

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Parker at 7:00 pm on July 25, 2017 in Council Chambers, 33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, New Jersey. President Parker 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, O'Connor, Reddin, President Parker and Mayor Floyd

Absent: Carter

Minutes

On motion of Councilman Reddin, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2017 and the Closed Session of July 11, 2017 were unanimously approved.

Presentations and Discussions

Proclamation to Lorraine Reeves, Tax & Utility Collector

Mayor Floyd read a Proclamation acknowledging Lorraine's retirement as Tax/Utility Collector from the City of Woodbury, and presented her with flowers. Councilwoman Tierney personally thanked Lorraine for all her hard work, acknowledging how difficult her job can be at times. Councilman Fleming thanked Lorraine for her valuable skills when the City was in the process of replacing the water meters a few years ago. Many of our residents and even Council were overwhelmed but with Lorraine's knowledge we were able to make this transition as smoothly as possible. Lorraine thanked everyone, especially her staff she has worked with over the years and welcomed her replacement with the utmost confidence that she will be well qualified to fill the position. Lorraine introduced her husband, Rob and her daughters Julia and Randi.

Proclamation to Roy Duffield, City Clerk

Mayor Floyd read a Proclamation acknowledging Roy's retirement as City Clerk, and presented Roy with a Plaque that will be placed on a park bench to represent his contributions to the Green Team. Roy introduced his wife, Debbie and three of his children, Harry, Emily and Dallas who were present. Councilman Johnson personally thanked Roy for his positive energy. Councilman Reddin thanked him for the work he has done with the Recycling Program. Councilwoman O'Connor thanked him for helping her as a new Council member. Councilwoman Tierney reminisced about serving on the Woodbury Jaycees with Roy & Debbie in the 1980's & '90's. Roy thanked them for their kind words and the opportunity to serve the City as Tax Assessor and City Clerk, he truly considered this the best job he could ever have.

Public Hearing 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 Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue inquired about Ord. 2268-17 and the purchase price of the property. City Solicitor James Pierson stated that the terms of the sale are being negotiated and will be made public at a later date. Regarding Res #17-127 Ms. Holmes asked for an explanation of the duties of SLEO II. City Administrator Scott Carew answered her questions. Ms. Holmes stated she would like to see some of our black police officers considered for future promotions.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, also inquired about Ordinance #2268-17 and whether an environmental assessment was done and about the City's plans for the property. Mr. Pierson answered that the terms of the sale are being negotiated and that it will be part

of the downtown redevelopment. Mr. Carew stated the general idea of purchasing property for redevelopment is to make it attractive for developers who may be interested, while retaining a level of control over the ultimate use of the property

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

#2264-17 - Ordinance Amending Chapter 197 "Water" of the Code of the City of Woodbury (Second Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

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

Hearing no one, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Reddin and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was ordered closed.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Reddin the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote:

Ayes 8 Tierney, McIlvaine, Swanson, Johnson, Fleming, Reddin,
O'Connor, Parker

Nays 0

Absent 1 Carter

#2266-17 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Capital Improvements and the Acquisition of Various Capital Equipment in and for the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$1,815,390 therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$1,092,500; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing (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 Reddin, the ordinance was unanimously approved on introduction, to be advertised according to law, to come up for Public Hearing and final adoption at the next meeting of Mayor and Council on August 8, 2017.

#2267-17 - Bond Ordinance Authorizing Various Water and Sewer Utility Improvements in the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey; Appropriating the Sum of \$500,000 therefor; Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, New Jersey in the Aggregate Principal Amount of up to \$500,000; Making Certain Determinations and Covenants; and Authorizing Certain Related Actions in Connection with the Foregoing (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 Reddin, the ordinance was unanimously approved on introduction, to be advertised according to law, to come up for Public Hearing and final adoption at the next meeting of Mayor and Council on August 8, 2017.

#17-123 - Resolution to Cancel Balances on Water/Sewer Accounts that the City of Woodbury Owns by way of Foreclosure

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#17-124 - Resolution to Extend Grace Period on Third Quarter 2017 (August) as per N.J.S.A. 54:4-67

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.
The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.
On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Reddin, the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

#17-125 - Resolution Reimbursing Water/Sewer Payment Account # 30390-0 250 Delaware Street \$173.25

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.
The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.
On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Reddin, the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Vouchers

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Reddin, the vouchers as presented and certified were unanimously approved for payment.

Economic Development Committee:

#2268-17 An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property known as 115 South Broad Street, Block 75, Lot 15 (Fitness Center) (FIRST READING)

On motion of Councilman McIlvaine, seconded by Councilman Reddin the ordinance was unanimously approved on introduction, to be advertised according to law, to come up for Public Hearing and final adoption at the next meeting of Mayor and Council on August 8, 2017

Property Maintenance Committee:

#17-126 - 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 a voice vote.

