

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Trovato at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey. Pres. Trovato led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation**

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Charles Boyer, 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 #16-05 adopted at the 2016 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 5, 2016.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Tierney, Swanson, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, President Trovato and Mayor Volk

**Absent:** Councilwoman Floyd

**Minutes of January 26, 2016:**

On motion of Councilwoman Carter, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2016 were unanimously approved as submitted.

**Public Hearing for Agenda Items:**

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

Jessica Ferguson, 124 S. American Street, came forward to thank Council for their cooperation with Ordinance #2243-16 and urged them to approve it.

Paul Ferguson, 124 S. American Street, also spoke in support of #2243-16.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place referenced Ord. #2242-16 inquired if the price of \$250,000 was only for the purchase of the property, or does it include associated closing costs, testing, etc. Mr. Theokas responded that it was just the purchase price. Seeing no one else, on motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, the Public Portion was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:**

**#16-48 - 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 adopted by voice vote.

**#16-49 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Professional Contracts**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**#16-50 - Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks**

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 voice vote.

**#16-51 - 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-6785-16)**

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Vouchers:**

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

Councilman Swanson reported the Tax & Utility Collector's receipts for January, 2016: Taxes: \$1,881, 377.71 Water and Sewer: \$405,744.16.

Councilman Swanson also advised that he along with Councilwomen Carter and Floyd attended the Bowman Budget Seminar on January 27<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that EMC John Leech has scheduled a debriefing meeting regarding the January 23 snow storm.

**Economic Development Committee:**

**#16-52 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Approving a Shared Services Agreement with the Gloucester County Improvement Authority for the Use of Certain Stage Units**

In Mrs. Floyd's absence Councilman Johnson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

**Parks and Recreation Committee:**

**#2243-16 - 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"**

Councilman Johnson presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Swanson the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on February 23, 2016. Councilman Johnson thanked Mayor, Council and Planning/Zoning Board for putting forth this ordinance.

Councilman Johnson also stated that the Parks and Rec Committee will be meeting in the near future regarding plans for the new concession stand at Laverty Field.

**Volunteers, Seniors & Veterans Committee:**

**#16-53 - Resolution Accepting Volunteer Firefighter Application of William Schoenleber for Membership in the Woodbury Fire Department**

Councilman Reddin presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Councilman Reddin also noted that he and Councilwoman Tierney attended Main Street Woodbury's annual meeting, and he met with leaders of Cub Scouts Pack #1721.

**Green Team Committee:**

**#16-54 - Resolution of Support from the City of Woodbury to Apply for the 2015-2016 Sustainable Jersey \$10,000 Small Grant Program**

Councilwoman Tierney presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Fleming the resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote. Councilwoman Tierney stated that this grant application has been submitted, to fund a tree inventory program. She also advised that the Green Team met yesterday and plans are in the works for Arbor Day on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Wing Dickerson Park and the Shred Event on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Report of the Mayor:**

Mayor Volk attended the grand opening for Corsi Dental on January 27th and remarked about the extensive work that was put into the building. He also attended the Annual Dinner for Friendship Fire Company on January 29 and swore in the newly elected fire officials. Councilwoman Tierney and Councilman Swanson and former Mayor Donald Sanderson were also in attendance.

**Department Heads' Announcements:**

Jean Wipf reported the Library is holding a reading contest regarding Black History Month. The Library is also collecting plastic bags to recycle food for the Food Bank.

Randi Woerner informed everyone that the many events going on around town are announced on Facebook, Constant Contact and What's Up Woodbury.

Mr. Theokas advised of road work and traffic detours that will be occurring near the Woodbury Country Club area at Cooper and Evergreen intersection for about 6-8 weeks. Signs will be posted and information will be available on the website.

**Open to the Public:**

On motion Councilman Fleming 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.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place asked if Comcast will be abandoning the Comcast Building. Mr. Theokas informed him that some of their offices have been moved from there, but other departments will be moving in.

Erica Moon of 404 Harding Street and a WORC member said she was encouraged by the public discussion regarding downtown redevelopment and hopes the City will continue to keep the public informed and involved.

Jacquelyn Knight, 232 Hunter Street, supports Ord. #2243-16. She also asked if Mr. Theokas spoke to SHPO about our historic buildings; he responded that he had done so. She asked that Council consider the public's input when and if they intend to purchase properties for redevelopment. Lastly, she echoed her daughter's comments to save as many historic buildings as possible.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Johnson seconded by Parker and unanimously approved the Public Hearing was closed and the Closed Session was commenced.

**CLOSED SESSION (approx. 7:35-8:02 pm)**

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Parker and unanimously approved, Council resumed the Regular Order of Business at 8:02 pm.

**#2242-16 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property Known as 115 South Broad Street (Fitness Center)**

On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading, ordered to be advertised according to law, to come up for public hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on February 23, 2016.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, on motion of Fleming, seconded by Parker and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
**ROY A. DUFFIELD** City Clerk

**OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Fire Chief: Randal Gartner  
Administrator: Mike Theokas Library Director: Jean Wipf  
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield Police: Chief Tom Ryan  
City Engineer: Paul Breier, PE Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner  
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq. CFO: Robert Law