

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF
OCTOBER 11, 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 was given by Rev. Dr. Carla Romarate-Knipel of Central 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 #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 Councilwoman Parker, seconded by Councilman Reddin and unanimously approved, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 27, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Public Hearing on 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 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:

#2254-16 - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #2247-16 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 (Second Reading)

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled ordinance for adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Fleming and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing for this ordinance was ordered open.

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

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Parker, the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes	8	Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, Trovato
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Nays	1	Tierney
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#16-139 - Amended Resolution to Enter an Urban County Cooperation Agreement with the County of Gloucester for the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement and Home Investment Partnership Program Funds

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.

#16-140 - Resolution Authorizing the Retainer of an Auctioneer for the Sale of Certain Land and Property No Longer Needed for Public Use by the City of Woodbury

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Mr. Theokas explained that the properties will be sold at no cost to the city; the auctioneer's fee is paid by the buyer.

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

#16-141- Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the Budget of the City of Woodbury Pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) 2016 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Labor Day Grant

Councilman Swanson presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk read the title of the resolution.

On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Floyd the resolution was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

#16-142 - Resolution Providing for the Insertion of Special Items of Revenue in the Budget of the City of Woodbury pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) 2016 Body Armor Grant

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 adopted by 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 thanked Mike Theokas for working to sell the foreclosed properties so they can be returned to the tax rolls.

Economic Development Committee:

#2255-16 - Ordinance of the City of Woodbury Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement to Transfer Real Property to Gloucester County Habitat For Humanity (Second Reading)

Councilwoman Floyd presented the above-titled ordinance for adoption.

The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Johnson and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing for this ordinance was ordered open.

Ms. Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Ave asked which properties are included in this ordinance. The Clerk answered her question; the properties are listed in the ordinance.

Hearing no one else, on motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved, the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Councilwoman Floyd, seconded by Councilman Swanson, the ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes	9	Tierney, Swanson, Floyd, Johnson, Fleming, Parker, Reddin, Carter, Trovato
Nays	0	

#16-143 - Resolution Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019 (Municipal Alliance Grant)

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 adopted by voice vote.

Lastly, Councilwoman Floyd advised that in spite of inclement weather, both Rock the Woo and the Fall Parade were well attended.

Public Works Committee:

#16-144 – Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Release of the Performance Guarantee and Accepting the Maintenance Bond of Gerald A. Barrett, LLC Regarding the FY 2015 NJDOT Local Aid Project West Barber Avenue Milling & Overlay

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 voice vote.

#16-145 – Resolution of the City of Woodbury Authorizing Change Order #1 for Wood Street Road Improvement Project

Councilwoman Parker presented the above-titled resolution.

The City Clerk the title of the resolution.

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

Other Committee Reports:

Parks & Rec Committee:

Councilman Johnson reported that new signs, picnic tables and benches have been installed at Stuart St Playground. Also, he is looking for sponsors for some of our parks. He attended Roc the Woo and it was a beautiful event. The next Parks & Rec Committee meeting is October 24. He also noted that Tiki Tiki Board Games' new location at Polsky Building was open for business during the Fall Parade.

Green Team:

Councilwoman Tierney advised October 29 is Make a Difference Day. On that date volunteers will be painting picnic tables for our parks and cleaning up the parks, and the Green Team will be hosting a shred event and food and clothing collection.

Economic Development Committee:

Councilwoman Floyd was approached by a resident who asked to have a street named in honor of someone. Since the City does not have an official policy or guidelines for this she suggested that we should discuss how to handle such requests and how to appropriately honor our noteworthy citizens. President Trovato directed the Policy Committee to investigate this matter. Lastly she mentioned the WORC is hosting "WORC of Art" silent auction on October 22 at McArt art studio.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Volk thanked all the volunteers who organized the parade for honoring him and Reverend Cuff. The Mayor also stated he was happy with the progress of this year's street repaving, which is almost complete.

Department Heads' Announcements

Police Chief Tom Ryan thanked Public Works and Sheriff's Departments for their help with traffic control during the Fall Parade. He also discussed a recent social media 'clown threat' that was directed at Woodbury High School. Our officers investigated and an arrest was made. Our investigation led to arrests in similar incidents in other towns.

Library Director Jean Wipf listed the October calendar of events at the Library.

Economic Development Director Randi Woerner thanked everyone who helped with the Fall Parade. She also mentioned the Ribbons Cuttings of Eight & Sand Brewery, Second Chance Boutique and Tiki-Tiki Board Games. She announced our annual Trick-or-Treating at our downtown businesses.

Administrator Mike Theokas advised that leaf collection throughout the neighborhoods will begin soon, and residents will be notified.

Open to the Public

On motion of Councilwoman Tierney, 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.

Jerry Campbell, 529 Cooper Street, asked about the status of the improvements to Cooper-Evergreen intersection and wonders why it is taking so long. Mr. Theokas explained that the work is being done by a private contractor for a private property owner as required by County Planning Board. As a result these things are largely out of the City's control. Mr. Campbell also asked why the Burris project is taking so long to complete, and asked if the residential portion of the site has been changed. Mr. Theokas said any changes from the approved site plan will require Planning Board approval. Mayor Volk reminded him the original site plan application for the project called for a 2019 completion date.

Gloria Holmes, 19 Nelson Ave, informed Council Rev. Robert Moore of Macedonia Church passed away recently. She gave Council 'thumbs up' for investigating street dedication requirements. She attended Rock the Woo event and was pleased to see the condition of Bell Lake Park. She wishes these events were better publicized. She would prefer that the benches in our parks have back rests so children can read and do homework.

Hearing no one else, 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.

Adjournment

There being no further business before Council, on motion of Councilwoman Tierney, seconded by Councilman Swanson and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. DUFFIELD
City Clerk

Other Officials Present:

Administrator: Mike Theokas
City Clerk: Roy A. Duffield
Economic Development Director: Randi Woerner
Police Chief: Tom Ryan
Library Director Jean Wipf
Solicitor: James Pierson, Esq.