

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
JUNE 27, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Parker at 7:00 pm on June 27, 2017 in Council Chambers. The Council President led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

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, O'Connor, Carter, President Parker and Mayor Floyd

Absent: Reddin

Minutes

On motion of Fleming, seconded by Johnson, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 13, 2017 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Presentations and Discussions

Safety on the Agenda

Joe Henry of Hardenberg Insurance Group addressed Council to recognize Kelli Marro, Bob Law and Marion Harris for their hard work on the JIF Safety Committee over the past year. He also acknowledged training that was conducted, wellness programs made available to the employees and other ways the City provides a safe working environment for our employees. Mr. Henry gave statistics based on how well the City scored based on their implementation of all the above mandates required, and discussed the importance of adhering to PEOSH guidelines in the workplace.

Recognition of Performance Dodge for the donation of the K-9 Unit to the Woodbury Police Department

Mayor Floyd presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Performance Dodge owner Ron Plecinski and General Manager Trent Huston for their generous donation of a 2017 Dodge Charger for the WPD K-9 Unit. Chief Ryan spoke on behalf of all expressing their appreciation for the donation. Patrolman Sheehan and K-9 officer Hiro were both present and personally thanked the staff of Performance Dodge.

Public Hearing 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.

Lee Weatherby, 303 W. Centre Street and member of Good Will Fire Company, referenced Ordinance #2162-17 donating the Fire Company's property to the City, in lieu of Tax Sale. He asks that the memorabilia inside the building be displayed at the Friendship Fire Museum, and that we all acknowledge the vital role Good Will has had in the City's history.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Johnson, seconded by Tierney and unanimously approved the public hearing was closed.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

#2261-17 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Amending Chapter A237 Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual of the City of Woodbury (Second Reading)

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

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Swanson, seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved the Public Hearing for this ordinance was opened.

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

On motion of Swanson seconded by Johnson the ordinance was adopted by roll call vote:

Ayes	8	Tierney, Swanson, McIlvaine, Johnson, Fleming, Carter, O'Connor, Parker
Nays	0	
Absent	1	Reddin

#2262-17 - An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Acquisition by Donation of Real Property known as Block 125, Lot 13 on the Official Tax Map of the City of Woodbury (First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance for first reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

There was some discussion regarding the time frame Council became aware of the property being on the tax sale and also what the condition of the property was?

Councilman Swanson inquired what the City plans to do with the property, history aside?

Mayor Floyd responded that Council just became aware of the property being on the tax sale as of yesterday.

Mr. Law stated when it became aware that it was on the tax sale, this action was recommended to have it taken off of that list. The Tax Sale is scheduled to be held tomorrow morning. Councilwoman Tierney stated she hasn't been in the building for several years; but it was not in good condition back then. Councilman Fleming suggested that the appropriate City Officials go through the building to determine the condition and what further action should be taken. Councilman McIlvaine also inquired if there were any environmental issues with the property. Mr. Law stated, "we do not". Mr. Pierson, City Solicitor, stated tonight is the first step which would conditionally cancel the taxes due, which removes them from the tax sale tomorrow, until we acquire title to the property.

On motion of Swanson, seconded by Johnson the ordinance was 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.

#17-105 - Resolution to Remove the Goodwill Fire House from Tax Sale and to Cancel the 2016 and 2017 Taxes Contingent on the Donation to the City re: Block 125, Lot 13; Good Will Fire Company, 640 N. Broad St.

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#2263-17 - An Ordinance to Fix and Establish Salaries and Rate of Compensation on the Various Officers and Employees of the City of Woodbury in the County of Gloucester, and to Provide the Manner of Payment thereof and Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith (First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance for first reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman Swanson inquired if the "Public Officer" referenced in Res. 17-108 will receive a salary. Solicitor James Pierson explained that the term "public officer" in the recently adopted Abandoned Properties Ordinance refers to the Building Inspector, who comes from West Deptford. Since John Leech is our Assistant Building Inspector and works full time in the City, he can respond more promptly to abandoned property matters.

On motion of Swanson, seconded by Carter and unanimously approved, the ordinance was 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 July 11, 2017.

#17-106 - Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#17-107 - Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from the Premium Account into the General Current Fund - Block 115, Lot 33.01 - Fabrikant, Michael - Tax Sale Cert# 13-00178 \$5,500.00 Premium Paid

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Vouchers

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

Lastly, Councilman Swanson advised that an Emergency Management Drill was conducted today with PSE&G and emergency responders from other agencies. The drill went very well and received high reviews by those conducting the event.

