

## **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 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 Reverend Robert Moore, Macedonia Baptist Church.

### **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, President Trovato and Mayor Volk

**Absent:** Carter

### **Approval of Minutes**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson the minutes of the Council Meeting of October 27, 2015 were unanimously approved as submitted.

### **Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Reddin 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, asked for explanations of resolutions #15-189, 15-191, 15-192, and 15-193. Mr. Theokas answered her questions.

### **Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports**

#### **Administration Committee:**

#### **#15-189 - 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 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 approved by a voice vote.

#### **#15-190 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriation in the Local Budget of the City of Woodbury for the Year 2015**

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 approved by a voice vote.

#### **#15-194 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Defense Agreement and Amendment to Retain a Common Expert in Furtherance of the City's Obligations pursuant to In The Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council On Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015)**

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 approved by a voice vote.

**Finance Committee:**

**Vouchers**

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

**Community Development Committee:**

**#15-191 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the Gloucester County Improvement Authority for Economic Development Assistance**

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired about the amount of the grant; \$45,000.

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

**Public Works Committee:**

**#15-192 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee and accepting the Maintenance Bond of Gerald A. Barrett, LLC regarding the FY2015 Local Roads Resurfacing Project Milling & Overlay of Various Streets**

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 approved by a voice vote.

**#15-193 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee and Accepting the Maintenance Bond of Gerald A. Barrett, LLC regarding the FY2014 NJDOT Local Aid Project East Red Bank Avenue Milling & 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 Reddin the resolution was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

**Other Committee Reports:**

Community Development Committee Chairwoman Floyd reported on the following events; Woodbury Christmas Bazaar will be held Nov. 14; Veterans Day Ceremonies will be held at the Justice Complex and Rotary Park on Nov. 15; Bethel AME Church celebrated their 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Nov. 7; and reminded those of us that are able to please contribute to various food drives during the holiday season.

Councilwoman Tierney advised that the Green Team met on Nov. 9 and they are continuing to work on the goals outlined in our Community Forestry Plan and our Sustainable Jersey plan.

Beautification Committee Chairman Reddin advised that they have collected 500 lbs of plastic bags for recycling and will be awarded a park bench made of TREX synthetic lumber, to be placed at the Community Garden.

Parks & Rec. Chairman Johnson advised that he attended the Bethel AME 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ceremonies and presented them with a Proclamation and met their Pastor Boyle. He also thanked the Public Works Department for the recently installed bench at Baptiste Park and the Gazebo at Hendrickson Park. He also advised that he recently met with officers of our youth sports organizations do discuss their needs and goals.

**Report of the Mayor**

Mayor Volk announced it was the 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Marine Corp. today. He also had the pleasure of attending Arlington National Cemetery recently. The Mayor stated that he and Mike Theokas toured the City last week to check on various projects,

including: Burris Medical Bldg., new Police Department and a new fence at the Community Garden; progress is good at each of them.

### **Report of the City Clerk**

Roy A. Duffield, City Clerk announced that the public hearing for Ordinance #2239-15 has been postponed until November 24<sup>th</sup> at which time the ordinance will be considered for adoption.

Mr. Duffield announced the winners of the Nov. 3 General Election as follows:

First Ward	Tracey Parker
Second Ward	William Fleming
Third Ward	David Swanson

Lastly, Mr. Duffield offered his thanks to all veterans for their service to our country.

### **Department Heads' Announcements**

CFO Bob Law announced that the recently approved JIF budget will result in a 6% premium decrease and \$33,600 dividend back to the City.

Chief Ryan stated that on December 5<sup>th</sup>, the Woodbury Police Department will be participating in a Job Fair at Rowan University to promote diversity in his department.

Randi Woerner, Economic Development Director announced the release of the latest edition of Woodbury Wire newsletter. She also mentioned 3 new eateries: Sunset II Soul Food, King of Pizza and Brooklyn Pizza. Also, Habitat for Humanity will be holding a celebration at their newest home at 456 Allen Street.

Public Works Manager Rich Leidy stated that leaf collection will start this week. Signs will be posted in affected areas and on our website. Mr. Leidy also reported on the demolition of 661 Green Street (former Corinthian Masonic Lodge) and increased efforts to clean-up along Broad Street.

Mr. Theokas, City Administrator discussed the following:

Conrail will be upgrading their crossing at E Barber Ave, and possibly others, and he asked them to better maintain their parking lots;

NJDOT has acknowledged that they plan to replace the bridge Broad St over Woodbury Creek, although it may still be a few years out;

NJ League of Municipalities conference will be held next week;

City Hall will be closed Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day;

West Barber Avenue will be milled and paved by year end;

and lastly he gave a special thank you to Lee Weatherby and Charles Hughes for all their work on the Veterans' Day Services, noting that his uncle is a WWII Veteran.

### **Open to the Public**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson 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, noted that on Veterans Day at least 20 places are offering free meals to veterans; she complained about the condition of Green Street Park, and thanked Councilwoman Tierney for all her efforts on Make a Difference Day improving Wing Dickerson Park.

Lindsey Davis Knowles came forward to advise that the Woodbury Steelers Football team is holding a Beef and Beer fundraiser for Coach Swigs.

Heidi Louis, 102 N. Girard Street, representing WORC informed Council of recent repairs to the train station: repaving, repainting, termite repairs, and sprinkling system. The work was funded partly by a 1772 Grant obtained by Randi Woerner. Regarding our Historic Preservation Commission, she asked if the vacancies have been filled and if their November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting has been rescheduled. Mayor Volk informed her those positions have been filled. She thanked Chief Ryan for holding the meet & greet session at Central Baptist Church in June; it was so successful that their church has been asked to present the idea to other churches in the State. Lastly, she asked those who are able to donate to the Greater-Woodbury Co-op Ministries Food Bank. They serve over 700 families each month.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson 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 Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A Duffield  
City Clerk

**Other Officials in Attendance**

Administrator: Mike Theokas  
Chief Financial Officer: Robert law  
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield  
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner  
Police: Chief Tom Ryan  
Public Works: Rich Leidy, Director  
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.