

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

The Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tempore Swanson 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 Norwood Cuff, Pastor Campbell AME 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, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Redden, Carter, President Pro Tempore Swanson and Mayor Volk

Absent: President Trovato

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Reddin, the minutes of the Council Meeting of November 10, 2015 were approved as submitted. Councilwoman Carter abstained from the vote. All others voted in favor of the motion.

Presentations and Discussions

Proclamation Acknowledging the 300th year of the Woodbury Friends Meeting House

Councilman Reddin read a Proclamation Honoring the 300th Anniversary of the Friends Meeting House and presented it to George Crispin and others from Woodbury Friends Meeting who were in attendance.

Mr. Crispin graciously accepted and gave a brief history and presented a video tour of the meeting house to Mayor and Council.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

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 Agenda Items Only.

Heidi Louis, 102 N. Girard Street, expressed concern that neither of the ordinances on tonight's agenda was available for review on our website prior to the meeting.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Parker, seconded by Reddin, and unanimously approved the public hearing was closed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Administration Committee:

#2239-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter 162, Solid Waste of the Code of the City of Woodbury (Second Reading)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

Heidi Louis, 102 N. Girard Street asked for further details on the ordinance, stating more emphasis should be placed on speeding tickets, than trash tickets.

Mr. Theokas explained that the ordinance was devised to correct some situations

occurring with businesses placing their trash out in an unsightly and unsanitary manner. It did not necessarily pertain to residential collection.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Fleming, seconded by Parker, and unanimously approved, the public hearing was ordered closed.

Councilman Fleming made a motion, seconded by Reddin, to adopt the ordinance. Discussion ensued, including questions from Fleming, Floyd, Johnson, and Tierney. Randi Woerner explained in more detail why the ordinance was being proposed. The City Solicitor explained the rationale for the wording of the ordinance.

After hearing the concerns of members of both Council and the public, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Reddin and unanimously approved the ordinance was TABLED.

#2240-15 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Adopting City of Woodbury Source Separation and Recycling Ordinance (First Reading)

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Reddin, the ordinance was unanimously approved 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 Council on December 8, 2015.

#15-195 - 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 Councilman Reddin the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

President Pro Tempore Swanson stated no official action would be taken following the Executive Session.

#15-196 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Gloucester a 700 MHz Radio System

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

In response to questions from Council Mr. Theokas, Chief Ryan, Mayor Volk and Councilman Swanson explained the benefits of this system over our current system, and that the County has agreed to pay the majority of the \$18 million cost.

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

#15-197 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order #2 for Site Improvements at 220 South Broad Street, Woodbury Police Building

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired about the process of the approval of the change orders prior to Council's approval. Mr. Theokas explained that these unforeseen changes were recommended by our engineer for this project, Jefferis engineering.

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

Lastly, Councilman Fleming advised that, regarding the evaluation of our Water & Sewer Utility, our engineer had provided a spread-sheet detailing the findings of the evaluation by Remington-Vernick. The Committee will again review the matter and make recommendations whether to retain or possibly sell the Utility. Mr. Theokas pointed out that either way, this study will give us an accurate picture of the current physical and financial condition of our Water & Sewer System.

Finance Committee:

#15-198 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Imposing Lien(s) for Property Maintenance pursuant to Municipality Code §162-4

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.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the vouchers as presented and certified were unanimously approved for payment.

Councilwoman Parker reported the Tax & Utility Collector's receipts for October were:
Taxes \$1,954,473.56 Water & Sewer \$ 335,605.57

Old Business: none

New Business:

Mr. Theokas reported to Council that our towing company, Riehl's Towing, has several cars in their possession which have been towed and are now unclaimed. If we take ownership of these vehicles we will then have to pay the towing & storage fees that are due. The value of the cars is less than the amounts due. Mr. Theokas asked for permission to sign them over to Riehl's so they can legally dispose of them.

A motion was made by Fleming, seconded by Parker and unanimously approved to authorize our City Administrator to sign the junk cars over to Riehl's Towing.