Economic Development Committee:

#17-108 - Resolution Appointing “Public Officer” Pursuant to Chapter 146 “Spot Blight Eminent Domain” of the Code of the City of Woodbury

Councilman Mcllvaine presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Mcllvaine and seconded by Carter the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Other Committee Reports

Councilman Fleming advised that the Public Safety Committee met June 22 and discussed installing security cameras behind City Hall, Library Courtyard and along Broad Street. He also said the ad hoc Personnel Committee thoroughly reviewed many applications over the last several weeks for the Administrator, Tax Collector and City Clerk positions; they conducted several interviews, and tonight the candidates they recommend for those important positions will be voted on by Council.

Councilman Johnson said the Community Development Committee Creative Team met recently where WORC discussed their next property improvement project. He also attended the PTA Bingo Fund Raiser held by the PTSA; and he attended the diversity training last week and thanks those who organized it. Lastly, he offers congratulations to those graduating from Woodbury High School.

Councilwoman Tierney’s Property Maintenance Committee met June 26 and one of the topics was to make property owners in the Historic District aware of that designation. Also, they will be working with WORC on refurbishing a property in the Historic District.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Floyd thanked everyone who attended the Diversity training, especially Randi Woerner and Tony Doran for putting it together. The Mayor also announced the Fireworks Display July 1, along with a bike parade and some other attractions. Mayor Floyd thanked Chief Gartner and the entire Emergency Management team for participating in the mock emergency drill this morning in North Woodbury. This collaboration and training will surely help us prepare in the event of an emergency. She thanked Councilwoman O’Connor and our Police and Fire Depts for providing smoke detectors and fire safety information to residents in Ward 2. Lastly, she announced the Pride Month ceremony for June 30 at City Hall.

Report of the City Clerk

Mr. Duffield reminded everyone that because of the July 4th holiday the trash collection schedule will be altered, and City Hall will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. He also announced the passing of Dr. Wolfson, a former resident who gave much to the City.

Department Heads' Announcements

Mike McCaughey of Public Works Dept reiterated the change in trash collection the week of July 4th; and the water quality report will be sent out to our residents; and our students summer help began today.

Economic Development Director Randi Woerner advised that Kennedy Health Alliance opened June 26, and they are already looking for another facility in our City. Also, the Art in the Street summer program will begin next week.

Police Chief Tom Ryan said the smoke detector project was a success, and 310 smoke detectors were installed.

Library Director Michelle Yeager reminded everyone to check out their July calendar of events, and announced amnesty for overdue book fines.

Public Hearing for Any Items

On motion of Johnson, second by McIlvaine and unanimously approved the floor was opened to the Public for any items.

Lee Weatherby, 303 W. Centre Street, reported the Memorial Day ceremonies went extremely well this year and we had much more participation by our schools to ensure the students have a better understanding of the significance of the day. Mr. Weatherby explained the tax sale situation of the Good Will Fire Company property on Broad Street when they became aware of it, and the action they took to donating it to the City. He also announced the 31st Annual Car Show on September 2.

Jim Hesser, a 40 year member of Good Will Fire Co. was extremely disappointed that the building has deteriorated so much over the years and was beside himself when he learned it was going up for tax lien sale. He is not aware of any underground fuel tanks on the property, and thinks it needs a new roof.

Sheila Coy of Thorofare owns property at 1401 Glassboro, Wenonah which receives water service from Woodbury. She approached Council to dispute the \$100 administrative fee for late payment of her past due bills. Mr. Law has explained the billing process to her and her attorney on several occasions. Mr. Pierson explained the ordinance to her in more detail. Council Members discussed ways to make our water customers aware of the billing due dates and shutoff procedures. President Parker suggested more details be given to Council so they can make a determination on this particular situation, and will advise her of their decision.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Tierney, seconded by Fleming and unanimously approved, the public hearing was closed and the regular order of business was suspended at 8:26 pm for Council to go into Executive Session.

Closed Session (approx. 8:33-9:42 pm)

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Regular Order of Business was resumed at 9:42 pm.

#17-109 - Resolution Confirming Appointment of Interim Administrator for the City of Woodbury

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Fleming, seconded by Johnson the resolution was adopted by voice vote. Councilman Swanson voted Nay on the motion; all others voted in favor.

#17-110 - Resolution Appointing D. Scott Carew Fire Administrator for the City of Woodbury

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#17-111 - Resolution to Appoint Tax and Utility Collector for the City of Woodbury

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#17-112 - Resolution Appointing a Woodbury City Municipal Clerk

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#17-113 - Resolution appointing Deputy Registrar and Communications Manager

Councilman Fleming presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Tierney seconded by Johnson and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Engineer: Paul Breier, PE

CFO: Robert Law

Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner

Library Director: Michelle Yeager

Police: Chief Thomas Ryan, Capt. Kelli Marro

Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.

Public Works Supervisor: Mike McCaughey