

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
November 10, 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, followed by a Moment of Silence in observance of Veteran's Day. President Fleming announced Veteran's Ceremony will be held at the McGuinness Funeral Home on November 11.

Open Public Meeting Statement

The Deputy Administrator 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, Trovato, Lockman, Parker, President Fleming, Mayor Volk

Absent: Swanson, Johnson, Carter

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Lockman, the minutes of the meeting of October 28, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Presentation of Proclamation

Deputy Administrator, Robert Law, read a Proclamation to local business EP Henry for their contribution of pavers to be used for "Make a Difference Day".

Mr. Henry was present for the presentation and thanked Mayor and Council.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

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

Joan Reid, 600 Stratford Avenue, Woodbury Heights, New Jersey, came forward to discuss Ord. #2218-14 to enter into a shared services agreement for Municipal Court services with East Greenwich. As a 20 year employee of the Woodbury Court system, she is concerned for her own employment; but also stated that the move would be not convenient for the clients to get there, not to mention the loss of revenue. Mrs. Reid asked Council to consider other options.

Heidi Louis, 108 N. Girard Street, President of WORC, asked about the differences between Ord. 2221-14 for Social Affairs liquor licenses and Ord. #2213-14 which was previously introduced but not yet voted on for adoption.

President Fleming explained the main difference was to permit alcohol being served on city owned property. Mr. Pierson, City Solicitor advised it is still being reviewed by ABC and we are awaiting their response.

There being no one else, on motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Changes to Agenda

President Fleming advised that Resolution #14-173 on tonight's agenda concerning the Municipal Court Shared Services Agreement will be tabled.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Public Safety

#14-169 - Resolution Endorsing NJDOT Traffic Regulation Order Establishing “No Passing Zones” on Route 45

In Councilwoman Carter’s absence Councilman Hock presented this resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Hock, seconded by Councilman Lockman the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Finance & Administration

#2218-14 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey Amending Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Woodbury Establishing a Joint Municipal Court for the City of Woodbury and the Township of East Greenwich (Second Reading)

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled ordinance.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, and unanimously approved the Public Hearing on this ordinance was ordered open.

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

Councilwoman Tierney stated she was concerned about availability of public transportation to the new location, since there is no bus route along that road. Mr. Theokas advised that he has asked NJ Transit to provide service to that location; however they have not committed to do so. Mr. Pierson, City Solicitor stated that this ordinance was not the final commitment, only a pre-requisite; Resolution #14-173 when adopted and the signing of the shared services agreement will be the final approvals.

President Fleming stated that he too is concerned about the distance. However, the financial savings for the City outweigh the disadvantages.

Councilman Trovato agreed with Mrs. Reid’s concerns, asking that existing staff be given first consideration to being hired by East Greenwich.

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

Ayes	6	Tierney, Hock, Trovato, Lockman, Parker, Fleming
Nays	0	
Absent	3	Swanson, Johnson, Carter

#2219-14 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending the Personnel Policy Manual to Include an Employee Leave Donation Provision (First Reading)

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled ordinance.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Parker the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading by voice vote, ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor & Council.

#2220-14 - Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2203-14 of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester (First Reading)

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled ordinance.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

Councilwoman Tierney had questions regarding this bond ordinance, which CFO Mr. Robert Law answered.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Parker the ordinance was unanimously approved by voice vote on first reading, ordered to be

advertised according to law, to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council.

#14-170 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Imposing Lien(s) for Property Maintenance pursuant to Municipality Code §162-4

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-171 - 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 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-172 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations in the Local Budget of the City of Woodbury for the Year 2014

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

At Councilwoman Tierney's request Mr. Law provided a breakdown of expenses.

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

#14-173 - Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement between the City of Woodbury and the Township of East Greenwich to Establish the East Greenwich Joint Municipal Court (TABLED)

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, and unanimously approved, the resolution was **tabled**.

Vouchers

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

Public Works/Parks and Recreation

Councilwoman Parker advised that leaf collection has been started and the website has been enhanced for public viewing of leaf pickup schedule.

Economic Development

#14-174 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Gloucester County Improvement Authority for Economic Development Assistance

Councilman Trovato presented the above-titled resolution.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney asked whether this money will be allocated to Main Street

Woodbury as in the past. President Fleming stated he has no plans to deviate from this practice and thinks Main Street does a great job.

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

Community Relations

#2221-14 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending the Code of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 55 "Alcoholic Beverages" Creating Section 55-10 "Social Affairs Permits" (First Reading)

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled ordinance.

The Deputy Administrator read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Trovato and unanimously approved by voice vote the ordinance was ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council.

Councilwoman Tierney advised that she attended a meeting with the Co-Operative Ministries to discuss partnering with the City on future events.

Councilwoman Tierney congratulated all the winners of the recent Election.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilman Hock advised of the next Green Team meeting scheduled to be held December 8th at City Hall.

Community Development

In Mr. Johnson's absence Councilman Lockman had nothing to report for this committee

Property

Councilman Lockman had nothing to report for this committee.

Old Business None

New Business None

Reports

Mayor

Mayor Volk reminded everyone of the Laying of the Wreath Ceremony hosted by McGuinness Funeral Home at the Soldier of Peace Monument being held tomorrow to commemorate Veteran's Day.

Also Mayor Volk announced that renovations to the new Police Department at 220 S. Broad Street have begun with a tentative completion date of April 2015.

Clerk

In Mr. Duffield's absence the Deputy Administrator had nothing to report.

Economic Development Director

Randi Woerner listed recent ribbon cuttings for new businesses, the City's Sustainable Jersey Certification, Shop Woodbury rewards program and the recently announced closing of Bottom Dollar food store. She has attempted to contact Aldi's who will be the new owner; however, no one is willing to talk until the closing officially occurs.

Main Street Woodbury

Mary Carter, Director talked about the upcoming Ladies Holiday Bazaar and the Friday night holiday season shopping and carriage rides.

Engineer

Paul Breier, City Engineer gave a brief update on his report.

Police

Lt. Jeff Pitzo mentioned the Santa Parade being held on December 6th and the holiday bazaar.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilman Trovato, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for Any Items.

Cynthia Russell, 66 Hopkins Street, came forward to discuss the poor condition of Hopkins Street. She is requesting that the street be repaved, new street signs, cleaning of storm sewer grates, and in general better communication between the residents and City Council. She distributed her written request to Council Members.

As no one else came forward, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, 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 Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ROBERT LAW
Deputy Administrator

Other Officials Present

City Administrator: Michael Theokas
Deputy Administrator/CFO: Robert Law
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Engineer: Paul Breier, PE
Police: Lt. Jeff Pitzo
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.