

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
FEBRUARY 13, 2018
AT 33 DELAWARE STREET, WOODBURY, NJ 08096**

The meeting of February 13, 2018 was called to order by Council President Parker at 7:03 pm. City Clerk, Daneen Fuss, led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence for the men and women of the armed forces serving here and abroad.

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 No 18-05 adopted at the 2018 Reorganizational Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 2, 2018.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Johnson, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Swanson, Councilwoman Tierney, Council President Parker, and Mayor Floyd,

Absent: No one

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

Minutes

Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 2nd and 23rd, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, both sets of minutes were unanimously approved.

Presentations and Discussions

President Parker stated that the presentation of the proclamation to the Woodbury Youth Football Seniors will not be done this evening and scheduled for another meeting.

Tara Mohan of the FAF Coalition gave a presentation regarding an organization which they are calling "Gather". Primarily the group will consist of several community groups that are coming together for the betterment of Woodbury. They are recommending the possible purchase of a semi-permanent building to be installed on the Sta-fit property after the building has been demolished. The structure will be temporary until the City decides on what they intend to do with the area if such time a developer is interested. Ms. Mohan went through some examples of the semi-permanent buildings, their locations and the benefits they have provided for other communities. Ms. Mohan stated reasons why the building would be beneficial. She stated in the short term the filing of the space. Ongoing, the community is in need of as gathering place. Long term this is also a possible revenue generator. She also went through some of the uses for the space such as, municipal events, farmers market, educational, art, fundraising etc. Ms. Mohan went on to explain how the funds would be collected to pay for this building. She also advised how we could fund the project through grants and GCIA funding and revenue fundraising through events. Also the various organizations that she met with are also very supportive and will contribute toward the project. Ms. Mohan stated she is asking for Council's approval to move forward with this suggestion as soon as possible.

Councilwoman O'Connor stated she works next to lot 323 stating there is still a lot of clean up that needs to be done. Councilwoman O'Connor inquired who the community stakeholders are that are interested in joining. Ms. Mohan named several groups, library, schools, businesses stating that 40 people were present.

Mayor Floyd asked to share the information on taking it down and putting it up. \$3,000-\$5,000. The structure will hold it's resale value, it is movable, and you could add various features to it. Councilman Fleming stated grading costs need to be added to the cost. Bathrooms need to be a bigger concern. Who is going to take care of the space, police the space. Also, he has concerns regarding scheduling, and who would be in charge of that. Also the structure should be locked. Ms. Mohan responded that the structure would be locked, furniture would be in a shed in the back of the building. Ms. Mohan stated she does large scale special events internationally which is her area of expertise. As far as bathrooms, Lot 323 has ADA compliant bathrooms and as far as policing, the police would police it just as they do the City parks. She stated as far as scheduling the person who is now controlling the scheduling for the parks should be doing the scheduling within the City.

Councilman McIlvaine stated he would like to make it known that you are presenting the idea; however the ownership of this building will be with the City. Councilman McIlvaine expressed some concern regarding the style of the building, especially since Woodbury is known for its historical nature.

Also, Ms. Mohan stated the grading would be the crushed concrete and a blacktop pad.

Councilman Johnson stated he is happy to see the community coming together to be so involved in this. However, he has concerns regarding cost in the now and the long term. He also stated there will have to be a policy on the operation.

Ms. Mohan stated that John Leech is looking into the cost of bringing electric and the water would be as small as a spigot. She has also done some research by looking into Riverwinds and Woodbury Heights Community Center for additional information.

Councilman Swanson stated he does this for a living and has concerns whether the insurance company won't allow coverage or cooperation. It appears to be a huge liability for the City.

Mayor Floyd stated she did not see the time frame working in the amount of time that Ms. Mohan is projecting.

Councilman McIlvaine stated the gym needs to come down first. He also asked if any other options have been brought up for the space apart from the structure. Councilman McIlvaine thanked Ms. Mohan and all involved but does see the time frame an issue.

