

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
OCTOBER 14, 2014**

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.

Invocation

Pastor Wendell McGinnis of North Baptist Church lead the Invocation.

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 #14-05 adopted at the Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 6, 2014.

Roll Call

Present: Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Lockman, Parker, Carter, Johnson, President Fleming

Absent: Mayor Volk (was attending a funeral)

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2014 were approved as submitted. Councilmembers Tierney and Carter abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the minutes of the Closed Session of September 23, 2014 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Carter abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the minutes of the Closed Session of March 11, 2014 were unanimously approved.

Presentations and Discussions

14-158 - Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of William Sheehan as a Patrolman for 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 approved by voice vote.

Swearing in of Patrolman William Sheehan

Roy A Duffield, City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Patrolman Sheehan. Patrolman Sheehan thanked Council for the appointment and thanked his family and friends for attending the meeting to support him.

Pres. Fleming called for a brief recess at approximately 7:37 pm. The regular order of business reconvened at approximately 7:44 pm.

Presentation by Alan Koch, Landscape Architect

Mr. Alan Koch, Gloucester County's Landscape Architect presented two possible plans

for the proposed park at S. Broad Street & E. Barber Ave, where the new Police Station will be located. Questions were entertained from the public regarding the plans.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Lockman and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Jim Gradwell, 611 Cooper Street, addressed Ordinance #2217-14 regarding the loss of ratable from the Burris redevelopment. Councilmen Trovato and Swanson explained that they will in fact pay significantly more than the Woodbury Country Club was paying.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, inquired about Resolution #14-153 and the SORA redevelopment agreement. President Fleming explained that it covers the properties at the corner of North Broad and East Red Bank, east to the railroad and south to the police station.

As no one else came forward, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Lockman and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Public Safety

#14-159 - Resolution Awarding Contract to W.J. Gross, Inc. for the New Woodbury Police Station

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Finance & Administration

#2216-14 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 190-38 of the Code of the City of Woodbury Establishing a Three-Way Stop at the Intersection of Franklin and Hopkins Streets (Second Reading)

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Lockman and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing on the ordinance was ordered to be opened.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Swanson and seconded by Councilman Trovato, the ordinance was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes 9 Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Trovato, Johnson, Lockman, Parker, Carter,
President Fleming

Nays 0

Absent 0

#2217-14 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey, Approving the Application for a Long Term Tax Exemption and Authorizing the Execution of a Financial Agreement with Burris Post-Acute Network Woodbury Urban Renewal, L.L.C., a New Jersey Urban Renewal Limited Liability Company (first reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the ordinance was ordered to be placed on first reading, to be advertised according to law and to come up for Public Hearing and Final Adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on October 28, 2014.

#14-160 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee and Accepting the Maintenance Bond of Level-1 Construction, Inc. regarding the Water Main Replacement along Aberdeen Place

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-161 - Resolution Authorizing the Person-To-Person Transfer of Liquor License #0822-33-001-005 from Colonial Diner, Inc. to Colonial Woodbury LLC

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-162 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee of RPM Contracting, LLC regarding G.G. Green Building Center Street Parking Lot, Block 119, Lots 8 and 8.01

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Vouchers

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

Public Works/Parks and Recreation

#14-163 - Resolution to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application and to Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY2015 Municipal Aid Project hereinafter known as the Carpenter Street Milling & Overlay

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-164 - Resolution to Approve the Submission of a Grant Application and to Execute a Grant Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY2015 Municipal Aid Project hereinafter known as the West Barber Avenue Milling & Overlay

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilwoman Parker thanked Public Works for all their help in setting up and cleaning up after the Fall Festival Parade. The Public Works Department is currently working on pruning trees. The Columbus Weekend Soccer tournament was a success and well attended. The football teams are doing well. The Community Garden has finished their harvests for this season.

Economic Development

#14-153 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Execution of a Redevelopment Agreement between the City of Woodbury and SORA Northeast, having its Principal Offices located at 123 Egg Harbor Road, Sewell, New Jersey 08080

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Mr. Trovato welcomed the new owners of Colonial Diner to the City.

