

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
MARCH 8, 2016**

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

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Minister Linda Palmer, Faith Revival Church, followed by a Moment of Silence for fallen New Jersey State Police Officer Sean Cullen.

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, Floyd, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, Johnson, President Trovato and Mayor Volk

Absent: Councilman Swanson

Minutes:

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2016 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Public Hearing for Agenda Items:

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

The City Clerk announced that the Public Hearing for Ordinance #2242-16 will not be held tonight as advertised. No hearing date was given.

Summer Smith, 456 Griscom Drive asked for an explanation of Resolution #16-58. Mr. Theokas answered her questions.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, inquired about Resolution #16-60 and where that property was located. (The former Sta-Fit Building at 115 S Broad St)

Jacquelyn Knight, 232 Hunter Street, asked about Resolution #16-61, stating the bids were high, and suggested other options.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

#16-57 - Resolution Authorizing Modification of License Access Agreement with Princeton Geoscience, Inc. for 651 South Evergreen Avenue for Groundwater Sampling

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#16-58 - A Resolution Promulgating Emergent Conditions Have Been Documented for the Water and Sanitary Utility System Based on the Submission and the Acceptance of the Independent Utility Analysis, Valuation and Long Term Impact on the Residents of the City of Woodbury

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Theokas, City Administrator explained that this is the next step in the process of investigating whether to retain, sell or lease our water & sewer utility. We must follow the process as laid out in State Statutes. The Public will be kept informed along the way and a Public Hearing will be scheduled. Councilman Fleming interjected that our public water supply is not in any immediate emergency, and Council has not made any final decisions about the final outcome.

On motion of Councilwoman Carter, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Parker voted against the motion; all others voted in favor.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilwoman Carter, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the vouchers as presented and certified were authorized paid.

Economic Development Committee:

2244-16 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Establishing Chapter 137 Entitled "Pawnshops, Dealers in Precious Metals, Gems, Gemstones and Secondhand Goods" of the Code of the City of Woodbury (Second Reading)

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled ordinance for adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing on this ordinance was opened.

Hearing no one, on motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilwoman Parker the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote:

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| Ayes | 8 | Tierney, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, Trovato |
| Nays | 0 | |
| Absent | 1 | Swanson |

#16-59 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with Business Watch International (USA), Inc. for a Regional Automated Property Information Database (RAPID) System

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#16-60 - Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session Regarding Real Estate Purchase/Contract Negotiations regarding 115 S. Broad Street

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#16-63 - Resolution Authorizing the Use of Regional Contribution Agreement Funds for Block 119, Lot 25 a/k/a 30 E Centre Street

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Economic Development Director Randi Woerner explained the requirements in order for a property owner to apply to receive RCA funding and the need for this resolution.

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

Councilwoman Floyd announced several upcoming events including:

Creative Team meeting March 16, the Breakfast Rotary Duck Race on May 21, Students in Government at an April Council meeting.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

Councilman Johnson stated he is disappointed in the bid results as this is a project he feels very strongly about. Not to be discouraged, he has spoken with Mike Theokas about other ways we can make this project happen.

#16-61 - Resolution Rejecting All Bids for Assembly of the Prefabricated David A. Lavery Concession Building & Press Box - Stewart Lake Park – East Red Bank Avenue

Councilman Johnson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Johnson stated that he is extremely disappointed in the bid results as this a project he feels very strongly about. Not to be discouraged, he is exploring other ways we can make this project happen. Councilwoman Tierney asked about the status of the pre-fab building we contracted for at last meeting; Mr. Theokas explained that it has been put on hold for the time being.

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

Policy Committee:

#16-62 - Resolution Establishing City Hall Summer Hours

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Reports:

Administrator's Report

Mr. Theokas has asked the Policy Committee to review the solid waste ordinance, specifically chapter 144 and 162, to address trash collection at commercial properties. Mr. Duffield advised that Omni Recycling has decided not extend our contract because of market conditions. We will investigate entering into a new contract with either Omni or another recycling facility. Mr. Theokas also advised that the Budget Committee has met and hopes to introduce the budget at the next meeting and then possibly adopt it at April 26th Council meeting.

Committee Reports:

Councilwoman Floyd thanked Parks and Recreation for the new sign at the soccer field. Also, Basketball season is finished and the 5-6th grade girls won their Division.

Councilwoman Tierney's Green Team met yesterday. Arbor Day at Wing-Dickerson Park is April 29th and the Shred Event is April 9th at the old Police Bldg.

Councilman Reddin's Volunteer/Seniors/Veterans Committee has met to discuss their goals and is planning these events: Memorial Day observance and the White Table Event scheduled for June 4th sponsored by Main Street.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Volk advised that he met with two new business owners who are planning a June opening of Eight Sam's Brewery at the former Corsetti Pasta building on Evergreen Ave. The Mayor also announced that the newly appointed Chicken Advisory Board met March 2nd. The members are: Lester Theodore – Chairman, Brandon Volk, Secretary – Members at Large, Chris LaCroix, David Pipolo, Steve Brown and Council President Trovato; Jessica Ferguson will serve as a consultant on technical matters.

Department Heads' Announcements:

Library - Jean Wipf distributed their calendar of events and advised they are focusing on Women's Rights this month, along with several other events.

Police – Chief Ryan thanked Mayor and Council for adopting the Pawn Shop ordinance, it will be a great tool for locating personal property that has been stolen. It already has proven successful with a burglary that occurred in another town. Hopefully, this will deter future burglaries in our City when more people become aware that we are one of the first in Gloucester County to have this data base available.

Economic Development – Randi Woerner talked about some of the ways she disseminates information to the public, including the City website, Constant Contact email, and Facebook. Please contact her if you want to be included in the "What's up Woodbury" weekly email notification.

Chief Finance Officer Bob Law said the budget process is running according to schedule and the budget surplus is looking good. He is looking into a “key card policy” for select city officials to make small purchases under \$500 because of some vendors’ billing policies. Many municipalities are currently using this method; he will look into it further and advise Council.

Open to the Public

On motion of Tierney, seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved the floor was opened to the public for any items.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue inquired about the Arbor Day Celebration at Wing Dickerson Park, and offered to serve on the Volunteer and Senior Committee if needed.

Charles Hughes, 31 N. Childs St, has assembled a committee to further discuss the display of George Benjamin’s military medals. The committee includes members of the School Board, Library Trustees, Historical Society and City officials.

Lee Weatherby, 303 W. Centre Street, of the Merchants & Professionals Association mentioned the various events they are working on such as the Memorial Day Vigil , May 14th Community Garden and ‘Bizarre Uptown’ event; May 21 Duck Race and Kayak Regatta, just to name a few.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney and unanimously approved, the Public hearing was closed and the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was suspended and Council went into Executive Session at 7:48 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Fleming and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 8:18 pm.

Resolution #16-64 – A Resolution Authorizing The City Of Woodbury To Apply For A Hazardous Discharge Remediation Fund Grant

Councilman Fleming presented the above-title resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Adjournment

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Administrator: Mike Theokas

Chief Financial Officer: Bob Law

City Clerk: Roy Duffield

City Engineer: Paul Breier
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Librarian: Jean Wipf
Police: Chief Tom Ryan
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.