Councilwoman Tierney stated FAF continues to find great ways to bring people together. She likes the idea but wants to know what the next step is. Are there going to be future meetings?

Councilman McIlvaine stated he will reach out to Ms. Mohan to meet other community groups and advise when they will meet again.

Councilman Johnson stated this is a large space that we are talking about; we should also be discussing other uses in addition to this.

Council President Parker called for a five meeting recess before the Regular Order of Business.

The meeting was called to order at 7:57 pm.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

Councilman Johnson made a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

George Gallenthin, 260 S. Bayard – referenced Ordinance 2280-18 authorizing the purchase of property. He states the city has no right to do economic development and this matter is a redevelopment issue as well as a blighted area.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances and Committee Reports

Economic Development

ORDINANCE NO. 2280-18 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8(b) THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 75, LOT 35 AND BLOCK 75, LOT 33 ON THE CITY OF WOODBURY TAX MAPS FROM PCII REO, LLC TO FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS DISTRICT

Councilman McIlvaine presented the above titled Ordinance on first reading. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance. On motion of Councilman McIlvaine, seconded by Councilman Fleming, Ordinance No. 2280-18 was adopted at first reading by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Johnson asked if there is a total cost for this. Councilman McIlvaine responded it is not public information as yet. Councilwoman Tierney inquired if council would be made aware of cost prior to vote? Councilman McIlvaine replied, yes;

RESOLUTION NO. 18-64 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT (B 115, L 22.02)

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, Resolution No. 18-64 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-65 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING SUBDIVISION APPLICATION REGARDING BLOCK 75, LOTS 3.01 AND 27 Councilman McIlvaine presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman McIlvaine, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, Resolution No. 18-65 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Finance

ORDINANCE NO. 2279-18 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 Councilman Fleming presented the above titled Ordinance on first reading. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson, Ordinance No. 2279-18 was adopted at first reading by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-56 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY ON-LINE THROUGH A NEW JERSEY STATE CONTRACT AUCTION SERVICE (GOVDEALS.COM) Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, Resolution No. 18-56 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-57 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE PREMIUM ACCOUNT INTO THE GENERAL CURRENT FUND (BLOCK 23 LOT 2) Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, Resolution No. 18-57 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-58 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE PREMIUM ACCOUNT INTO THE GENERAL CURRENT FUND (BLOCK 151 LOT 19) Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, Resolution No. 18-58 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-59 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE PREMIUM ACCOUNT INTO THE GENERAL CURRENT FUND (BLOCK 75 LOT 33) Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, Resolution No. 18-59 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-60 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE PREMIUM ACCOUNT INTO THE GENERAL CURRENT FUND (BLOCK 98 LOT 6) Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson, Resolution No. 18-60 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-61 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EMERGENCY REPAIR CONTRACT WITH PIONEER PIPE FOR CARPENTER STREET WATER MAIN BREAK Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson, Resolution No. 18-61 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote. Councilman Johnson asked if PSE&G is responsible for the repairing the street when they dig it up? He stated that City of Woodbury spent a lot of money to repair that road.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-62 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO ADOPT EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2018 Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Swanson, Resolution No. 18-62 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote. Councilwoman Tierney inquired about adding funds to the temporary budget. Bob Law responded why it was being done this way.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-63 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A TRASH TRUCK THROUGH NATIONAL JOINT POWER ALLIANCE (NJPA) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Carter, Resolution No. 18-63 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote. Councilman Swanson asked if this is a replacement or an addition. Robert Law, Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Administrator stated it is an addition and would complete the fleet. Councilman Swanson asked for more preventive measures to be used to get the longest use of our vehicles in the future.

Resignation

Councilman Fleming made a motion to accept the resignation of Marcus Davis of the Woodbury Public Works Department. Councilman Johnson seconded, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Vouchers

Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt the vouchers as presented and certified seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Policy

ORDINANCE NO. 2277-18 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW REGARDING IMPROVEMENT GUARANTEES AND INSPECTION ESCROWS Councilman Johnson presented the above titled Ordinance on first reading by title. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance. On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Fleming, Ordinance No. 2277-18 was adopted at first reading by a unanimous voice vote. Councilman McIlvaine asked if this was due to a state law. James Pierson, City Solicitor, stated this conforms to our ordinance to the state and allows for different types of bonds as well as for different uses. Councilman Fleming went over a few of the changes.

