council Meeting scheduled.

Mayor Riskie stated he participated in the Road Runners Race last week, along with Councilman Fleming. Another race is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for rebuilding the Woodbury Heights Fire Department Firehouse, which recently burned.

#### **Clerk**

Mr. Duffield announced the recent passing of two former employees; Donnell Davis Sr. from our Fire Department and Eugene Morris, a former Police Officer. Mr. Duffield also noted the death of Mr. James Wright, the proprietor of Woodbury Nissan. President Tierney expressed her sympathy to the families of the two former employees, advising that their legacy will continue, as both men have children who are now police officers with the City.

#### **Public**

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 any Items.

Iris Randells, founder of Cornerstone Woman's Domestic Violence Center came forward to request a Letter of Support from the Mayor. Ms. Randells is the President and the Executive Director of the organization.

Council asked several questions of Ms. Randells, where she gave a brief summary of the organization, stating that the letter would be used to apply for a grant to hire personnel and purchase vehicles for transportation.

Mayor Riskie stated that he had requested that Ms. Randells come before Council with her request for the letter of support.

Mr. Aimino, City Solicitor requested that more information be made available to Council before any letter of support is released.

President Tierney advised Ms. Randells that although her organization may be well-intended, Council would have to further review the request. We had a problem in the past with a property that wanted to operate a homeless shelter. She thinks the neighbors may want to have an opportunity for input.

Mr. Sloane suggested that the Public Safety Committee and the Mayor meet to discuss it. President Tierney directed the Public Safety Committee, the Mayor, and Ms. Brown the Community Development Committee chairperson meet with Ms. Randells to review her request.

Mr. Louis questioned whether they would have to appear before Planning/Zoning Board. Mr. Kinkler, City Administrator did advise that all paperwork for a CO was approved; and there were no Planning/Zoning issues necessary for any variances.

Stacey and Jay Costantino, 503 E. Elm St., Wenonah, NJ. advised that last Thursday our new water main was placed along Woodbury-Glassboro Road. The contractor removed all the trees and bushes in the right of way adjacent to their property. Mr. and Mrs. Costantino are requesting that the bushes be replaced, for privacy purposes.

City Engineer, James Clancy, stated that replacing the bushes has not been estimated in the project and would require Council approval.

President Tierney instructed the Property Maintenance Committee to discuss the matter with the contractor and also with Wenonah officials and try to come to a compromise. She also asked Mr. Clancy to obtain estimates of the costs.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover St. stated that yesterday he had a problem with a noise disturbance. Mr. Jenkins called police and he wanted to thank the police publicly for their prompt response.

Mr. Jenkins also has concerns over the increasing problem with litter in his area. In the past, community service workers would come by to clean the southwest area of the City, can we implement this plan again?

Mr. Jenkins stated that he was a little concerned that Council be cautious regarding the shelter support letter. He thinks the neighbors should have some input and there should be some public oversight of the facility. Councilman Sloane stated that

the Business Owner was only asking for a Letter of Support, and not for any zoning approvals or permission

Rachel Orsini, 772 Mehorter Blvd., stated that there is a house behind her that has a garage where work is being done that starts at 6 am. Also there are incidences of litter, bad language and public urination. Neighbors are upset over this property and have even approached the property owners; but were not well received. Mrs. Orsini, is asking for Council's assistance.

President Tierney advised Mrs. Orsini to talk to our Chief of Police and give him the details and he will talk to the Deptford Chief of Police, as this property is actually located in Deptford.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Public portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Trout, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROY A. DUFFIELD**  
City Clerk

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Administrator/Deputy Clerk: Karl J. Kinkler  
City Engineer: James Clancy, PE  
Main Street Director: Larry Geiger  
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk  
Public Works Director: Rich Leidy  
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esquire