

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 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 Norwood Cuff, Pastor Campbell AME Church and Chaplain of Friendship Fire Co. Rev. Cuff also introduced Rev. Boyer, the new pastor of Bethel 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: Council Members Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Reddin, Carter, President Trovato, Mayor Volk

Absent: Parker

#15-199 - Resolution Authorizing the Promotion of Eric J. Lokaj from Detective to Sergeant in 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 Councilman Reddin the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Mayor Administers the Oath of Office

Mayor Volk administered the Oath of Office to Sgt. Eric J. Lokaj. Sergeant Lokaj thanked Chief Ryan, Mayor Volk and Council for the opportunity to serve in this position.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Fleming, the minutes of the Council Meeting of November 24, 2015 were approved as submitted. President Trovato abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor of the motion.

On motion of Swanson, seconded by Johnson the Minutes of the Executive Session of November 24, 2015 were approved as submitted. President Trovato abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Public Hearing for Agenda Items

On motion of Councilman Johnson, 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.

Jessica Ferguson, 124 S. American Street came forward to thank Council and Planning/Zoning Board for their work on Ordinance #2241-15. She then suggested several revisions to the ordinance and asked Council to consider her requests.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Reddin, seconded by Johnson the public hearing was closed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Administration Committee

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

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

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 opened.

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

Councilwoman Floyd asked how this ordinance impacts residential vs. commercial properties. Mr. Duffield answered her questions. Additionally, she suggested combing through our code book to remove obsolete items. Council members agreed it should be done, however it is a big task.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Reddin, the ordinance was adopted by roll call vote:

Ayes: Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Reddin, Carter, President Trovato

Nays: none Absent: Parker

#2241-15 - An Ordinance of the City Of Woodbury, County Of Gloucester and State of New Jersey Amending the Code of the City of Woodbury, Entitled "Animals" TABLED

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 and unanimously approved, the ordinance was ordered TABLED.

#15-200 - 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 Johnson the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice motion.

#15-201 - Resolution Establishing Date for Reorganization Meeting for 2016 of the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson the resolution

was unanimously approved by a voice motion.

Finance Committee:

#15-202 - Resolution to Reimburse Tax Payment - Block 5 Lot 3

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#15-203 - Resolution Directing the Distribution of the City of Woodbury Net Returned Surplus Funds Held in Trust by the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

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 a voice vote.

#15-204 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Appropriations in the Local Budget of the City of Woodbury for the Year 2015

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#15-205 - Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Appropriations in the Local Budget of the City of Woodbury for the Year 2015

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 a voice vote.

#15-206 - 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 Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Vouchers

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

Public Works Committee

#15-207 - Resolution Establishing a 5-Year Moratorium on the Issuance of Road

Opening Permits for the Portions of the Roads Resurfaced as part of the FY2015 Local Road Milling & Overlay Project from November 10, 2015 through November 10, 2020

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 a voice vote.

#15-208 - Resolution Establishing a 5 Year Moratorium on the Issuance of Road Opening Permits for East Red Bank Avenue, N. Broad Street to N. Evergreen Avenue from September 30, 2015 through September 30, 2020

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#15-209 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 2 for the Wood Street Water Main Extension Project

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Other Committee Reports:

For the Municipal Maintenance Committee Councilwoman Carter reported that many of the windows in City Hall will be refurbished.

Councilwoman Tierney reported on the Green Team meeting of December 7, and asked to make a presentation to Council at the December 22 meeting. The next Green Team meeting will be January 11, 2016.

Community Development Chair Councilwoman Floyd discussed the many events taking place in the City, including Santa Parade, Christmas Tree lighting at City Hall, photos with Santa at Friendship Fire House, FAF tree sculpture dedication at Bell Lake Park, "happenings" at Woodbury Crossing and Woodbury Court, Troop 7 toy drive, and Main Street Woodbury hats & scarves drive. These things are what gives Woodbury a "hometown community feeling" and make it a better place. She especially thanked Lee Weatherby for his efforts and everyone who helps put them on.

Councilman Johnson of Parks & Recreation Committee recognized the Woodbury Steelers on winning the state football title and noted that many of those athletes are on the principal's list at school.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Volk announced two ribbons cuttings that he attended this week; Fiore Bagel Nook and King of Pizza. The Mayor also wanted to recognize the Woodbury Steelers for their outstanding season. Mayor Volk also announced that he will be attending the dedication of the tree sculpture on December 9th at Bell Lake; the Mayor's Association meeting on December 10 and the City Hall Tree Lighting on December 11th.

Department Heads' Announcements

Economic Development Director Randi Woerner reported that December 5 was "Shop. Local" in Woodbury and it went well. She distributed reusable shopping bags and "shop Woodbury" cards to everyone in the audience.

Jean Wipf, Librarian, announced that hot chocolate and cookies would be served in the Library after the tree lighting ceremonies. She also announced the Library will be receiving grants of \$4,500 for Art in the Street and \$1,000 for After School programs.

Police Chief Ryan thanked Council for the promotion of Sergeant Lokaj and reported that the recruitment event at Rowan University was very successful. Councilwoman Floyd mentioned a recent newspaper article on the success of the foot patrols of the Police Department. The residents' response has been extremely positive.

Mike Theokas, City Administrator reminded Council of the 2016 Reorganizational Meeting on January 5th, and the next regular meeting will January 26th. He updated Council on some of our Public Works projects including storm sewers and W. Barber Ave milling & paving.

Open to the Public

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

Mary Carter from Main Street Woodbury reported on their 2015 successes and their scheduled events for 2016. She asked Council for additional funding to support their programs and invited volunteers to join. Councilman Fleming noted that Main Street has done an amazing job this year.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place asked about plans for new traffic patterns in his neighborhood as a result of the Burris project.

Jim McCue, 122 Watkins Street stated he supports Ordinance #2241-15.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Swanson, seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved the public session was closed and the closed session was commenced at approximately 8:30 pm. President Trovato stated that official action will be taken after the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved Council resumed the Regular Order of Business at 9:30 pm.

Resolution #15-210 – Resolution Authorizing Shared Service with West Deptford for Construction Code Enforcement

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Resolution #15-211 – Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Floyd the resolution was adopted by a voice vote. Councilwoman Tierney abstained from voting; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials in Attendance

Administrator: Mike Theokas

City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield

Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner

Engineer: Paul Breier, PE

Librarian: Jean Wipf

Police: Chief Tom Ryan, Capt. Jeff Pitzo

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.