Public Safety Committee:

#2265-17 - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2263-17 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 Fleming presented the above-titled ordinance for first reading.
The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.
On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Reddin, the ordinance was unanimously 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 August 8, 2017

#17-127 - Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Jeffrey Pitzo as a Senior SLEO II 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 a voice vote.

Public Works Committee:

#17-128 - Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Riggins, Inc. for the Supply and Delivery of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for City Vehicles

Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

#17-129 - Resolution Authorizing Final Change Order for The FY2016 Municipal Aid Project – Tatum Street Resurfacing

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 a voice vote.

Other Committee Reports:

Councilman Fleming stated he met with Remington & Vernick and the plans for the water filtration are substantially complete. Our next move is to authorize them to apply to NJDEP for the permitting and apply to NJEIT for financing.

Also, Mr. Fleming met with a vendor for discussions about surveillance cameras on Broad St. He will discuss it further with NJDOT and Verizon to possibly share the cost.

Councilman Johnson advised that he attended the Lot 323 event last week and applauds the FAF staff for their untiring efforts on running the event.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Floyd stated she is pleased with the work of our new Administrator Scott Carew and welcomes the changes he's making, especially regarding accountability.

She also complimented the Public Works Department for keeping up with all the parks and other tasks they have been asked to do in addition to their normal duties.

Mayor Floyd congratulated the Police Department on their second year of the Junior Police Academy which has become a huge success.

The Mayor commended FAF for putting Lot 323 together, and urges everyone to experience it firsthand.

The Movie in the Park and the annual Basketball Tournament hosted by Ron Wilcox were both successful events on July 21.

Mayor Floyd welcomed the return of Jeff Pitzo as our SLEO who comes with much experience in working with the Code Enforcement Office.

Mayor Administered the Oath of Office

Mayor Floyd Administered the Oath of Office to Sr. SLEO II Jeff Pitzo.

Department Heads' Announcements

Library Director Michelle Yeager advised that the August Calendar of Events is available for the public in addition to several other events which she elaborated on.

Councilwoman O'Connor commended Michelle on all the fantastic opportunities the Library has to offer its residents, which she herself has taken advantage of.

Engineer Paul Brier addressed the progress of the Concession Stand at Stewart Park.

Councilman Johnson thanked Public works and the Engineer again for the work they do to our Parks.

Public Works Manager Rich Leidy stated that his crew will be painting crosswalks in front of the schools. He thanked everyone for the thoughtfulness shown to him and his family during the recent loss of his father.

Economic Development Director Randi Woerner urged everyone to check out What's up Woodbury to see Mayor Floyd's TV-29 interview at the Train Station Cafe.

Police Chief Ryan thanked Mayor and Council for hiring Jeff Pitzo who brings with him 27 years of police experience and looks forward to working with him again. The Chief also thanked Mayor and Council for their support of the Junior Police Academy. The Police Department also had a very successful meet & greet at Central Baptist Church.

The Chief stated he recently took a trip to England and met with their Town Officials who were very eager to become involved with the City of Woodbury again with our twinning relationship we started several years ago. The Chief advised that National Night Out will be held at Lot 323 at their next Friday event. Chief Ryan stated that the positive atmosphere Roy and Lorraine generated while working at City Hall was contagious and he will miss them.

Council President Parker introduced the newly appointed City Clerk, Daneen Fuss who gave a brief background of her municipal experience with Harrison Township.

Open to the Public

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

Deon Smith, 66 Curtis Avenue came forward to thank Council for addressing the parking problems on his street. He inquired why the issue with trash and high grass takes so long to address. Mr. Pierson explained the legal procedures which must be followed. Councilman Johnson suggested the process be explained on our website so residents will know steps to be taken to file a complaint. Also, Mr. Smith said that graffiti is becoming a problem in his area on his block that he would like to see addressed. Chief Ryan and the Solicitor responded they would look into it

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Avenue, expressed her satisfaction with the manner in which the basketball tournament was conducted by Ron Wilcox and the players and the support of Council. On another topic, Ms. Holmes stated that she attended and taught at the Carpenter Street School, which was the first all-black school during the years of 1929-1965. She would like to see the Carpenter Street School open to tour, so everyone can be aware of the history of this building. She also thanked Randi Woerner for her help with getting the word out on our website and Facebook; but still needs more information from anyone who knows any history of the buildings. Mayor Floyd suggested at the recommendation of Brian Bosworth that files may exist in the Code Enforcement Office in the City Hall.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Administrator: Scott Carew
Engineer: Paul Breier
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Library Director: Michelle Yeager
Police: Chief Thomas Ryan
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.
Public Works Director: Richard Leidy