Other Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Floyd of Community Development Committee advised that the Creative Team met last week to discuss plans for next year. Also, Boy Scout Troop #7 will be holding a toy drive, and Cooperative Ministries is collecting various items such as toiletries, shampoo, conditioner, food, etc.; donations to either would be greatly appreciated. On Dec. 9 FAF Coalition will dedicate the tree sculpture at Bell Lake Park..

Councilman Johnson of Parks & Rec Committee stated that he attended a Grand Opening of the occupational therapy program at Inspira and he also attended the 119th Anniversary of the Bethlehem Baptist Church and presented a Mayoral Proclamation to them. Lastly, he attended the PTSA meeting and Coach Bag Bingo event.

Councilwoman Tierney advised the next Green Team Meeting will be December 7.

Councilwoman Carter advised the Municipal Maintenance Committee will meet Dec. 4.

Councilwoman Parker of Public Works advised that leaf collection has started.

Councilman Reddin of City Beautification acknowledged Tony Isabella of Habitat for Humanity for his passion. Also, Mr. Reddin attended the Veterans Day Ceremonies and thanked those who organized the event.

President Pro Tempore Swanson thanked Rep. Donald Norcross who invited him to tour the White House during a recent visit to Washington, DC.

Department Heads' Reports:

Randi Woerner informed Council that today we cut the ribbon at Habitat for Humanity's home at 456 Allen Street. Also November 28th is Shop Local Day and she encourages everyone to support local businesses, including two new businesses, Fiore Bagel and King of Pizza. She also gave Shop Woodbury cards to everyone in the room.

Chief Ryan informed everyone that there will be a Law Enforcement Diversity Career Fair at Rowan University on December 5. Chief Ryan stated the Police would like to be notified if anyone witnesses vehicles speeding on City Streets.

Bob Law stated that the RFQ's for Professional Services for the 2016 calendar year will be advertised and must be received by December 17. Also the JIF Elected Officials training will be held on January 14th.

Report of Administrator

Mike Theokas reported on the following:

1. Sidewalk repairs as a result of the June 23 storm have been completed, and the City will be reimbursed through FEMA;
2. We have finally received the \$3.1 million grant money from NJEIT for the Woodbury-Glassboro Water Main repairs completed in 2013;

3. Planning/Zoning Board will be presenting an amendment to the livestock Ordinance at the next Council meeting for our consideration

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Volk announced that next week the Fire Department will be holding their election of fire officials. Also, the Woodbury Police Department will be announcing the hiring of another Sergeant in the very near future.

Report of the City Clerk

Roy A Duffield reported that on Nov.12 we had visitors from Bury England. Arian Frost the former Chief Executive; Mike Owen the current Chief Executive; and Jane the CFO of the Police & Fire Departments of Bury stopped in for a tour of City Hall. While here they presented the City with two cut glass vases inscribed with Bury's logo. Our Twinning Experience happened some 15 years ago and they continue to maintain a relationship with Woodbury.

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.

Charles Hughes, 31 N. Childs Street, came forward to thank everyone for helping the November 15th Veterans Ceremony such a success. A Special thank you to Mike Theokas, Randi Woerner, Mayor Volk, Councilpersons; Floyd, Tierney, Reddin, Johnson and former Councilwoman Brown.

Lee Weatherby, 303 W. Center Street, President of Woodbury Merchants & Professionals Association, also came forward to talk about the Veterans Memorial Ceremony and how well represented the City was. He also advised of the following dates and events: Saturday, December 5th, Santa Parade, and Saturday, December 11, for the Tree Lighting Ceremonies in front of City Hall.

Freeholder Jim Jefferson, 128 N. Drexel Street stated that he attended the 119th Anniversary of Bethlehem Baptist Church, along with Councilpersons Johnson and Brown, and he also congratulated the Mayor on his "extended family".

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed. At that time Council then proceeded to go into Executive Session from 9:10 pm -9:32 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Other Officials in Attendance

Administrator: Mike Theokas
Chief Financial Officer: Robert law
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Engineer: Paul Breier, PE
Police: Chief Tom Ryan
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.