

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AUGUST 8, 2017
33 DELAWARE STREET, WOODBURY, NJ 08096**

The meeting of August 8, 2017 was called to order by Council President Parker at 7:00 pm. City Clerk, Daneen Fuss, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Public Meeting Statement

Ms. Fuss 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: Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Johnson, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Swanson, Council President Parker and Mayor Floyd

Absent: Councilwoman Tierney, Councilman Reddin

Others Present: Administrator, Scott Carew; City Clerk, Daneen Fuss; Solicitor, James Pierson; Chief, Tom Ryan;

Minutes

Councilman Fleming, made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2017, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Councilwoman Carter abstained. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Presentations and Discussions

Resolution No.17-35 – Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Promotion of Brian J. Boucher 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.

Councilman Fleming, made a motion to adopt, seconded by Councilman Johnson. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Fleming read a brief biography on Brian Boucher sighting his prior law enforcement experience and current duties while working in the Woodbury Police Department.

Mayor Administered the Oath of Office

Mayor Floyd Administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Brian Boucher.

Mayor Floyd thanked him for all that he has contributed to while serving the Woodbury Police Department. Chief Ryan also spoke highly regarding all Sergeant Boucher accomplishments hours of dedication he has given to the department. Sergeant Boucher thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the City. He also thanked is family specifically his wife, Laura for their support.

Council President Parke called for a brief recess at 7:12 pm.

Council President Parker called the meeting back to order at 7:14 pm.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

Councilman Johnson made a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine. Motion approved.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place inquired about the bond for \$665,000 to be used for Stewart Lake, he was under the impression the City had a Stewart Lake Trust Fund reserved for such purposes. Mayor Floyd responded that this was a green acres grant and not part of the Trust fund. Mr. Chiesa also inquired about the purchase price of the property at 115 South Broad Street on the agenda. City Solicitor, Mr. Pierson, stated this subject was going to be discussed in Closed Session and if agreed upon would be available for discussion prior to the adoption of the resolution authorizing the purchase.

Seeing no one else, Councilman Johnson made a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Councilman Fleming. Motion approved.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance

Ordinance No. 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 (Second Reading) Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance. Councilman Swanson made a motion to open the floor, seconded by Councilman Fleming, motion carried. Seeing none, Councilman Swanson made a motion to close the floor, seconded by Councilman Fleming, motion carried. Councilman Swanson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 226-17, seconded by Councilman Fleming, motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Ayes 7 Carter, Fleming, Johnson, McIlvain, O'Connor, Parker, Swanson
Nays 0
Absent 2 Tierney, Reddin

Ordinance No. 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 (Second Reading) Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance. Councilman Swanson made a motion to open the floor, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion carried. Seeing none, Councilman Swanson made a motion to close the floor, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion carried. Councilman Swanson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2267-17, seconded by Councilman Fleming, motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Ayes 7 Carter, Fleming, Johnson, McIlvain, O'Connor, Parker, Swanson
Nays 0
Absent 2 Tierney, Reddin

Vouchers

Councilman Swanson made a motion to approve the payment of the vouchers, seconded by Councilman Fleming, motion carried
Councilman Swanson indicated he would like the Finance Committee to be more involved in future bond ordinances prior to their introduction.

Economic Development

Resolution No. 7-130 - Resolution Authorizing a Closed Session

Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-130, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion carried.

Public Safety

Ordinance No. 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 Ordinance Inconsistent Herewith (Second Reading) Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance. Councilman Fleming made a motion to open the floor for public hearing, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion carried.

Seeing none, Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to close the floor, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion carried.

Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2265-17, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ayes	7	Carter, Fleming, Johnson, McIlvaine, O'Connor, Parker, Swanson
Nays	0	
Absent	2	Tierney, Reddin

Public Works

Resolution No. 17-131 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee and Accepting the Maintenance Bond of Fast Pipe Lining East, Inc. regarding the FY2016 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. Councilwoman Carter made a motion to approve Resolution 17-131, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Resolution unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 17-132 - Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee and of the Retainage to Mount Construction, Inc. regarding the Wood Street Water Main Extension Project

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. Councilwoman Carter made a motion to approve Resolution 17-132, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Resolution unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Resolution No. 17-133 - Resolution Authorizing City Engineer to Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding the FY2017 Water and Sanitary Sewer Project; Water Main Replacement- Chestnut and Cherry Streets; Sanitary Sewer Abandonment – Tatum Street

Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. Councilwoman Carter made a motion to approve Resolution 17-133, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Resolution unanimously adopted by a voice vote.

Reports:

Committee Reports

Councilman Johnson advised that he met with John Belko, from FAF to discuss the availability of Lot 323 for the remainder of the year. He also attended the Hopkins Street Block Party, and he visited the new concession stand. Councilman Johnson stated the new concession stand is beautiful and Public Works is working very hard to make sure the stand will be open for the football season. Also Bethel AME will be holding a book bag drive.

