

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
JULY 22, 2014**

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Invocation

Reverend Alvin Collins, Pastor of Spoken Word Church delivered the Invocation.

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 #14-05 adopted at the Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 6, 2014.

Roll Call

Present: Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Lockman, Carter, Johnson, President Fleming.

Absent: Councilwoman Parker and Mayor Volk
*Councilwoman Parker was not in attendance due to a work conflict.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2014, were approved as submitted. Councilman Trovato abstained from voting. All others voted in favor of the motion.

Presentations and Discussions

Proclamation Honoring Hugh Victor Brown II

The City Clerk read the Proclamation for Mr. Hugh Brown II, a lifelong Woodbury resident and recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal for his military service. Mr. Browne graciously accepted the Proclamation and thanked Council for the presentation.

President Fleming also recognized former Councilwoman Gwendolyn J. Brown in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Lockman, and unanimously approved, 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 Swanson, seconded by Councilman Hock, and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance & Administration

#14-130 - Resolution to Extend Grace Period on Third Quarter 2014 Taxes (August) as per N.J.S.A. 54:4-67

Councilman Swanson presented the above titled resolution.
The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-131 - Resolution Re-Appointing Roy A. Duffield as Clerk for the City of Woodbury

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 a voice vote.

#14-132 - Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Overpaid Taxes on Block 113 Lot 1, 104 S. Broad Street

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-133 - Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Overpaid Taxes on Block 120 Lot 4, 48 N. Broad Street

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 a voice vote.

#14-134 - Resolution Authorizing Termination of Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) with Provider VFIS

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#Ord. 2208-14 An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 202, Zoning, Article XI "C-1 Commercial District" (First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Trovato, the ordinance was approved on first reading by roll call vote; and ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on August 26, 2014.

Ayes	8	Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Johnson, Lockman, Carter, President Fleming
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Parker

#14-135 - Resolution Referring Ordinance #2208-14 to the Planning Board for Review and Recommendation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64

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.

Councilman Swanson said he has received mid-year financial reports from our CFO Robert Law and the finance committee is reviewing them.

Vouchers

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

Public Safety

Councilwoman Carter had nothing to report for this committee.

Public Works/Parks and Recreation

#14-136 -Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guaranty of Gerald A. Barrett regarding the 2013 Roads 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 Lockman the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#14-137 - Resolution Establishing a 5 Year Moratorium on the Issuance of Road Opening Permits for the Portions of the Roads Resurfaced as part of the FY2013 Local Road Milling & Overlay Project June 10, 2014 through June 10, 2019

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-138 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order for the FY 2014 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Cured-In-Place Pipe Lining – Phase I – Salem Avenue, Carpenter Street and Tatum Street

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Paul Brier, City Engineer answered questions from Council pertaining to this project.

Economic Development

Councilman Trovato deferred his report to Randi Woerner, Economic Development Director.

Community Relations

Councilwoman Tierney expressed her condolences on the recent passing of Tony Halas of West Deptford, a long-time advocate for Veterans in our area.

She also mentioned that plans are being made for the October 4 Fall Parade. Information is available on the City website. Next Parade Committee meeting is July 29.

Environmental and Green Acres

Ord. # 2200-14 - Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Woodbury to Promote Trees through the Regulation of Tree Removal, Planting, Replacement and Protection (Second Reading)

Councilman Hock presented the above titled ordinance for second reading, public hearing and final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Hock, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney and unanimously approved the Public Hearing on this ordinance was opened.

Hearing no one, on motion of Councilman Swanson seconded by Councilman Hock and unanimously approved the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilman Hock, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was adopted by roll call vote:

Ayes	8	Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Johnson, Lockman, Carter, President Fleming
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Parker

President Fleming thanked Councilman Hock for all the his efforts on putting this ordinance forward; Councilman Hock in return extended his gratitude to the Green Team.

#14-139 - Resolution to Accept the NJ Clean Energy Direct Install Program Proposal to Upgrade the Lighting and HVAC System for the Library Section of City Hall Located at 33 Delaware Street

Councilman Hock presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Hock, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Ordinance #2209-14 - Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code of the City of Woodbury Establishing a Section “Tree Protection/Compensatory Plantings” and Adopting Checklist (First Reading)

Councilman Hock presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Hock, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading by roll call vote. The ordinance was ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on August 26, 2014.

Ayes	8	Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Johnson, Lockman, Carter, President Fleming
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Parker

#14-140 - Resolution Referring Ordinance #2209-14 to the Planning Board for Review and Recommendation Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64

Councilman Hock presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Hock, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

#14-141 – Resolution Authorizing the City of Woodbury to Make Application to the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for Assistance in the Acquisition and Development of Lands for Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Purposes through the Green Acres Program

Councilman Hock presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Hock, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Councilman Hock stated that the Green Team continues to work towards the City's Sustainable Jersey certification.

