

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
DECEMBER 12, 2017  
AT 33 DELAWARE STREET, WOODBURY, NJ 08096**

The meeting of December 12, 2017 was called to order by Council President Parker at 7:02 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, Council President Parker and Mayor Floyd, Councilwoman Tierney

**Absent:** Councilman Reddin, Councilman Swanson

**Others Present:** City Clerk, Daneen Fuss; Solicitor, James Pierson; Deputy Administrator, Robert Law; Paul Breier, City Engineer

**Minutes**

Councilwoman Tierney made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 28, 2017 and November 28, 2017 Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Presentations and Discussions**

**Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

Councilman Fleming made a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney . Motion approved.

Seeing no one, Councilwoman Tierney made a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports**

**Economic Development**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2274-17 ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING CHAPTER 167 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY** (*First reading November 28, 2017; Public Hearing December 12, 2017*) Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled ordinance. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2274-17, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved by a roll call vote resulting in the following:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2275-17 ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING CHAPTER 139. PEACE AND GOOD ORDER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY** (*First reading November 28, 2017; Public Hearing December 12, 2017*) Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled ordinance. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Councilman Johnson made a motion to close the floor to the public, seconded by Councilman Fleming. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2275-17, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a roll call vote resulting in the following:

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2276-17 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ESTABLISHING AN ABANDONED PROPERTY LIST AND AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC OFFICER TO DESIGNATE QUALIFIED REHABILITATION ENTITIES** (*First reading December 12, 2017; Public Hearing December 26, 2017*) Councilman McIlvaine presented the above-titled ordinance. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Finance**

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-179 - RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ESTABLISHING DATE FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR 2018** (January 2, 2018 at 6:00 pm) 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 McIlvaine. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-185 - RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IMPOSING LIEN(S) FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PURSUANT TO**

**MUNICIPALITY CODE §162-4** Councilman Fleming presented the above titled Resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the Resolution. Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-185, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Vouchers**

Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt the vouchers as submitted, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. James Pierson, City Solicitor explained the \$150.00 escrow payment to Surety Title for 115 S. Broad Street. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Public Works**

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-184 - RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ESTABLISHING A 5-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ROAD OPENING PERMITS FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE ROADS RESURFACED AS PART OF THE FY2016 LOCAL ROAD MILLING & OVERLAY PROJECT FROM NOVEMBER 3, 2017 THROUGH NOVEMBER 2, 2022** Councilwoman Carter presented the above-titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. Councilwoman Carter made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-184, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Reports:**

**Committee Reports**

Councilman Fleming stated the Public Safety Committee will be meeting Monday, December 18th at 5:15 pm.

Councilman Johnson stated he attended the Second Ward Community Watch Meeting and thanked Chief Ryan, Mayor Floyd, Councilwoman O'Connor and Pastors DeShields, Cuff and Simmons. He also encouraged everyone to consider buying Woodbury Bucks where they will double the value of your purchase. He also attended the Christmas Tree Lighting Event recently held.

Councilman McIlvaine stated he is concerned with Economic Development of the downtown area and is encouraging Council to change the ordinance that governs the downtown business district and retail office space. Councilman Fleming advised that the ordinance at the time served a purpose

Councilman McIlvaine advised that 115 S. Broad St. has applied for Demolition Permit.

**Report of the Mayor**

Mayor Floyd stated the tree lighting went well. Thank you Fiore Bagel Nook and Main Street Woodbury, and the Woodbury High School Choir. Also a special thank you to Public Works, the Woodbury Fire Company, Councilman Johnson, Council President Parker, Bob Law and Lee Weather for their attendance at the event.

Mayor Floyd advised she just came from Christmas at the Crossings where she made several purchases for Christmas and the event last until 8:00 pm, so she encourages everyone to check it out. The Mayor also mentioned that she personally knows the Eyobi Family who started an organization called An Opportunity is Knocking (A-OK). This year the organization was able to give 12 children \$100.00 each to spend on Christmas gifts for their family members. They also help the children shop and gift wrap the presents and are always looking for volunteers as the organization continues to grow.

**Report of the City Clerk** – City Clerk, Daneen Fuss has no report at this time.

### **Department Announcements**

**Michelle Yeager** – The library is still collecting for Toys for Tots, there is a drop box at the Library. Miss Yeager also advised that the Library will be closed 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Library Board of Trustees is looking to hold two Focus Groups to discuss the goals and objectives for future events at the Library.

### **Open to the Public**

Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to open the floor to the public for non-agenda items, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Cheryl Reed, 255 S. Barber Avenue – advised that there are still issues with a abandoned home at 259 S. Barber Avenue. She has safety concerns regarding people sleeping there and it has been going on for a while. Councilwoman Tierney stated the property Maintenance Committee is aware of the property; however the bank has not taken possession of the home and we are waiting for that to occur before the City can do anything. Councilwoman Tierney advised Ms. Reed to continue to call Officer Pitzo every time she has some concerns, as all calls are documented and it would provide more leverage for the City when the time comes to take action. She also agrees it is an eyesore, John Leech is the person she should talk to, and to be certain the issue is being addressed; we just cannot share it at this time. Bob Law stated the City just became aware that the property owner has filed for bankruptcy; and the Public Safety Committee and inspectors will be going out shortly to see if there is any kind of imminent hazard. Mr. Law asked her to give him her contact information so he can relay information to her as it becomes available.

Dave Jenkins 345 Glover Street stated he was looking over the application for the town youth basketball league was taken aback by the prices for participation. Mayor Floyd advised it is not a City sponsored team, it is run by a private organization. Unfortunately, under the guidelines there are many regulations the league has to follow, need for referees, equipment, uniforms, etc.

Father Burgess of Christ Church apologized for not being here to open the meeting with an invocation. He did want to thank the Woodbury City Police and Fire Departments for bringing other clergy members together for a discussion in promoting safety during services. Council would be proud of how all denominations came together to listen and learn. Father Burgess also

advised that this Friday will be their 13<sup>th</sup> Year for holding their annual vigil along with the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street as an evening of community gathering.

Invocation for the closing of the meeting was given by Father Brian Burgess of Christ Church.

Councilwoman Tierney made a motion to close the floor, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**DANEEN D. FUSS**, City Clerk