

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Pro-Tempore David Swanson at 7:00 pm on February 28, 2017 in Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey. Mr. Swanson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Jimmy Lindsay of Bethlehem Baptist 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 #17-05 adopted at the 2017 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 3, 2017.

Roll Call:

Present: Tierney, Swanson, McIlvaine, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter

Absent: President Trovato, Mayor Jessica Floyd

Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Carter, seconded by Councilman Fleming the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2017 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

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

Gloria Homes, 19 Nelson Avenue inquired about Resolution #17-56. Mr. Theokas explained that Conrail will be raising the height of their bridge over E. Red Bank Ave. later this summer. She also asked about Resolution #17-62. Mr. Theokas explained that this is a lien for board-up of a vacant property on Salem Avenue.

Hearing 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.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

#17-56 - Resolution of Support of Conrail Railroad Bridge Raise and Replacement Project - East Red Bank, Woodbury, New Jersey

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilwoman Tierney inquired if this project is related to the proposed Light Rail project; Mr. Theokas stated that he will contact the appropriate parties to be assured everyone is working together. On a related note, Mr. Fleming pointed out that DVRPC is investigating replacement of the Hunter St bridge over the Conrail tracks.

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

#17-57 - Resolution Authorizing the City of Woodbury to Apply for Tonnage Grant to Encourage Local Source Separation and Recycling Programs

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 voice vote.

Councilman Fleming also reported the Tax & Utility Collector's receipts for the month of January 2017: Taxes \$1,979,683.77 and Water/Sewer \$347,811.68.

Vouchers

On motion of Fleming, seconded by Johnson the vouchers as presented and certified were unanimously approved for payment.

Councilman Fleming reported that the Finance Committee has been meeting regularly over that past two months to prepare the 2017 Budget, and hopes to have it ready for introduction next month.

Economic Development Committee:

#17-58 - Resolution Creating Economic Development Office Dollar for Dollar Matching Grant Program

Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Public Works Committee:

#17-59 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contract with Robert H. Hoover & Sons, Inc. for the Purchase of a 2017 Freightliner 108SD Truck Cab & Chassis with Hook-lift and Container Body, Snow Plow Assembly, Brine Truck Assembly and Rear-loading Refuse Collection Truck Body

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Responding to Councilman Johnson's question, Mr. Theokas explained that this is for the purchase of a multi-use vehicle and funds have previously been allocated for it.

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

#17-60 - Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of 700 MHz Radios for the Woodbury Fire Department under a State Contract

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#17-61- Resolution Awarding Contract To Gerald A. Barrett, LLC for the FY2016 NJDOT Local Aid Project - Tatum Street Milling & Overlay - West Red Bank Avenue to Watkins Avenue and Progress Avenue to Hessian Avenue – Phase 2

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Property Maintenance Committee:

#17-62 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Imposing Lien(s) for Property Maintenance pursuant to Municipality Code §162-4

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 voice vote.

Councilwoman Tierney advised that this Committee met yesterday and the members are enthusiastic about their work for the coming year.

Report of the City Clerk: Mr. Duffield advised that the City received an award of \$3,575 from our JIF for our safety practices in the workplace. Special thanks to Robert

Law, Marion Harris, and Captain Kelli Marro. Mr. Duffield also informed everyone that April 3rd is the deadline for nominating petitions for the Primary Election. Lastly, Mr. Duffield announced celebrating his 30th wedding anniversary recently.

Other Committee Reports:

Public Safety Committee: Councilman Fleming noted they met this past week with the Police Chief and Fire Chief to discuss ways we can keep our City safe.

Economic Development Committee: Councilman McIlvaine stated that this committee has met jointly with the Community Development Committee and this has proven to be a good collaboration. Randi Woerner will be sending out several surveys during the year for resident input on how we can better serve their needs.

Municipal Maintenance Committee: Councilwoman Carter reported that her committee met last week, and she gave a status report on the Laverty Field Concession building. She also reported that Friendship Fire Company will be doing some improvements to their building, using donated materials and in-house labor. Also, minor renovations to City Hall are being discussed.

Community Development Committee: Councilman Johnson stated this committee is scheduled to meet on March 7 to discuss their priorities for the coming year. Also, he attended a recent meeting of the Creative Team, and announced several upcoming events including WORC cocktail party June 10; MSW’s White Table Event June 3rd; Woodbury Relays April 21-22, Benjamin Ross 5K Run on June 4; and FAF’s ‘Lot 323’ in during July – August; Garden Club Tour & Tea; and others.

Department Heads’ Announcements

Chief Tom Ryan advised that WPD website has been updated. He then introduced Patrolman William Sheehan and his K-9 Officer Hiro. Sheehan and Hiro will be sent for specialized K-9 training in the near future.

Open to the Public

On motion of Fleming, seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and the floor was opened to the Public for any items.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, is happy to see improvements made to Stuart Street playgrounds; but was concerned that since improvements have been made to Baptiste Park, residents are noticing “unwanted clientele” using it which is deterring the neighborhood residents from using it. Ms. Holmes also thanked Randi Woerner on the “What’s up Woodbury” email format.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, on motion of Tierney, seconded by Reddin and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Administrator: Michael Theokas
Engineer: Paul Breier
CFO: Robert Law
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Police: Chief Thomas Ryan
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.