

# MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF October 9, 2012

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

## **Invocation**

Councilman Sloane requested a Moment of Silence.

## **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 #12-05 adopted at the Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 3, 2012 and Resolution #12-157 adopted on September 24, 2012.

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** Connor, Lockman, Sloane, Brown, Trout, Louis, President Tierney and Mayor Riskie

**Absent:** Carter, \*Fleming arrived at 7:43 pm

## **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Connor, the minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2012 were approved as submitted.

## **Public for Agenda Items**

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Trout, the regular order of business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired about Resolution #12-167, for the Milling and Overlay of Cooper Streets and Parts of Rugby Place. Mr. Chiesa stated that he has been asking for Rugby Place be repaired, it is in deplorable condition.

Mr. Kinkler, City Administrator, stated that part of Rugby will likely be on the 2013 List of Improvements; however if the contractor is able to mend it during the existing construction, he will do so.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business, the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

## **PUBLIC SESSION ON ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Ordinances**

**#2168-12 - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2153-12 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 Louis presented the above entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the ordinance was placed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, and come up for public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on October 22, 2012.

**#2169-12 - Resolution Amending Ordinance #2146-12 of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey** *(First Reading)*

Councilman Louis presented the above entitled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the ordinance was placed on first reading, to be advertised according to law, and come up for public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on October 22, 2012.

### **Resolutions**

#### **Finance & Administration**

**#12-163 - Resolution to Reimburse Tax Payment** (Re: Mallen – 755 N. Evergreen Avenue)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

**#12-164 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Rescinding a Municipal Lien Against Property Located at 335 S. Evergreen Avenue**

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

**#12-165 - Resolution Authorizing Cancellations of Balances on Water Sewer Accounts in the City of Woodbury** (various properties)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

**#12-167 - Resolution Awarding Contract for the 2012 Cooper Street Mill and Overlay Project** (American Asphalt)

Councilman Louis presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Louis, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

Mr. Aimino, City Solicitor advised that the bids were reviewed by attorney Mark Shoemaker, Esq. (who also prepared this resolution) because he has a Conflict of Interest.

**\* Councilman Fleming arrives 7:43 PM**

**Vouchers**

**Public Safety**

**#12-161 - Resolution Appointing a Temporary Emergency Management Coordinator** (R. Merinuk)

Councilman Connor presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

There was a brief discussion on why this action was being taken. Merinuk will replace Cope because the EMC must live in the City. Joe Buono will be named Deputy EMC.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Trout, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

**#12-162 - Resolution Appointing a Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator (J. Buono)**

Councilman Connor presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Sloane, the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

**Motion regarding Complete Streets guidelines**

On motion of Councilman Connor, seconded by Councilman Louis, authorization was given to have the Planning/Zoning Board review the Complete Streets Guidelines that the State has put into place, and make their recommendations for the City incorporate them into our land use regulations

**Public Works/Utilities**

**#12-166 - Resolution Authorizing the City of Woodbury to Consent to the Treatment Works Approval Permit Application Regarding the GG Green Block Building Project**

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Fleming mentioned that he received some comments for the Police Department to consider. They are regarding changing the detour route for next year's parade. President Tierney stated that it will be taken under consideration for next year.

**Economic Development**

Councilman Trout advised that a selection has been made to fill the vacancy for the Economic Development Director, which he will defer to the Mayor for introduction.

Mayor Riskie introduced Randi Woerner, who has been the Economic Development Director for Glassboro for the last 11 years.

President Tierney stated that many candidates applied and there were seven (7) who were closely considered; however, when the final decision was made, Randi Woerner showed to be the candidate to have the most experience with redevelopment and housing matters. Council looks forward to working with her.

### **Personnel**

Councilman Sloane had nothing to report.

### **Property Maintenance**

Councilman Lockman had nothing to report.

### **Community Development**

Councilwoman Brown stated that the Arts Festival recently held in the Second Ward was very well received and attended; and hopes it will be an annual event.

### **Parks and Recreation/Environmental**

Councilwoman Brown had nothing to report in Councilwoman's Carter's absence.

### **Report of Mayor**

Mayor Riskie thanked everyone who worked so hard on Arts Festival and also to those who attended. The City hopefully will consider doing it again for next year and possibly consider a two day event. The event was very well received and the artists who participated were of a very high quality. The event was well worth all the efforts that so many put into making it.

The Mayor announced that this is Fire Prevention Week. The firemen will be visiting the grammar schools and advising of the importance of having a smoke detector.

Mayor Riskie advised of the passing of Reverend Warren Light yesterday. Rev. Light served as Chaplain for the Woodbury Fire Department for many years. Although he was a mid-

westerner he truly loved the City of Woodbury, his absence will be felt. No details were available at this time for funeral arrangements.

Also, the Mayor mentioned the City's Annual Fall Parade stating that the crowd seemed to be larger than usual. Hats off to President Tierney, Bob Law and Roy Duffield for a great parade.

Mayor Riskie stated no decision has been reached on the Library's sign request. Councilman Lockman stated he has not yet been able to set up a date with Ms. Wipf to explore the matter but he will do so and have a report for the next meeting.

### **Report of Clerk**

Mr. Duffield, City Clerk spoke on behalf of Bob Law to congratulate all Fall Parade participants and especially the trophy winners. Trophies will be presented at 6:30 PM, October 22, 2012 prior to the Council meeting. The parade will be broadcast on Comcast and Verizon TV this coming week. He also thanked everyone who helped with the parade.

The City Clerk stated that the JIF will have their annual Elected Officials training seminar reminding all officials that their attendance will reduce our premium by \$250.00.

Mr. Law left a report of the audit for all to review; Council members will be required to sign an affidavit of review at the next Council Meeting.

### **Open to the Public**

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilman Louis, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for non-agenda Items.

Ron Wilcox, 250 S. Barber Ave., approached Council to discuss the deterioration of Wing-Dickerson Park, especially the new tennis courts. Mr. Wilcox inquired if it is still under warranty since it was just recently installed. Also, a banner in memory of Victor Browne IV was to be placed at the Park; and that has not occurred. President Tierney stated that she was not aware of any such banner; but will check into it. Council thanked Mr. Wilcox for his diligence in maintaining and policing the park.

On motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Trout, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Sloane, seconded by Councilman Trout, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROY A. DUFFIELD**  
City Clerk

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Administrator/Deputy Clerk: Karl J. Kinkler  
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield  
City Engineer: Paul Breier, Clancy & Assoc.  
Librarian: Jean Wipf  
Solicitor: Michael Aimino, Esq.  
Public Works: Rich Leidy, Supervisor