Councilwoman Carter stated she would like to publicly thank Mayor Floyd, President Parker, Bill Fleming, Chuck Rose, Ken & Wanda McIlvaine, the Swanson family and her fellow councilmembers, Chief Ryan and the Fire Department, and John Leech for all the help she and her family received during the recent loss of her property due to a fire on June 28th. She cannot express enough how thankful she is to everyone for opening their hearts to her and her family, it was extremely appreciated.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Floyd thanked the Police and Fire Department for National Night Out. She also announced that the theme for this year's Fall Parade is "Listen to Your Art"; applications for participation are being accepted until August 15th. Mayor Floyd announced three new appointments to the Historic Preservation Commission; Bonnie Dann, Budd Ferrin and Amy Sylvester. The Mayor also stated that she has already seen a major difference with Officer Pitzo since he has started to enforce our procedures regarding property maintenance; he is doing an awesome job. Lastly, she is very happy to see the advancement of Brian Boucher to Sergeant.

Report of the City Clerk – Our new City Clerk, Daneen Fuss advised that she will be taking reservations for anyone who is interested in going to the League of Municipalities Conference in November. Daneen also advised that she received a resolution from the County Board of Chosen Freeholders for Council's consideration involving a "Trap Neuter Release" policy for Ferrell cats. She stated she is trying to improve on efficiency and accuracy within City Hall. Ms. Fuss stated she will be taking over the preparation of the agenda starting with our September meeting.

She will be in contact with department heads to advise them of procedural changes when items need to be added to the agenda. Councilman Johnson stated he was very impressed with the agenda booklet Ms. Fuss prepared for the meeting, it made it much easier to follow.

Department Announcements

Economic Development – Randi Woerner advised that she is currently working with a new business coming into town at the old Pretzel factory location. The new business will be hosting dress-up and make-up parties for children.

Police – Chief Ryan stated at the last meeting a gentleman brought up graffiti problems in town and he is looking to change sections of the ordinance regarding high grass/property maintenance to include addressing graffiti. With the help of John Leech, Officer Pitzo and the Public Works Department, they were able to take care of some of the areas in question. National Night Out was a great success with a lot of activities and give-a-ways for the children. Officer Collins will be sponsoring a blood drive the first week in October at Central Baptist Church. The Chief again thanked Mayor and Council for the promotion of Sgt. Boucher.

Open to the Public

Councilman Johnson made a motion to open the floor to the public for non-agenda items, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor. Motion approved.

Jackie Robinson, a resident of Green Street and Ms. Carmichael of 51A S. Broad Street, approached Council to say the Hopkins Street Block Party was a huge success. All the residents and organizers did a great job. Ms. Robinson also had some concerns regarding the current condition of the football fields and the lack of maintenance on the outside involving the safety of the children. Ms. Robinson stated the project needs to move faster or the area needs to be better kept. Some of the concerns are the lack of proper toilet facilities for the children, no running water, the lack of lighting, etc. President Parker agreed that the project has had some delays especially with PSE&G which has slowed things. However, they are now been rectified and the project should be resuming. Mayor Floyd advised that her own children participate in many sport activities and port-a-pots are the norm. Scott Carew stated that the City is in contact with the contractor and we are doing everything we can to get this completed as soon as possible. He advised that he will personally look into this matter tomorrow morning.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine. Motion approved.

Council President Parker allowed a brief recess upon going into executive session stating action will be taken upon return to the Regular Order of Business. Approximately 7:52 pm

Closed Session

Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to resume the regular business meeting, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved. The meeting resumed at approximately 8:11 pm

Ordinance No. 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) (Second Reading) Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled ordinance for final adoption. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to open the floor for public hearing, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion carried.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, inquired what was the purchase price of the property? City Solicitor, James Pierson, advised \$400,000 Mr. Pierson stated the seller would be responsible for any issues with the building and would be responsible for the demolition of the property. The City would then be responsible for the land and any other issues concerning the grounds. Mr. Chiesa then inquired when the purchase be finalized. Mr. Pierson stated hopefully before the end of the year. Councilman Fleming made a motion to close the floor for public hearing, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion carried.

Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2268-17, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Ayes 7 Carter, Fleming, Johnson, McIlvaine, O'Connor, Parker, Swanson
Nays 0
Absent 2 Tierney, Reddin

Resolution No. 17-134 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement of Sale for the Purchase of Real Property known as Block 75, Lot 15 (115 S. Broad Street)

Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-134, seconded by Councilman Fleming, motion carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Johnson made a motion to open the floor for public hearing, seconded by Councilman Fleming, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

DANEEN D. FUSS, City Clerk