

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
APRIL 25, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Parker at 7:00 pm on April 25, 2017 in Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey. President Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Reverend Harriott of Kemble Methodist 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, Reddin, Carter, President Parker and Mayor Floyd

NOTE: Karlene O'Connor was present but had not been sworn in at the time of roll call.

Absent: No One

Minutes

On motion of Councilman McIlvaine, seconded by Councilman Johnson the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 11, 2017 were approved as submitted. Councilman Swanson abstained from voting; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Presentations and Discussions

Swearing in of Councilwoman Karlene O'Connor

Mayor Floyd administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Second Ward Councilwoman Karlene O'Connor.

#17-83 - Resolution Authorizing Promotion of Brian Beckett from Detective to Sergeant in the Woodbury Police Department

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Swearing in of Brian Beckett as a Sergeant in the City of Woodbury Police Department

Mayor Floyd administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Brian Beckett.

Sergeant Beckett thanked Mayor and Council and Chief Ryan for this opportunity and looks forward to serving the City to the best of his ability.

Chief Ryan thanked Mayor and Council and assured Council that Sergeant Beckett is a deserving candidate to fill the position.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

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

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, asked why the amount budgeted for Capital Expenditures was reduced over last year's budget. Mr. Theokas explained that this is primarily used as a down payment on bonded expenditures, and fewer such expenditures are anticipated for this year.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

#17-79 - Resolution Authorizing Reading of 2017 Budget by Title Only

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Swanson, seconded by Reddin, the resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

Public Hearing on the Introduced 2017 Municipal Budget

On motion of Swanson, seconded by Tierney and unanimously approved, the floor was opened to the Public for discussion of the 2017 Municipal Budget.

Seeing no one, on motion of Swanson, seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing on the 2017 Budget was closed.

#17-80 - Resolution to Adopt 2017 Budget

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution for final adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Johnson stated that the budget is sound; however he would like to see more collaboration from Council members for future years in the budget process.

Councilman McIlvaine advised that he is inclined to move forward with the adoption of the budget, since to delay it would only do more harm than good.

Hearing no other comments, on motion of Swanson, seconded by Fleming the 2017 Budget was adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes	6	McIlvaine, Johnson, Fleming, Reddin, Carter, Parker
Nays	1	Tierney
Abstained	2	Swanson, O'Connor

#17-81 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Imposing Lien(s) for Property Maintenance pursuant to Municipality Code §162-4

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Vouchers

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

Public Works Committee

#17-82 - Resolution Authorizing Final Change Order for the FY2009 Municipal Aid Project – Bike Path Phase 3

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Theokas advised this is the final change order for this project and represents a slight reduction in the total contract cost.

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

Other Committee Reports:

Community Development Committee Councilman Johnson stated he attended the Creative Team meeting where several organizations discussed the following;

1. Main Street will hold their Lunch Munch on May 17;
2. Bob Melvin our City Planner discussed how we can make our Broad Street corridor more attractive;
3. Main Street Woodbury's White Table Gala will be held on June 3rd;

4. WORC will be holding their Annual Cocktail Party on June 10th, and will also be welcoming a new President;
5. WORC is seeking qualified applications for their 'Downtown WORC's' program;
6. Woodbury Community Garden is holding a June Fest on June 10th and is looking for interested vendors, sponsors and participants.

Property Maintenance Committee Councilwoman Tierney stated her Committee met April 24 to discuss their plan of action for the coming year.

Green Team Councilman Reddin reminded everyone of Arbor Day activities for April 28 and the Shred Event April 29.

Councilman Swanson thanked Mike Theokas for his contributions to the City and for his friendship over the past several years.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Floyd congratulated Sergeant Beckett and also welcomed Karlene O'Connor to Council. She recognized Mike Theokas on all that he accomplished during his time with the City and wished him well on his new endeavors. She attended the Woodbury Relays, which continues to get better each year. However, she would like to see our young adults step forward to run this event in coming years. Lastly, she welcomed Chic Hair Salon, who advocates for cancer patients, providing wigs for those in need.

Department Heads' Announcements

Economic Development Director Randi Woerner reminded everyone to advise her of upcoming events so she can post them on "What's Up Woodbury" weekly email blast.

Police Chief Ryan congratulated Councilwoman O'Connor and thanked Mayor and Council for the appointment of Sgt. Beckett. He also wished Mike Theokas well, acknowledging all Mike's efforts and how much he cared about the City. Chief Ryan advised that his office will be conducting a crosswalk patrol in the weeks ahead.

Public Works Supervisor Mike McCaughey advised that his department is working to get the parks ready for the summer. Also hydrant flushing will be done next month. He also thanked Mike Theokas for the opportunity to work with him and wished him well.

CFO Bob Law thanked Mayor and Council for the adoption of the budget, and advised that a resolution for a Bond Sale will be on the agenda at our next meeting.

Mike Theokas announced that this is his last Council meeting; he has made the difficult decision to accept an appointment as Administrator in Bordentown Township. He especially thanked the Mayor and Council for their support over the last four years and thanked all department heads and staff for their efforts for the City. Mr. Theokas stated that he felt welcomed from the beginning and hoped he made some progress for the betterment of the City during his four years here.

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.

Eric Hill, 416 Prince Street, invited Council to the School Board Meeting tomorrow for the public hearing on their budget. He also mentioned a broken storm drain grate at the corner of Twells and Salem Ave. Mr. Theokas advised he would look into the matter.

Dave Jenkins, 345 Glover Street, stated he was concerned over the growing number of abandoned properties occurring in the neighborhood. He also was concerned over the trash and debris that is left behind from various scheduled events that occur in town, and would like Property Maintenance Committee to address both concerns.

John Belko, 605 Delaware Street, liaison for FAF, invited Mayor and Council to come out and support Lot 323 during the 1st & 3rd Fridays of June, July and August. He invited other organizations to use this area for their events as well. Mr. Theokas stated Council will be discussing amendments to our Special Affairs fees; however, the current

fee schedule was devised with participation by several organizations, and the fees were already reduced compared to prior fees.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, again inquired about the accumulating debris on the Burris property. Mr. Theokas advised he spoke to them and they intend to address it. Also, Mr. Chiesa implored Council to insist on fair funding of our schools from the State. Mayor Floyd suggested ways to mobilize our residents and officials in this effort.

Amelie Harris McGeehan, 159 Leona Avenue stated that the Community Gardens is a non-profit organization. She is concerned our fee structure for outside vendors may hinder participation in their special events.

Lynn Stock of 155 High Street again inquired about her neighbor who is operating a landscaping business and asks if that type of business is permitted. Mr. Theokas stated he would have John Leech, our Zoning Officer investigate it.

President Parker appointed an ad-hoc committee to discuss the upcoming personnel vacancies for City Clerk and Administrator. She appointed Councilmembers Fleming, Carter, Parker and Mayor Floyd to serve on the Committee.

On motion of Johnson, seconded by Fleming 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 Reddin, seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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, Capt. Kelli Marro
Solicitor: Jeffrey Daniels, Esq.
Public Works Supervisor: Mike McCaughey