

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 27, 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.

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, Reddin, Carter, President Trovato and Mayor Volk

Absent: No One

Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson the minutes of the September 13, 2016 were approved as submitted. Councilmembers Carter and Swanson abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Presentations and Discussions

Acknowledgement of the Volunteers that Performed Weeding and Restoration to the Tree Boxes/Plots on Broad Street.

Mayor Volk presented a Proclamation to Lydia Jones and a group of students who volunteered their time to help maintain the tree plots along Broad Street.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

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 Agenda Items only.

Seeing no one, 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.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

#16-138 - Resolution Awarding Contract to Fast Pipe Lining East for the FY2016 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project – Tatum Street and Evergreen Avenue

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 approved by voice vote.

#2251-16 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Establishing Chapter 146 Entitled "Spot Blight Eminent Domain" of the Code of the City of Woodbury (2nd 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 Fleming and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing for this ordinance was opened.

John Holston, resident of 20 N. Girard and also a member of the WORC spoke in support of this ordinance thanked the Governing Body for taking action to help preserve our neighborhoods. Mr. Holston also stated that both St. Joe's Carpenter Society and WORC have agreed to work together to make it a success.

Frank Fletcher, 42 S. Woodland Avenue, also spoke in support of the ordinance.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was ordered closed. Councilwoman Tierney asked how the ordinance will impact lienholders' responsibilities; Mr. Pierson answered her questions.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the ordinance was unanimously approved by roll call vote:

Ayes	9	Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, Trovato
Nays	0	

#2254-16 - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2247-16 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 Herewith (First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance for first reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the ordinance was approved on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law, and scheduled for Public Hearing and final vote at the October 11, 2016 meeting of Council. Councilwoman Tierney voted Nay; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the vouchers as presented and certified were unanimously approved for payment.

Economic Development

#2252-16 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Sale of Certain Property Owned by the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, not Required for Public Purposes Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12-139(a), et seq.

(Second Reading)

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

Hearing no one, on motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

Mr. Theokas explained that these properties were recently acquired by tax lien foreclosure and he will be meeting with an auctioneer to discuss the sale of the properties.

On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was unanimously approved by roll call vote:

Ayes	9	Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, Trovato
Nays	0	

#2255-16 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement to Transfer Real Property to the Gloucester County Habitat For Humanity (First Reading)

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled ordinance for first reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Floyd, seconded by Swanson, the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for Public Hearing and final adoption at the next meeting of Council on October 11, 2016.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

#16-137 - Resolution Awarding Contract to Whirl Corporation for the Laverty Clubhouse & Concession Building - Building Assembly Project

Councilman Johnson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Johnson introduced Tish Davis, our newly appointed Assistant to the City Administrator and Community Development. Mr. Johnson met with Tish recently to discuss the condition, maintenance and signage of our parks. She also suggested seeking sponsors for our parks, and posting upcoming events on the parks' signs. Ms. Davis thanked Council for the opportunity to work for the City of Woodbury.

Lastly, Councilman Johnson reported new signs have been installed at Stuart St Park.

Policy Committee:

#2253-16 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Adopting Personnel Policies for the City of Woodbury (Second Reading)

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson, and unanimously approved the Public Hearing for this ordinance was opened.

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

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

Ayes	9	Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, Trovato
Nays	0	

Committee Reports

Councilwoman Floyd advised of the following:

1. Eight and Sand Brewery will have their Grand Opening on September 30th.
2. Tiki Tiki plans to open at the Polsky Building on October 1st;
3. October 5th will be Grand Opening of Second Chance Thrift Shop at G.G. Green.
4. An 'Entrepreneur Class' was recently offered at the High School;
5. Fall Parade is October 1 along with the Roadrunner 5K Run prior to the parade;
6. Creative Team met last week where Jean Wipf announced her retirement; Jean will be sorely missed;
7. Chamber of Commerce is holding their Annual Dancing with the Stars;
8. Main Street will be conducting their Annual Golf Tournament, and Ghost Tours.
9. FAF will be holding 'Rock the Woo' on October 8, 2016 at Bell Lake Park.

Report of the City Clerk

Mr. Duffield announced last day to register to vote is October 18th. He also informed Council that he along with Public Works personnel Mike McCaughey, Bill Schickel and Rob Kleinert made some minor repairs to the Broad St spillway on September 21. He stated our Dam is in poor condition and the repairs would only be a short-term solution.

Department Heads' Announcements

Police Chief Ryan announced the apprehension of a suspect in a shooting incident on S. Broad St. He was not a Woodbury resident and thankfully there were no injuries. They are also conducting interviews to hire new SLEO's.

Chief Financial Officer Bob Law advised that we will see a 2.75% reduction in our JIF Insurance premium and will receive a return of part of our dividend.

Administrator Mike Theokas reported on the status of 2016 Local Roads paving project.

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.

Jacquallynn Knight, 232 Hunter St asked if any recent water test results are available; if we are testing for chromium in our water; if our water filtration system will filter out chromium 6; and if we Mr. Theokas informed her that the most recent water tests are not back yet; that NJDEP will direct us when to test for chromium; and our carbon filtration is not equipped to remove chromium. Councilman Fleming gave a more detailed explanation of the types of chromium and the testing process.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, said the condition of Stuart St Playground is improving, but she does not care for the new benches there. She also spoke about Rev. Suiter and Charles Baptiste, for whom Suiter-Baptiste Park is named.

John Elliot of Woodbury Cub Scout Troop #7 advised that their Troop will be collecting food donations during the Fall Parade for the Cooperative Ministries' food pantry. He then introduced scouts, John, Declan, Charlie, and Liam from Troop 7.

William Gray of 467 Hemlock Terrace asked for an update on the Cooper/Evergreen intersection work being done. Mr. Theokas advised that since it is a county road and the work is being done for Burris, we are not directly involved but we continue to monitor this intersection and are pushing them to complete the job.

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.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A. Duffield
City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Administrator: Mike Theokas
Chief Financial Officer: Robert Law
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
Assistant to City Administrator: Tish Davis
Police Chief: Tom Ryan
Public Works Superintendent: Michael McCaughey
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.