Community Development

Councilman Johnson stated he attended the Victor Brown Basketball Tournament last Saturday and would like to acknowledge all the efforts of Ron Wilcox for organizing it. The audience applauded Mr. Wilcox who was present.

Mr. Johnson noted that \$3,000 has been raised toward the purchase of new football helmets for the Woodbury Steelers. Another fundraiser is planned for September. Councilman Johnson especially thanked Councilman Trovato for his fundraising efforts.

Property

Ordinance #2210-14 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending the Code of the City of Woodbury Creating Section "Vacant Properties" Establishing Registration Requirements, Registration Fees, Inspection, Maintenance and Insurance Requirements of Vacant Properties (First Reading)

Councilman Lockman presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Lockman, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading and ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the Regular scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on August 12, 2014.

Councilman Lockman advised that two problem properties have been reported to him; 371 Edith Ave appears vacant and has numerous propane tanks stored on the property. 364 Edith Ave is in foreclosure and has a swimming pool where mosquito larvae are breeding and the fence is not secure.

Reports:

Clerk

Mr. Duffield thanked Council for re-appointing him as City Clerk.

Police

Chief Merinuk updated Council on the high weeds and grass violations his department continues to enforce. Also, the Woodbury Police Department was recently recognized by the County Freeholders for their help managing inmates last year during the closing of the Gloucester County jail and relocating them to Salem County.

Chief Merinuk advised that Clarence Waters, former Police Officer and Parking Violations Officer passed away; we extend our sincerest condolences to the family.

Library

Regard Res. 14-139, Library Director Jean Wipf, and Kathy Mangeri, President of Library Board of Trustees publicly thanked Council, the Green Team, and anyone else who had a part in obtaining the Direct Install grant to upgrade the HVAC and lighting in the Library. It will be a great benefit to the Library and a great savings for our taxpayers.

Economic Development Office

Randi Woerner briefed Council on various projects, including; ground breaking at Patients First, grand openings at DeIBuono's Bakery, Excess Re-Insurance, Studio 240 and Higher Standards Dance Studio. The White House at 35 S Broad has been renovated and is nearly full; the commercial space at 232-240 S Broad is nearly full. 26-32 S Broad has been sold; the new owners are making repairs and looking for tenants.

Engineer

Paul Breier, City Engineer updated Council on the projects mentioned in his report.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for any items.

Stephanie Patterson, 50 Hopkins Street, approached Council to inform them of storm water flooding and potholes on her street. Pres. Fleming asked the Engineer to look into it.

Amelia Harris-McGeehan, 159 Leona Court briefed Council on the progress of the Woodbury Community Gardens over the last 9 years and thanked them for making it possible.

Ryan Morrison of 169 Central Avenue, Woodbury Heights, owner of Tiki-Tiki Board Games and a Trustee of the FAF Coalition informed Council of their upcoming events including 'Art at Bell Lake' on September 20 and 'Green Age of Woodbury' honoring the days of G.G Green on October 9-11th. FAF is requesting Police and Public Works Department's services for both events and also inquired if Council would consider waiving any required fees. President Fleming referred FAF's requests to the Community Relations Committee.

Gwendolyn J. Brown, 83 Aberdeen Place, discussed the basketball tournament recently held at Wing-Dickerson Park. She also spoke on the water main replacement being done on Aberdeen Place and how well the job is being handled.

Ryan Harbinson, 435 Madison Avenue, Williamstown, co-owner of Tiki Tiki inquired if crosswalks could be installed across Broad Street where Rita's Water Ice is located. Chief Merinuk responded that Council would have to contact NJDOT to evaluate the matter.

Cheryl Reifsteck, 205 S. Barber Avenue stated that she appreciates this forum for citizens to voice their concerns to Council. She asked if the railroad overpasses could be better maintained, as they appear to be in disrepair. President Fleming stated that the City has made several attempts to contact Conrail with little success. Ms. Reifsteck mentioned the property she owns 31 S. Barber Ave and the work she is doing on it.

Ron Wilcox 250 S. Barber Avenue, thanked Council for their support of the basketball tournament and hopes that it will be even more successful next year with Council's help.

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

Adjournment

There being no other business before Council, on motion of Councilman Lockman, seconded by Councilman Swanson, and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present

Administrator: Michael Theokas
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Breier, PE
Economic Development Office: Randi Woerner
Library: Jean Wipf, Director
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk and Captain Tom Ryan
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.