

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 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

The Invocation was delivered by Honorable Gwendolyn J. Brown.

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, Carter, President Trovato and Mayor Volk

Absent: No One

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson the minutes of the Council Meeting of September 22, 2015 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Presentations and Discussions

Proclamation Honoring Woodbury Chief of Police (Reed Merinuk)

Mayor Volk read the Proclamation Honoring Chief Merinuk on his retirement.

Chief Merinuk thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the City of Woodbury and recognized his wife Suzanne who was present.

Pitman Police Chief Zimmerman read a Proclamation from the Gloucester County Police Chiefs' Association recognizing Chief Merinuk.

Public Hearing for Agenda Items Only:

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, 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.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, inquired where Phases II and III of the Bikeway are located. She also asked for an explanation of Resolution #15-179. Mr. Theokas answered each of her questions.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, 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

Administration Committee:

#15-176 - 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 Councilwoman Tierney the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

#15-177 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Bond of Nexus Holdings, LLC and 54 Oak Street, LLC regarding 54 Oak Street, Block 86, Lots 2, 6 & 7

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.

#15-178 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guaranty of Bud Concrete, Inc. regarding the FY2009 Bikeway Project – Phase 2

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:

#15-179 - Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the Budget of the City of Woodbury pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (C. 159, P.L. 1948)

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.

#15-180 - A Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

At Councilwoman Tierney's request Mr. Theokas explained the staffing and funding qualifications for this program.

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

Vouchers

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

Councilman Swanson presented the Tax & Utility Collector's cash receipts report for the month of September: Taxes \$480,128.56 and Water/Sewer \$252,256.78.

City Municipal Maintenance Committee:

#15-181 - Resolution Authorizing Change Orders for Site Improvements at 220 South Broad Street, Woodbury Police Building

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

At Councilwoman Parker's request Mr. Theokas explained the wiring, landscaping, and other itemized changes in the attached change order.

On motion of Carter, seconded by Johnson, the resolution was approved by a voice vote. Councilmembers Swanson and Reddin voted Nay; all others voted in favor.

Public Works Committee:

#15-182 - Resolution Authorizing Final Change Order Regarding FY2014 NJDOT Local Aid Project No. 2205680 East Red Bank Avenue - Milling and Overlay

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#15-183 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 1 for the 2015 Local Roads Resurfacing Project

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#15-184 - Resolution Awarding Contract to Gerald A. Barrett, LLC for the FY2015 Storm Sewer Infrastructure Improvements

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#15-185 - Resolution Awarding Contract to Gerald A. Barrett, LLC for the FY2015 NJDOT Local Aid Project - West Barber Avenue Milling and Overlay

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Old Business, New Business None

Other Committee Reports:

Green Team Committee Chair Councilwoman Tierney advised there would be a Green Team Meeting on October 19th. Make a Difference Day is October 24th. Their projects will include painting the basketball courts at Wing-Dickerson Park in addition to hardscaping and clean-up along Broad Street.

Community Development Committee Chair Councilwoman Floyd introduced Jessica Schriver, our new Economic Development employee. Also, she would like to see some type of recognition each month of either an individual or group to improve morale and let people know how much their efforts are appreciated. She has been meeting with civic, religious and volunteer groups. She invited everyone to the Ghost Tours on October 23rd, Rock the Woo on October 17th and mentioned upcoming Library events. She congratulated Lee Weatherby and the Parade Committee for Fall Parade. Harvest Festival and Antique Fair had to be postponed because of weather. Lastly, she commended our Public Works Department on the maintenance of our parks & rec fields.

Parks & Recreation Chairman Councilman Johnson advised that a bench will be installed at the Sutter-Baptist Park, at the suggestion of Gloria Holmes.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Volk extended congratulations to Chief Merinuk on his retirement. He also thanked Lee Weatherby and committee for organizing the Fall Parade. He proudly announced that his son recently completed Marine Corps training in Texas.

Department Announcements

Chief Tom Ryan updated Council on the foot patrols which have been recently implemented, noting that it has led to an arrest for attempted burglary of an unlocked vehicle. Councilman Johnson agreed that it has been effective.

Economic Development Director Randi Woerner thanked everyone who helped with the Fall Parade. She also announced the opening of several new businesses: Sunset II Restaurant, Buzz Cutz, King of Pizza, Brooklyn Pizza, Fiori's Bagels, Refreshments Plus, and a Dentist Office. She urged everyone to support these stores and shop locally. She also advised that the first building is well under construction at the Burris site. Also, a family was welcomed into a new home through Habitat for Humanity at 83 Wallace Street. The Fall edition of The Wire newsletter will be coming out next month and she welcomes any information that could be included.

Mr. Theokas stated that the Public Works Department will be looking for hire another driver for the City Bus, leaf pick-up schedule will be published very soon, and several paving projects are ongoing throughout the city. Mr. Theokas welcomed Jessica Schriver who will be updating our website along with the Tiki Tiki staff.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, 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.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue came forward to thank Council for the upkeep of our park areas; but paving repairs are needed on Lafayette Ave. She also urged Council to hire more minorities when filling vacancies within the City.

Lee Weatherby, 303 W. Center Street announced the walking Ghost Tour, Trick or Treating along Broad Street, and the Annual Golf Outing, all of which are sponsored by Main Street Woodbury. The Harvest Festival and Antique Fair were postponed and will be held sometime next Spring. He also announced that the Woodbury Merchants & Professionals Association will be holding the annual Tree Lighting Event again this year.

Mr. Weatherby spoke about the preparation for the Fall Festival Parade and all the work that goes into the event. He respectfully stated that much of this work has been done by Bob Law over the past several years and he wanted to acknowledge Bob's efforts. He also stated that without the support of the many sponsors, he would not have been able to even put on the parade and for that he wants to say a "special thank you" to everyone, especially Bob Law and Jack Scott, who served as our Grand Marshall this year. Another event he would like to address is the Memorial Day and Veterans Memorial Ceremonies held each year; let us never forget the sacrifices made by our veterans who have earned the respect of all citizens.

In conclusion, Mr. Weatherby wants nothing more than to have Woodbury to be as good as it can be and for everyone to see what a great place Woodbury is.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Executive Session was commenced at 8:37 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 8:49 pm.

Resolution #15-186 – Resolution Authorizing Settlement

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 approved by voice vote. Councilmembers Swanson & Johnson abstained from voting; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD

City Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Administrator: Mike Theokas

City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield

Zoning Officer: John Leech

Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner

Police: Chief Tom Ryan and Captain Pitzo

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.