

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF  
JULY 12, 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 Pastor Alvin Collins, Spoken Word 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, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, President Trovato and Mayor Volk

**Absent:** No One

**Minutes**

On motion of Parker, seconded by Johnson the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 28, 2016 were approved as submitted. Councilman Reddin abstained voting; all others voted in favor of the motion.

**Agenda Items Open to the Public**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, 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.

Seeing no one, on motion of Councilman Swanson, 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:**

**#2250-16 - Flood Damage Protection Ordinance** (First Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above titled ordinance for first reading.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson the ordinance was unanimously approved on first reading, ordered to be published according to law, to come up for Public Hearing and final adoption at the next regularly scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council on July 26, 2016.

**#16-111 - Resolution to Cancel Old 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 Councilwoman Parker the resolution was unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

**#16-112 - Resolution Authorizing Request for Proposals for a Special Engineer under a Fair and Open Process for the City of Woodbury Water Treatment Facility**

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 a voice vote.

### **Vouchers**

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

Councilman Swanson advised that the Fireworks Display ran smoothly without a hitch.

### **Public Works Committee:**

#### **#16-113 - Resolution in Support of New Jersey Department of Transportation Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Regarding an Emergency Vehicle Access Zone on Route NJ 45 (Broad Street)**

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

### **Economic Development Committee:**

Councilwoman Floyd advised that this committee met on July 11. The items they discussed included Hurc's Burgers & Shakes at 22 S Broad which is scheduled to open early August; another eatery has signed a lease for the former Homesteader location on S Broad and hopes to open soon; there will be a Bike Path ribbon cutting on July 28<sup>th</sup> which will include a 5k run; and Assemblywoman Pat Jones will be introducing legislation to fund economic development opportunities. Lastly, Councilwoman Floyd invited everyone out to FAF's Lot 323 which will be open throughout the summer.

### **Parks and Recreation Committee:**

Councilman Johnson said the Youth Program for summer employment is underway, with students working in our parks; site work has begun for the Laverty Field concession building; his committee met recently to discuss ideas for the new park at the Burriss property; he would like to have a detailed directory of our parks and events on our website; fireworks were great, thank you to volunteers who made it possible; Movie Night at Stewart Park was well attended Lastly, Mr. Johnson thanked all City officials involved in the dedication of Aberdeen Street to honor Councilwoman Gwen Brown. That ceremony will be held on Sunday July 17th.

### **Ad hoc Committee for evaluation of Water/Sewer Utility:**

Councilman Fleming advised that this committee met on June 28<sup>th</sup>. They do not plan to meet again until after the summer. He noted that Res. #16-112 is to seek an engineer specifically for this purpose. He may ask for Council to vote on a resolution to send the results of our Water/Sewer evaluation to NJDEP to rule on the emergent condition.

### **Green Team Committee:**

Councilwoman Tierney applauded the Police Department for holding a meet and greet event at Central Baptist Church recently, and noted the importance of open communications between police and residents.

### **Report of the City Clerk:**

Mr. Duffield announced that the Merchants and Professionals Association will have a Cruise Night July 13; and Fall Parade applications are available on website.

### **Report of Administrator:**

Mr. Theokas advised that the road work at Cooper and Evergreen adjacent to the Burriss project has been on hold due to PSE&G utility work, but should resume soon. Also, WORC has discussed with him suggestions for an ordinance addressing 'spot blight'.

### **Open to the Public**

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, 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.

Jacquallynn Knight, 232 Hunter Street, thanked Councilman Fleming for holding the ad hoc Water Committee meeting and had a few questions about it: If we put the question

out for a voter referendum, is it binding? Mr. Pierson told her he will research that question. Also, she got advice from Delaware Riverkeepers Network and they have offered assistance. Councilman Fleming stated absolutely it would help having their input and expertise. She asked about the locations of the water sampling. She encouraged Council to also consider not privatizing our water utility.

Doug Lloyd, 346 Dare Street, asked for an update on the light rail commuter train, and whether Inspira Hospital's plans will affect it. Mr. Theokas stated no further action is likely until the Transportation Trust Fund has been replenished.

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

#### **Department Heads' Announcements:**

Police Chief Ryan stated he, along with Lt. Marro and Det. Beckett, recently attended a forum at the Gloucester County Institute of Technology, titled "All Lives Matter". The purpose was to discuss, listen, learn & understand how people are feeling frustrated at many different levels, and to find ways to make changes. The forum was also attended by County Prosecutor Sean Dalton, NAACP President Loretta Winters, and many others. In Woodbury our Meet and Greet Program, National Night Out, and Junior Police Academy are examples of our community outreach.

Councilwoman Floyd stated her sons are enrolled in the Jr. Police Academy and cannot say enough good things about how this program builds a positive foundation for the children to get to know their police officers. Chief Ryan and Officer Carl Villone are doing an excellent job and want to make a difference in our community.

Councilman Johnson stated Woodbury is a diverse community and Chief Ryan is ahead of the curve by allowing his officers to be involved in this way.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Johnson seconded by Parker and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**ROY A. DUFFIELD**  
**City Clerk**

#### **Other Officials Present:**

Administrator: Mike Theokas  
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield  
City Engineer: Paul Breier  
Police: Chief Tom Ryan  
Public Works: Mike McCaughey  
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.