

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 22, 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. President Trovato requested a Moment of Silence in honor of the passing of Hugh Victor Brown, a long-time Woodbury resident and a Congressional Gold Medal Recipient.

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Alvin Collins, Pastor, Spoken Word 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, Reddin, Carter, President Trovato and Mayor Volk

Absent: Parker

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Carter the minutes of both the regular Council Meeting of December 8, 2015 and the Executive Session of December 8, 2015 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Presentations and Discussions:

Proclamation to Steelers Football

Councilman Johnson read a Proclamation honoring the Woodbury Steelers for their undefeated 2015 season. Mayor Volk congratulated the players, presenting the Team with a \$1500 check from the City Engineer, Federici & Akin to be used toward their new blocking sled.

Green Team Presentation

Councilwoman Tierney gave a presentation outlining the Green Team's accomplishments during 2015 and their goals going forward.

Public Hearing for Agenda Items

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

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Administration Committee:

#15-212 - Resolution Approving Renewal of an Inactive Alcoholic Beverage License Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 for PB Woodbury Liquor License LLC

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 adopted by a voice vote.

#15-213 - Resolution Appointing John Leech as Emergency Management Coordinator for 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 adopted by a voice vote.

#15-214 - 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 Borough of Woodbury Heights for New Jersey Uniform Fire Code Administration and Enforcement

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#15-220 - Resolution Authorizing the Discharge of Mortgage for the NJDCA Division of Aging, Safe Housing and Transportation Program in the amount of \$5,300

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.

Finance Committee:

#15-215 - Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety (P-5885-13)

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.

#15-216 - A Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety (P-6185-14)

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 adopted by a voice vote.

#15-217 - A Resolution Approving Participation with the State of New Jersey Safe and Secure Communities Program Administered by the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety (P-6485-15)

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 adopted by a voice vote.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Floyd, the vouchers as presented and certified were unanimously approved for payment.

Public Works Committee:

#15-218 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit of 48 North Broad Street Urban Renewal, LLC Regarding Excess Reinsurance, Block 120, Lot 4

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.

Green Team Committee:

#15-219 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Recreation & Open Space Inventory (ROSI) Certification for the Green Acres Grant Project #0822-14-011

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Old Business, New Business: None

Other Committee Reports:

Councilman Reddin recognized the 100th Birthday of Mrs. Dann, a resident of the Woodbury Mews. He also acknowledged the 35th Anniversary of the adoption of the City of Woodbury's Recycling Ordinance in 1980.

Councilwoman Floyd acknowledged the various activities which occurred over the holidays and thanked those responsible: Friendship Fire Company's gift deliveries; Santa's Workshop hosted by Main Street Woodbury and Chamber of Commerce; Merchants Association Tree Lighting and Parade, Library Events, to name a few. She also thanked the Community Development Committee for all their work during 2015.

Councilman Johnson thanked the Federici & Akin for their donation to the Steelers and also thanked Council for approving the new concession stand at the football field and repairs to storm sewers at Rotary Park.

Report of the Mayor:

Mayor Volk acknowledged the passing of Victor Brown, at the age of 90, reflecting on their first meeting and continued friendship over the years. He also congratulated the Woodbury Steelers on their championship season, and gave a special thank-you to the Fire Company for providing gifts for the holidays and delivering them to the neighborhoods with Santa on the fire truck. The Mayor mentioned the paving of W. Barber Ave along with many other streets over the past few years, and the grant money received to purchase body cameras for the Police Department.

Report of the City Clerk:

Mr. Duffield reminded Council of the Reorganization Meeting on January 5, 2016.

Open to the Public:

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

Santa Claus, of North Pole wished everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday season and thanked Mayor & Council for making Woodbury a better place.

Heide Louis, 102 N. Girard Avenue, and a WORC member approached Council about their proposed redevelopment in the first block of S. Broad St, and stated WORC opposes demolition of any historic buildings.

Gerald O'Connor, 72 Rugby Place and a WORC member, also expressed his opposition to the proposed redevelopment and reminded Council that these are within the Historic District and any demolition would require state SHPO approval.

Jacqualynn Knight, 232 Hunter Street, asked if the minutes of Council's Executive Session of December 8 are available to the public (no), and whether the reason for the executive session was made public (yes). She asked about Council's vision for the downtown, and hopes they do not intend to raze every historic building; however she realizes that some buildings may have to be removed to make progress.

Tim Zatariny, 237 Horace St said the Rite Aid property at Broad & Barber Aves has a chain across their parking lot. Even though the store is closed Mr. Zatariny insisted that it is "a place of public accommodation" and parking should be available to the public. Mr. Theokas offered to look into it for him.

Scott Moon, 404 Harding St asked for the Clerk to post a more detailed meeting agenda and resolutions on City website prior to each meeting. Mr. Moon also advised that the public sound system is not of good quality and the audience is having problems hearing.

Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilman Fleming, 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 Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Administrator: Mike Theokas

City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield

Economic Development Ofc: Randi Woerner

Engineer: Paul Breier, PE

Police: Captain Jeff Pitzo

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq

CFO: Robert Law