

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF
December 2, 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

Former Mayor Donald P. Sanderson delivered the Invocation.

Open Public Meeting Statement

The City Clerk stated that due notice had been given to the public and the press by posting and by publication in South Jersey Times.

Roll Call

Present: Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Parker, Carter, Johnson, President Fleming and Mayor Volk

Absent: Trovato, Lockman

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson the minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2014 were approved as submitted. Councilman Swanson abstained; all others voted in favor of the motion.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the minutes of the closed session meeting of October 28, 2014 were unanimously approved.

Presentations and Discussions

The City Clerk announced the official results of the 2014 General Election:

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| Mayor | William Volk (D) | 1387 |
| | Heather S. Tierney (R) | 1166 |

| <u>1st Ward</u> | <u>2nd Ward</u> | <u>3rd Ward</u> |
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| Daniel Reddin (D) 329 | Ted Johnson, Jr. (D) 510 | Jessica Floyd (D) 582 |
| Les Lockman (R) 267 | Cynthia Gallenthin (R) 261 | Rick Hock (R) 565 |

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.

Lee Weatherby, 303 W. Centre Street reminded everyone of the Santa parade scheduled for Saturday December 6.

Linda Banks, Woodbury's Municipal Court Administrator addressed Council to oppose Res. 14-173 to merge the court system with East Greenwich. She noted the loss of revenues, the impact on the police department, the daily activities of her office, the caseload, the potential logistical problems of holding Court several miles away and the many years of loyal service provided by her staff.

John Holston, Esq. representing WORC and Main Street Woodbury commented on Ord. #2221-14. In his opinion the ordinance is too restrictive, primarily regarding the 'economic well-being' of the sponsor, and the exclusion of minors.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place also addressed Ord. #2221-14 asking why Social Affairs may be held on city property, but not City streets & sidewalks.

Tim Zatzariny, 237 S. Horace Street, thought Ord. #2221-14 is too restrictive and should be revised. Discussion ensued between members of Council, Mr. Zatzariny and the Police Chief.

Donald P. Sanderson, 106 S. Columbia Street, came forward to praise the Woodbury Police Department for their quick response to a break-in at his business.

Public Safety

Councilwoman Carter had nothing to report for this committee.

Finance & Administration

#2219-14 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending the Personnel Policy Manual to Include an Employee Leave Donation Provision (Second 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 Public Hearing was ordered open for this ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the ordinance was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote:

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| Ayes | 7 | Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Johnson, Parker, Carter, Fleming |
| Nays | 0 | |
| Absent | 2 | Trovato, Lockman |

#2220-14 - Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2203-14 of the City of Woodbury, County Of Gloucester, New Jersey (Second Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was ordered open for this ordinance.

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

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Hock, the ordinance was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote:

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| Ayes | 7 | Tierney, Hock, Swanson, Johnson, Parker, Carter, Fleming |
| Nays | 0 | |
| Absent | 2 | Trovato, Lockman |

#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

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

This resolution was tabled at the November 10 Council meeting. On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney and unanimously approved the resolution was removed from the table.

Mr. Theokas stated that the State Judiciary was involved in these discussions from the start, and most of the issues referenced by Linda Banks have been considered. He added that our court employees are encouraged to apply and be interviewed for any available positions with the new Joint Municipal Court.

President Fleming explained that we hate to lay off loyal employees but the cost savings is significant. Other Council members expressed hopes that our loyal employees can be hired by the East Greenwich Joint Court.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired about the Administrative Fee mentioned in the Agreement, which Mr. Theokas explained.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

#14-175 - Resolution Amending Resolution #14-05 Establishing the Schedule of Regular Meetings of City Council of the City of Woodbury for the Legislative Year 2014

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

#14-176 - Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

#14-177 - Resolution Acknowledging Award of South Jersey Power Cooperative Bidding Results for Natural Gas Supply Service

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

#14-181 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 for the Renovation to the New Woodbury Police Station

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Theokas provided an explanation of the requested changes.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

#2222-14 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Water and Sewer Utility Capital Equipment in the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$90,000 Therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$90,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing (First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Mr. Theokas pointed out that this ordinance is being offered to correct a minor deficiency in Ordinance #2204-14; no additional money is being spent or bonded.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney and 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 regular meeting of Mayor and Council scheduled for December 16, 2014.

