

## **Minutes of Council Meeting of September 1, 2015**

The Meeting was called to order by President Trovato at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance in Council Chambers at Woodbury City Hall, 33 Delaware St.

### **Invocation**

Invocation was delivered by Rabbi Avi Richler of Chabad of Gloucester County.

### **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 #15-05 adopted at the 2015 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 3, 2015.

### **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, President Trovato and Mayor Volk

**Absent:** Carter

### **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson the minutes of the Council Meeting of August 11, 2015 were approved as submitted. Councilpersons Tierney and Floyd abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor.

### **Presentations and Discussions:**

#### **#15-160 - Resolution Authorizing the Promotion of Lieutenant Jeff Pitzo to Captain in the Woodbury Police Department**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#### **Swearing in of Jeff Pitzo as a Captain in the City of Woodbury Police Department**

Mayor Volk administered the Oath of Office to Captain Pitzo.

Captain Pitzo spoke briefly thanking Mayor and Council for this opportunity. He then introduced his wife, Kim and three sons; Pete, Matthew and Scott.

### **Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Reddin and unanimously approved the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only. Hearing no one, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Reddin and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports**

**Administration Committee:**

**#2236-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 190-34, Schedule IV: Time Limit Parking of the Code of the City of Woodbury Regarding North and South Broad Street (Second Reading)**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance for second reading. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

Gloria Holmes of 19 Nelson Ave inquired about purpose of the ordinance.

Councilman Swanson asked to have the painting of curbs and striping completed prior to adoption of this ordinance, to clearly define the affected parking areas.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes:	7	Tierney, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Redden, Trovato
Nays:	1	Swanson
Absent:	1	Carter

**#2237-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury to Mandate Direct Deposit for Municipal Employees pursuant to c. 52:14-15f et seq. (First Reading)**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, 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 Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Mayor and Council on September 22, 2015.

**#15-161- Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

President Trovato announced that official action may be taken upon returning to the Regular Order of Business after the Executive Session.

**#15-162 - Resolution Hiring A Patrolman for the City of Woodbury Police Department** (David Andrews)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Finance Committee:**

**#15-163 - Resolution to Reimburse Tax Payment (Block 71 Lot 6)**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**#15-164 - Resolution Approving Chief of Police Contract**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Johnson asked how the salary was determined. Mr. Theokas responded.

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

**Vouchers**

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

**Public Works Committee:**

**#15-165 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the East Red Bank Avenue Resurfacing Project**

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired regarding the funding for this additional work. Mr. Theokas and Mr. Law responded that this is within the bonded amount and funds are available.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved, the resolution was adopted by a voice motion.

**#15-166 - Resolution Authorizing City Engineer to Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding the Stewart Lake Park Site Plan – New David A. Lavery Concession Building & Press Box East Red Bank Avenue**

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Johnson requested clarification. Mr. Theokas explained.

Councilman Fleming acknowledged the long standing need for this project.

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

Councilwoman Parker stated how pleased she is to see the many paving projects that

have been done throughout the City. Councilman Johnson concurred.

**Old Business, New Business:** None

**Other Committee Reports:**

Councilwoman Tierney advised the next Green Team meeting will be held on September 21 to discuss "Make a Difference Day".

Councilman Redden advised on September 12 a collection will be held for clothing, food, and recyclable plastic bags. Also, the Girl Scouts are looking for mentors if anyone is interested. A Historic Tour will be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, 2005 WHS graduate and hip hop artist Rich Quick, has just completed a European Tour and his career is flourishing.

Councilwoman Floyd advised of the annual Outrageous Car Show on Sept. 5, and commended Lee Weatherby for the ongoing success of this event.

**Report of the Mayor**

Mayor Volk spoke on the following subjects:

He recently attended Bethel AME Church to welcome new Reverend Charles Boyer. Proclamation will be presented to Richard Kurtz who is retiring after 30 years as organist with Christ Episcopal Church.

He also is very pleased with all the paving that has been accomplished throughout the City, and is looking forward to the new concession stand at the Midget Football Fields.

**Department Announcements**

Police Chief Ryan expressed his gratitude to Lt. Pitzo for all his hard work and dedication to the City of Woodbury.

Randi Woerner advised of the grand opening of Aldi to be held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Paul Brier, City Engineer gave an update on the streets scheduled to be paved.

Mr. Theokas advised Council that City Hall's summer schedule is done, and the summer student workers are done. The new Police Building is scheduled to be completed by early fall. Emergency repairs were done to the spillway on September 4. Our City website will now be serviced by Tiki Tiki of S. Broad Street.

**Open to the Public**

On motion of Councilwoman 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.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, asked to have the Walking Tour brochure updated. Also, she asked for park benches to be repaired at Suiter-Baptiste and Wing-Dickerson Parks, and curb & sidewalk repairs at Carpenter St & Allens Lane.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Executive Session was commenced at approximated 8:20 pm. President Trovato reiterated that official action may be taken after the Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

(Approximately 8:20 pm until 9:40 pm)

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker the regular order of business was resumed at 9:40 pm.

A motion was made by Councilman Johnson to suspend the collection of Landlord Licensing fees until further notice. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Fleming and unanimously approved the meeting Was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**ROY A. DUFFIELD**  
City Clerk

**Other Officials in Attendance**

Administrator: Mike Theokas  
Chief Financial Officer: Robert law  
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield  
Zoning Officer: John Leech  
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner  
Engineer: Paul Breier, PE  
Police: Chief Tom Ryan and Lt. Jeff Pitzo  
Redevelopment Planner: Bob Melvin  
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.  
Library Director: Jean Wipf