

**MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OF AUGUST 9, 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 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 #16-05 adopted at the 2016 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 5, 2016.

Roll Call:

Present: Swanson, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, President Trovato and Mayor Volk

Absent: Tierney, Floyd

Minutes

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 26, 2016 were approved as submitted. President Trovato abstained from the vote; all others voted in favor of the motion.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

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 Agenda Items Only.

Seeing no one, 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.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Finance Committee

#16-118 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement between the City of Woodbury and the Borough of Bellmawr for the Maintenance of Fire Apparatus for the City of Woodbury

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.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

#16-120 - Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement for Tax Payment Block 129 Lot 3.02

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.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

#16-121- Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement for Tax Payment Block 107 Lot 8

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.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Councilman Swanson reported that for the month of June \$610,981.73 was transferred from the tax collector account to the current fund; and \$270,215.55 was transferred from the utility collector account to the water / sewer operating fund.

Also, our tax sale was held June 15, 2016. We sold liens against taxes in the amount of \$106,388.43; water and sewer \$58,108.93 and \$279,900.00 in premiums. The receipts totaled \$444,397.36. Five parcels were not bid on and struck off to the City of Woodbury at 18% interest, those liens resulted in no cash.

Vouchers

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Public Works Committee

#16-119 - Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Wood Chipper through National Joint Power Alliance (NJPA) Cooperative Purchasing System

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Swanson asked whether we considered a shared service arrangement for this piece of equipment. Mr. Theokas explained that often times when the chipper is most needed, such as after a severe storm, everyone needs it at the same time. For that reason it is not always practical to share it with another municipality.

On motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson the resolution was adopted by a voice vote. Councilman Swanson abstained from voting; all others voted in favor of the resolution.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 2 Abstained: 1

#16-122 - Resolution Authorizing Notice of Bids for FY2016 Storm Sewer Project

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.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

#16-123 - Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Utility Engineering and Construction Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Verification, Design, Protection and/or Relocation of Certain Public Works Facilities in connection with the Design and Construction of ADA South, Contract 2

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

#16-124 - Resolution Authorizing City Engineer to Re-Bid and Issue Notice to Bidders Regarding the 2016 Sanitary Sewer Improvements for Tatum Street, DuBois Avenue and Evergreen Avenue

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Swanson inquired if we will redo the bid specs. City Engineer, Paul Breier explained the open trench portion of the job will be bid separately from the pipe lining.

Councilman Johnson asked if the withholding of State Funding will delay the project.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Councilwoman Parker advised that the storm water drainage problem on Dare Street near Green St, which was brought up at an earlier meeting, has been corrected. Councilwoman Parker said our Public Works Manager is working with Conrail to

resolve the drainage problem at Gantt Ave and West Jersey Ave that was brought to Council's attention at the last meeting.

Parks and Recreation Committee

#16-125 - Resolution Authorizing Change Order for Kline Construction the Laverty Building

Councilman Johnson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Paul Breier explained that this change order is to install an ejector pump on the sewer line.

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

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 2

Councilman Johnson reported that our parks are being well maintained this season. He also stated he has preliminary blueprints for the proposed 9 acre park at the Burris property. Lastly he reported the ribbon cutting for our new bike path was held August 4, however he was not able to attend. Councilman Fleming was there and advised that all went well and Road Runners participated and it was a great night.

Old Business

President Trovato stated he attended a party on July 29 to honor Brian Bosworth upon his retirement after 39 years with the City of Woodbury. He will be greatly missed.

Reports:

Report of the City Clerk

Roy Duffield mentioned the Green Team met August 8 to discuss their goals for the year including Sustainable Jersey recertification, and holding another shred event and clothing drive. He also reminded everyone of Cruise Nights Aug. 10 at Barlow Buick and August 24th at Performance Dodge; and the Sept 3rd Outrageous Car Show.

Department Heads' Announcements

Economic Development:

Randi Woerner announced Hurc's Burgers is open for business, and she expects to welcome about 8 new businesses before end of the year.

Police Department:

Chief Tom Ryan stated that National Night Out on August 2nd was an amazing success. He also thanked Jean Wipf and the Municipal Alliance Funds which made it even more successful.

Administrator:

Mike Theokas reminded everyone that the next Council Meeting will be held September 13, 2016.

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.

Cheryl Reifsteck, 205 S. Barber Avenue approached Council again about damage to her home's foundation resulting from the county's curb & sidewalk repairs. Since she is situated at the intersection of a city street and county street she isn't sure who is responsible. The water, sewer and gas pipes are OK at this time but the foundation damage will cost up to \$300 to repair. Gloucester County Highway Dept. and Budd Concrete both told her they are not responsible. She is thankful for the help she has received from Councilman Johnson and Rich Leidy, but the problem is still not resolved and she will take legal action if necessary. Mr. Pierson, City Solicitor, advised her she is entitled to file a tort claim notice within 90 days of the incident.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, stated he attended the recent public hearing held by the Burris Corp. where they talked about building 69 townhomes, instead of the detached homes that were approved for the site. Mr. Chiesa stated that at the meeting he asked Mr. Burris about the impact this would have on our school system and Mr. Burris responded that Mayor Volk told him that would not be a problem. Mr. Pierson stated that in land use matters our City Council and Planning/Zoning Board may not consider school impact when making their decisions. Mayor Volk responded to the statement made by Mr. Chiesa, denying that he ever had such a conversation with Mr. Burris. Councilman Swanson reminded everyone that any changes to their approved site plan will require Planning/Zoning Board approval. Councilman Fleming reiterated the Solicitor's statement that a municipality cannot legally consider school impact on any land use matters, and that any revisions to the site plan must be approved by our land use board.

Ron Wilcox, 250 S. Barber Avenue thanked Council for their support for his annual basketball tournament held last month. As a lifelong Woodbury resident his motivation is to give something back to Woodbury to raise money to improve the park area for the neighborhood children.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy A Duffield
City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Administrator: Mike Theokas
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
City Engineer: Paul Breier
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Police Chief: Tom Ryan
Public Works Manager: Rich Leidy
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.