Vouchers

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

Public Works/Parks and Recreation

#14-178 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement by and Among the County of Gloucester, Gloucester County Improvement Authority and City of Woodbury for the Operation, Maintenance and Use of a Deicer Storage Facility and Deicer Material

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#14-179 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order #1 for the 2014 Local Road Resurfacing

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 voice vote.

#14-180 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee of American Asphalt, Inc.

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 voice vote.

Economic Development

Councilwoman Tierney had nothing to report for this committee.

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" (Second Reading)

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was ordered open for this ordinance.

John Holston, Esq. again approached Council to ask that the Ordinance be amended to include his earlier recommendations.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, asked whether, under this ordinance, FAF would be permitted to hold their Fall Arts Festival as before; the answer was yes.

Tara Rea of 61 N. Childs Street and FAF Member said FAF agrees with Mr. Holston's comments. She also feels that providing security guards for these events will be costly and having TAMS/TAMS certified personnel on site will be difficult.

Mary Carter, Main Street Woodbury Director, noted that under this ordinance Social Affairs permits will be excluded from the Main Street business district.

Summer Smith, 456 Griscom Drive feels that minors should be allowed to attend.

Jessica Floyd, 445 W. Center Street, asked why Broad St buildings are excluded while City parks are permitted. Chief Merinuk responded defining his concerns.

Councilman Swanson compared this ordinance to our recently enacted C-1 zone.

Councilwoman Tierney agreed there are discrepancies and concerns in the ordinance; however, since Council was not given the ordinance beforehand to review she would like time to meet with the organizations that actually run these events and ask for their input. She is suggesting we table the ordinance for now.

President Fleming stated many of the topics discussed tonight were discussed at our previous meeting.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved, the ordinance was **tabled**.

On another matter, Councilwoman Tierney reported that the Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries Group would like to become more involved with City projects.

Environmental and Green Acres

Councilwoman Hock advised the Green Team will be meeting on 12/8/14.

Community Development

Councilman Johnson had nothing to report for this committee.

Property

Mr. Theokas informed Council the abandoned property at 666 Washington Avenue property has been demolished.

Old Business None

New Business None

Reports:

Mayor

Mayor Volk extended his get well wishes to Councilman Lockman for a speedy recovery from a recent medical procedure.

He also read a letter from Fire Chief Randall Gardner requesting permission to erect at Firefighter's monument at Hendrickson Park. September 28, 2018 will mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Firefighter Daniel H. Davis who died while on duty.

Clerk

Mr. Duffield reminded everyone of the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on December 4. Also, the Council's 2015 Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for January 3.

Economic Development Director

Randi Woerner presented the Sustainable Jersey Plaque we recently received. She assured Council and the public she is working every day to find quality retailers to fill stores such as Walgreen's, Dollar Sea, Bottom Dollar, etc. She also described the Shop Local campaign that is in effect.

Library

Jean Wipf, Librarian announced the Library's December events.

Main Street Woodbury

Mary Carter, Director of Main Street gave a brief update on the upcoming events being held by Main Street.

John Campbell of Greater Woodbury Chamber of announced the "Taste of Spain" event on January 9th, 2015

Police:

Chief Merinuk described a Directed Patrol in the Broad Street corridor targeting intoxication, loitering, drug activity, and other offenses, resulting in 26 arrests.

Open to the Public

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

Seeing no one, 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.

Closed Session

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney and unanimously approved Council took a brief recess before convening the Closed Session at approximately 9:50 pm.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved the regular order of business was resumed at 10:07 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present

Administrator: Michael Theokas
CFO: Robert Law
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Breier, PE
Economic Development Dir.: Randi Woerner
Library: Jean Wipf
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk, Captain Tom Ryan
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.