

MINUTES
July 11, 2011
7:30 p.m.

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Palmer of Faith Revival Church of Woodbury.

The Open Public Meeting Statement was read by the Acting Clerk, Gail R. Scheffler.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Carter

Minutes

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of June 27, 2011 were approved as submitted.

Public

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Connor, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place came forward to inquire what was the percentage for salary increases for City Employees referencing Ordinance #2144-11.

Councilman Fleming advised roughly 2% for non-unions employees, also employees now pay 1 1/2 percentage towards their health insurance; but that will increase as soon as the Governor's plan goes into effect.

Mr. Chiesa also referenced Bond Ordinance #2146-11 stating it mentioned certain streets to be repaved or improved. Mr. Chiesa was inquiring when he could expect his street to be repaved as he has been asking for repairs to his street for the last several meetings.

Mr. Wilkinson advised that he has a list of streets that are in need of repair and they will be done in order of priority based on the condition of the street.

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

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

ORDINANCE #2144-11 AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND ESTABLISH SALARIES AND RATE OF COMPENSATION ON THE VARIOUS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER OF PAYMENT THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWTHI

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

The Acting Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was opened for public hearing.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the public hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Louis, the ordinance was passed on final reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes	8	Pottillo, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Connor, President Sloane
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Carter

ORDINANCE #2146-11 - BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$365,000 THEREFORE; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$346,750; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; 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.

Councilman Louis inquired if the Finance Committee was aware of the figures mentioned in the ordinance.

President Sloane stated that although the Finance Committee did not officially meet, they were made aware of the figures contained in the ordinance.

Mr. Wilkinson responded to the question explaining how and where the funding was coming from.

Councilman Trout inquired what exactly was a Fire Utility Truck.

Councilman Fleming stated that he would get a clearer definition of the function of the vehicle when Chief Merinuk and Mr. Law return for the next meeting.

Councilman Connor also inquired about the Front End Loader and if it was being replaced.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was approved 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 on July 25, 2011.

RESOLUTION #11-122 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF SMALL BALANCES ON 2010 REAL ESTATE TAXES IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #11-123 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IMPOSING LIEN(S) FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO MUNICIPALITY CODE § 162-4

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #11-124 - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY WAIVING CONSTRUCTION PERMIT FEES REGARDING AMERICAN LEGION POST 133, 1018 WASHINGTON AVENUE, WOODBURY, NEW JERSEY

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

RESOLUTION #11-125 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLOSED SESSION REGARDING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

President Sloane advised that action may be taken after Council resumes the regular order of business after the Executive Session.

VOUCHERS

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Fleming, the vouchers as listed and certified were authorized paid. Councilwoman Tierney abstained from the vote on the vouchers.

Councilman Fleming advised those Council members who may not have been aware that the State Budget also had to cut back; and one item was funding for education. Unfortunately, Woodbury will be one of the schools not receiving any funding which will affect our tax base.

PUBIC SAFETY

ORDINANCE #2145-11 - ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY SECTION 190-34, SCHEDULE IV TO PROVIDE 15 MINUTE PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF BROAD STREET FROM WALNUT STREET TO PACKER STREET

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 ordinance was ordered open for Public Hearing.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

Councilman Pottillo inquired what the situation was prior to this ordinance.

Councilman Louis responded to the question.

There was some conversation regarding why this ordinance was being changed because of businesses complaining about people parking who are going to the hospital.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was adopted on second reading by a roll call vote.

Ayes	8	Pottillo, Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Connor, President Sloane
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Carter

Councilman Louis stated he failed to thank Mr. Dukelow at the last Council Meeting; but would like to do so at this meeting. Councilman Louis advised that he attended a bench dedication that was recently held at Bell Lake Park in Memory of Marge and John Gelsinger. The children (16 in all) wanted to dedicate a bench in memory of their parents, and Mr. Dukelow was very instrumental in helping them accomplish this.

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES

Councilwoman Tierney advised that water meters are still being replaced throughout the City, and cards are being left at those homes our workers could not gain entry to. Councilwoman Tierney asked that everyone who has not had their meter replaced, to contact the Public Works Department. The sooner the meters are replaced the sooner the reassessing of the water rates can be accomplished.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilman Trout had nothing to report.

PERSONNEL

Councilman Pottillo acknowledged Roy Duffield and Karl Kinkler for being in attendance this evening.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilman O'Connor advised that another Green Team Meeting will be held and he will advise Council.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Brown thanked the Police Department for the extra surveillance at the Laundromat at the old Sickles Shopping Center which she requested at the last Council meeting.

GREEN ACRES

Councilman Connor reported there was nothing to report in Councilwoman Carter's absence.

MAYOR RISKIE

Mayor Riskie informed Council that at the last Green Team Meeting, Councilman Connor discussed air emulsions, and second-hand smoke. These meetings are extremely important and informative.

Mayor Riskie also thanked Gail Scheffler for filling in as Clerk during our recent search to fill the vacancy.

The Mayor advised Council he has been receiving information regarding Pension and Health Benefits Seminars being held during the months of July and August. These seminars are extremely popular and he urges anyone that is interested in future seminars to sign up as soon as possible.

CLERK

Ms. Scheffler reminded everyone to forward all information pertaining to the OPRA request from the Courier Post to Roy Duffield, who will be handling the response in Bob Law's absence.

PUBLIC

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 Non-Agenda Items.

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

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, there was a motion to have a five minute recess before going into Executive Session. (approximately 8:45 pm).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the Regular Order of Business resumed at (approximately 8:51 pm).

Mr. Jerry Velasquez advised that there are two properties scheduled to go to settlement on Friday on Hopkins Street which were rehabbed through a County Preservation Program. Final arrangements have to be made for the official ribbon-cutting with the County and Mr. Velasquez will advise Council when that will occur.

Mayor Riskie advised everyone that Mr. Donovan Rypkema, a Main Street Consultant who will be in Woodbury tomorrow at 6:00 pm to talk to Mayor Riskie, Ronda Abbruzzese and several other individuals to offer his opinion and suggestions for improvements to our downtown area.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Louis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

GAIL R. SCHEFFLER
Acting City Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Administrator: Karl Kinkler

Assessor/City Clerk: Roy Duffield

City Engineer: Ted Wilkinson, PE

Librarian: Jean Wipf

Main Street: Ronda Abbruzzese

Public Works: Rich Leidy, Supervisor

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.