Community Relations

Councilwoman Tierney thanked Bob Law, the parade committee and all the volunteers who helped make the Fall Festival Parade a success. Councilwoman Tierney also reported that Ordinance #2213-14 is currently being reviewed by the ABC, our Solicitor and members of Council. She reminded everyone that National Make a Difference Day is October 25th, when volunteers will be welcomed to work on the landscaping project on Broad Street.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilman Hock advised that the Green Team met on October 6th and discussed our Sustainable Jersey certification. Councilman Hock read a synopsis of the Diversity on Boards Survey and it was discussed by Council. Councilman Johnson noted that we should promote diversity on our various Boards and Commissions.

Community Development

Councilman Johnson announced that on October 25th the intersection of Naomi and Manor Aves. will be dedicated as Ora Lee Washington Court, in honor of a long-time Woodbury Manor resident. (This is a secondary honorary naming; the streets are not being renamed.) Former Councilwoman Gwendolyn J. Brown approached the podium to give some details.

Property

Councilwoman Lockman advised that 660 Washington Avenue has been demolished; and asked Chief Merinuk to investigate 340 Hendrickson Avenue for possible code violations.

Old Business, New Business: None

Reports:

Mayor: None (not in attendance)

Clerk:

Clerk Roy A Duffield reminded everyone to vote on November 4th, and announced a Recycling Program being held at the High School on October 23rd to educate families on the importance of recycling.

Police

Chief Merinuk thanked Council for the swearing-in of Patrolman Sheehan, who will be replacing retiring Officer Fellon. The Chief also advised that his long-time assistant Meg Holmes is retiring in December and they will be looking replace her.

Library

Jean Wipf, Librarian updated Council on upcoming programs, including Ghost Tours and possible 'Digital Literacy' and ESL classes in conjunction with the County College.

Economic Development

Randi Woerner, Director of Economic Development touched on the following subjects:

1. 'Shop Woodbury' Program will be starting up shortly; Del Buonos, ReLinc, Edwards, Belia and Tiki Tiki will be participating
2. Various new businesses opening: Seven Three Social Club tattoos at 238 S. Broad Street, Melanie's Hair Expressions on Red Bank Avenue, TK Studio architects at 38 Newton Avenue; and Royal Day Spa at 11 Curtis Avenue;
3. Ground Breaking for Habitat for Humanity on Wallace St was rescheduled;
4. The Woodbury Wire Newsletter should be out by the end of the week;
5. The City, WORC and CBAC will have a Curb Appeal program to encourage exterior façade renovations for businesses; 17 have applied already.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trovato, and unanimously approved, Council authorized the use of \$2,500 from the Economic Development budget for the CBAC Curb Appeal facade program.

Main Street Woodbury

Mary Carter, Director of Main Street gave updates on MSW's events: Golf Tournament on 10/13/14, Ghost Tours on 10/24/14, Trick/Treating on Broad Street on 10/31/14 and high school students doing some painting on Broad Street.

FAF

Tara Rea stated her group is currently working on a strategic plan for upcoming City events.

Woodbury Merchants Association

Lee Weatherby, President of the Association thanked the City and WPD for their support of these events: Car Show on Labor Day weekend had record turnout, over 325 cars; first Antique Fair on Fall Festival Day was such a success they will do it twice per year; and upcoming Santa Parade will be held on a Saturday to attract shoppers all day long. Mr. Weatherby thanked Bob Law, Randi Woerner and the Rowan students for all their work on the Fall Festival Parade. The Merchants Association has donated approx. \$750 they raised back to the Parade Committee to offset the costs of the parade.

WORC

Heidi Louis, President of the Woodbury Olde City Restoration Committee stated her committee made a donation toward the CBAC facade program. Also, they have received a 1772 Trust grant to get the train station painted.

Open to the Public

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

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, inquired how residents who have no access to the City's website get information regarding things going on in the City. President Fleming stated that the newsletter that goes out to each resident will list as much information as possible. Mrs. Holmes also advised of a tree problem in the front of her home and has called Public Works to request a work order.

Dave Floyd, 445 W. Centre Street, President of the Woodbury Soccer Club, stated that over the weekend Woodbury and Deptford, co-hosted a Soccer Tournament, which was a huge success. They thanked the Police and Public Works Departments for all their help.

Summer Smith, 456 Griscom Drive, suggested a sign be placed at the park to list City events. President Fleming stated the electronic sign in front of City Hall was purchased by the Library to do just that.

As no one else approached Council, 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.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Lockman and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Administrator: Robert Law

Clerk: Roy Duffield

Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner

Librarian: Jean Wipf

Police: Chief Reed Merinuk

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.