

AGENDA
OCTOBER 8, 2013
7:30 p.m.

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

The Reverend Dr. Samuel Willis delivered the Invocation. President Fleming asked all to remember the late William Wakemen, our former Fire Chief and Construction Official.

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 #13-05 adopted at the Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 2, 2013.

Roll Call

Present: Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Brown, Lockman, Carter, President Fleming and Mayor Volk

Absent: Parker

Minutes

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2013 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Presentations and Discussions

Council President

President Fleming advised that he had the opportunity to speak with many of the participants and attendees at the Annual Fall Festival and all were in unison that the Parade was very well received by all.

Also, President Fleming advised that the new Wayfinding Signs are up at various locations throughout the City. The signs were funded by a grant from NJDOT.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, 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 Trovato, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance & Administration

#13-181 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 2 for Resurfacing Of Cooper Street from Evergreen Avenue to Woodbury Creek Bridge

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#13-182 - Resolution Authorizing City Engineer To Issue Notice To Bidders Regarding FY 2009 Bikeway Project - Phase 2 North Broad Street To Tatum Street along Woodbury Creek

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#13-183 - New Jersey Department of Transportation Resolution, Application and Agreement for State Aid to Counties and Municipalities

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#13-184 - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A 5 YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ROAD OPENING PERMITS FOR COOPER STREET, FROM EVERGREEN AVENUE EAST TO WOODBURY CREEK AT THE DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP BORDER JULY 15, 2013 THROUGH JULY 15, 2018

Councilman Trovato presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mayor Volk recommended that the resolution be amended to clarify that the location of the moratorium is Cooper Street from Evergreen Ave east to the Woodbury Creek at the Deptford Twp. line. On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the amended resolution was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid. Councilman Swanson voted Nay on the motion; all others voted in favor.

Public Safety

Councilman Carter had nothing to report for this committee.

Public Works/Utilities

Councilman Swanson expressed sincere appreciation to the Public Works Department, Emergency Mgmt Office, Chief Merinuk, Sgt. Pitzo, Fire Marshall Joseph Buono, all the Fire and Police Officers for all their help and hard work during the FAF weekend and the Fall Festival Parade.

Councilman Swanson gave an update on a storm drain situation at 561 Hunter Street, and stated the SCADA program for our water system is about 70% complete.

Economic Development

Councilman Trovato advised that Inspira Hospital has agreed to start communication with the City regarding possible contributions to City improvements. The first meeting went well with Mike Theokas and Randi Woerner attending representing the City.

Parks and Recreation and Community Relations

Councilwoman Brown had nothing to report for this committee.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilwoman Tierney advised that the Green Team met yesterday and is working on:

- received one of the grants they applied for Sustainable Jersey in the amount of \$2,000;
- unfortunately did not receive the other grant for \$20,000;
- working on the Tree Ordinance;
- requesting a review on ways to make our municipal bldgs more energy efficient, then will apply for a grant for this program.

Community Development

Councilwoman Brown thanked Robert Law and Councilwoman Tierney, Public Works and all who worked on the Fall Parade.

Property

Councilman Lockman had nothing to report for this committee.

Old Business None

New Business

Michael Theokas advised that he, Bob Law and Roy Duffield worked on the state's Best Practices Inventory and received a 97% rating. This rating is extremely significant when applying for State Aid to Municipalities.

President Fleming discussed our COAH certification, stating that Woodbury is currently approved and when the next round is implemented the new units at the G.G. Green Bldg. will be counted toward our quota.

Reports:

Mayor

Mayor Volk discussed the following:

1. FAF Event over the weekend went extremely well;
2. Fall Parade was also well attended and we look forward to continuing both;
3. Woodbury Steelers are having a fundraiser at Moe's in Deptford on October 16th;
4. Woodbury Garden Club will be holding a Luncheon on October 26th;
5. Police contract negotiations are going well and nearly completed;
6. Public Works contract negotiations will begin when the Police contract is finalized
7. Mayor Volk advised that Councilwoman Parker was not in attendance this evening, due to

the long lines for the viewing of former Fire Chief William Wakemen.

Economic Development Director

Randi Woerner reported on the following:

- a. She is currently working with two Rowan Students to help put together a business consulting agency that we will run through the Economic Development Office;
- b. working with a student to help with the historic marker project;
- c. talks are continuing with Inspira about projects that we can partner on around the City;
- d. working on a Special Events Permit
- e. working on Property Management issues
- f. attended a great Main Street seminar and working on a new campaign to promote business in Woodbury.
- g. working with CBAC to secure funds for a new façade/beautification project
- h. worked with Bob Law to promote the Parade. Created and distributed press release.
- i. Continuing to work with RPM for the final phase of their construction
- j. Working with Burris Construction to ensure all necessary permits and paperwork is being done
- k. Working with owners of Masonic Lodge to help secure tax credits to help with the renovation of the building;
- l. Green Team:
 1. City was awarded a \$2000 grant through Sustainable Jersey to provide information to all Woodbury businesses about the Direct Install program. The project should start between November and December
 2. Working on an Energy Audit for the Municipal Building through the state program - no cost to tax payers
 3. Created a tree ordinance which was reviewed with the Green Team and just finished the 2nd draft for review.
 4. We will be working on updating our tree inventory with grant money that was obtained in 2010.
 5. She is also working on some additional policies as per Sustainable Jersey to get approval by Mayor and Council

Administrator

Mr. Theokas, City Administrator, advised Council that our recently adopted ordinance 2190-13 is being implemented to streamline our water and sewer collection procedures. This past billing period was the first time we implemented the shut-off procedures. He commended our Utilities Collections Department (Lorraine Reeves, Kate Pierson, and Valerie Harris) and our Police Department for their handling of this difficult period. Mr. Theokas stated that the City does not particularly like to shut off a resident's water supply; however it was necessary to take this type of action. There are many reasons why the City had to do this, as it creates a void in our cash flow, helps to identify vacant properties, delinquent landlords, and also to ensure all properties are being treated equally responsible for their water usage and billing, noting uncollected water bills from 2012 amounted to a half million dollars.

Councilman Swanson stated that the original process started on October 8, 2012 when the deficit was at \$410,000.00 in unpaid water bills; as of October 8, 2013 – it is now at \$90,000; which shows we are making a huge difference in our revenues collected.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Brown and unanimously approved the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was open to the Public for Non-Agenda Items.

Susan Anderson, 226 South Jackson Street, came forward and commented on success of FAF and upcoming events Main Street will be conducting.

Mayor Volk noted that during the FAF the new owners of the G.G.Green Building purchased several hundreds of dollars of artworks to decorate their building.

Elizabeth McIlvaine, 23 Hess Avenue, came forward to discuss the safety of the children walking across from the apartment complex to the school and would like to see a crosswalk in that area closer to the school. Mrs. McIlvaine has a petition with 100 names to support her request. Mr. Theokas responded that he has talked to the Chief of Police and we will continue to work on her request.

Steve Abbott, 932 Washington Avenue, commended everyone who worked on the Parade and the Fall Arts Festival and thanked everyone for the quick clean-up after the events. Tonight he has some concerns if the “light rail lines” do come through Woodbury, what the impact will have on the values of homes in the area and the noise levels. President Fleming responded that the proposed train will be a passenger line which should be quieter than a cargo rail line; that project is still in the investigation and design process.

As no one else desired to address Council on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Brown and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Administrator: Michael Theokas
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Brier
Economic Development Dir. – Randi Woerner
Fire Official: Joseph Buono
Public Works Director: Rich Leidy
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.

Roy A Duffield, RMC
City Clerk