ORDINANCE NO. 2278-18 AN ORDINANCE OF CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, ENTITLED "ANIMALS" (Chickens) Councilman Johnson presented the above titled Ordinance on first reading. The City Clerk read the title of the ordinance. On motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney Ordinance No. 2278-18 was adopted at first reading by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilman Johnson stated he would like to look at personnel policies during his first few policy meetings. He would like to see changes made to have our employees more accountable and would like to implement these changes along with the hiring of a new Administrator.

Public Safety

Membership to Friendship Fire Company

Councilwoman O'Connor made a motion to approve an application for membership into the Friendship Fire Company for Timothy Leahy. Motion seconded by Councilman Swanson. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman O'Connor made a motion to accept the resignation of Randy Ballinger, full time Firefighter for the City of Woodbury. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman O'Connor made a motion to approve an application for membership into the Friendship Fire Company for Nash Devita of 125 N. Drexel Street, Woodbury. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Reports:

Councilwoman Miller – Advised that the Community Development board met 2-6-18 and discussed were past ventures and goals for the future. They also had a lengthy discussion regarding the FAF project and would like to meet with multiple committees before moving forward.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Floyd advised that the Human Rights Commission meets on the third Monday of the month in City Hall. She thanked Randy Ballinger for his years of service. Thank you to FAF for gathering the information for the project proposal. She stated she would like to definitively see something done, the City is in need this type of facility. The Mayor thanked Council for passing the chicken ordinance. She also advised we are in need of crossing guards, if anyone would like to work please contact the Police Department.

Report of the City Clerk – Ms. Fuss stated she is currently gathering information for the Human Rights Commission. Rabies Clinic went well 93 animals were vaccinated – 71 dogs and 22 cats, which seems to be a low number. She is looking into a company that does dog census.

Department Announcements

City Engineer- Paul Brier explained the situation on Carpenter Street regarding the recent main break, stating PSE&G will be repaving the street, as well as Childs Street. Councilman McIlvaine commented that Columbia and S. Girard are in horrible conditions. Councilman McIlvaine inquired how is priority determined for which roads get repaired? Paul Brier advised that they do the streets based on their condition of disrepair stating many factors go into the final decision. Councilman McIlvaine inquired where is the west bank of Stuart Lake? To which Mr. Brier replied.

Open to the Public

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

John Belko, 605 Delaware Street – asked if the lack of starting the meeting without an Invocation was intentional. He also stated he is proud of the diversity of the City, including religious diversity.

Paul Bun, 18 E. Packard – is there a budget for repaving streets. Bob Law stated that part of the capital budget is partially used for this. Linda Lane at the bottom of Prince and Queen Street is in disarray. He would like to see if something could be done as well to N. Maple leading to N. Laurel. Bob Law advised the previous Administrator was working with West Deptford on Linda Lane, Bob Law will follow up.

Tony Doran, 46 Lake Drive - stated he would like to thank the council for doing away with the invocation. He stated it is offensive for people who have an issue with religion.

Jeff Quattrone – Supports “Gather” he thinks it is a much needed space and has potential. He stated he is working on a food co-op and looking to start a Spires Club. He then explained what the Spires Club involves. Councilman McIlvaine asked Mr. Quattrone to reach out to him.

Heidi Louis 102 Girard St – representing WORC stated they are very excited for the possibility for the “Gather” project.

Julio Morales 119 Penn St. - thanked Council for passing the chicken ordinance.

Ray Venable 98 N American St. – had the first meeting of the chicken advisory committee at his house where he was able to show the new members some of his chickens and how he tends to them.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to close the floor, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Fleming made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANEEN D. FUSS, City Clerk