

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
APRIL 24, 2018
AT 33 DELAWARE STREET, WOODBURY, NJ 08096**

The meeting of April 24, 2018 was called to order by Council President Parker at 7: 04 pm. City Clerk, Daneen Fuss, led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Reflection.

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

Absent: Councilwoman Carter

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

Minutes

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 10, 2018, seconded by Councilman Fleming. Councilwoman Miller and Councilman McIlvaine abstained. The minutes of April 10th were approved.

Presentations and Discussions

RESOLUTION NO. 18-83 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER S. JOHNSON AS PART-TIME CLASS II SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER (SLEO II) FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY Councilwoman O'Connor presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. On motion of Councilwoman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine, Resolution No. 18-83 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Floyd welcomed Christopher and read him the Oath of Office. Officer Johnson introduced his family and friends and stated he is excited to begin working in Woodbury.

FAF – Tara Moughan, representative of FAF gave a brief presentation regarding 'GATHER'. Councilwoman Tierney and Bob Law have been working on arranging where the funds will be coming from to pay for the Gather building. Mr. Law stated he is looking into whether or not the company is within a state contract. If not, the city will need to find a company in a state contract or send the project out for bid. Councilman Swanson stated he has read articles stating the purchase has been made for this semi-permanent building. Councilman Swanson stated these articles indicate the Gather project is 'a done deal'. Mr. Law stated the articles are incorrect.

Nothing has been purchased and the project would need City Council's approval prior to purchase.

Ms. Moughan stated the structure will be set at an angle to improve visibility and offset the largeness of the space. She then went over the donations made by local businesses for this project. Subaru will be funding synthetic turf, Sherwin Williams will be funding Paint, EP Henry will be funding and installing the brickwork, Home Depot will be donating fencing, Hopewell Nursery and Rock Products will be donating berms and flowers, Ledden Palimeno prepared the conceptual drawing, and J Fazio Inc will be donating storage containers. Councilwoman O'Connor asked what company will be doing the installation, Ms. Moughan stated that depends on the company we would be purchasing the structure from. Councilman McIlvaine stated there is currently a foundation on the 115 S Broad Property due to be removed. He asked if the city could look into the possibility of keeping the current foundation in order to save funds.

Councilman McIlvaine also thanked Ms. Moughan and all of the FAF members for all of their hard work and dedication to the community. Councilman Johnson also thanked Ms. Moughan and FAF. However, he is concerned that there are many moving pieces in this project and this is a large investment. He would like someone from the City be a part of the steering committee for this project. Mr. Law stated the biggest issue as of now, is not having someone to work on the planning and scheduling. Councilman Johnson is also concerned the sponsors are putting in money for a temporary structure. Ms. Moughan stated all sponsors are aware this project is temporary and are happy to see it through.

Councilman McIlvaine asked for clarification on the city's total cost of the project. He also stated, even if someone attended the next planning board meeting to discuss use of this space, this would still be a 2 to 4 year process with all of the planning and approvals that would be needed. He stated the city needs something to fill the space and benefit the community.

Councilwoman Carter arrived at 7:15

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

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

Seeing no one, 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

Finance

RESOLUTION NO. 18-84 RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FAIR FUNDING ACTION COMMITTEE
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. 18-84 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Acceptance of resignation of Stephanie Petersen. Councilman Fleming regretfully accept the resignation of Ms. Petersen, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote with regrets.

ORDINANCE NO. 2283-18 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. The City Clerk read the title of the Ordinance. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, Ordinance No. 2283-18 was adopted on first reading by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-88 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER FOR LIQUOR LICENSE 0822-44-006-008 FROM CLL LIQUORS, LLC (AKA SPIRITS WAREHOUSE) TO BKK CORP 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, Councilman Swanson and Councilman McIlvaine voted no and Councilwoman Miller abstained. Resolution No. 18-88 was adopted.

Vouchers

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

Reports:

Policy - Councilman Johnson stated the policy committee met today to discuss employee evaluations and surveys. He and Mr. Law are working with departments who do their own evaluations, and get everyone on the same page. Councilman Johnson thanked Ms. Fuss for her work on the surveys. He also stated the surveys will be done by department. Councilman Johnson and Mr. Law have decided on a time clock, \$600 up front for installation and \$1200 annually. These clocks will be used for City Hall and the Firehouse.

Green Team - Councilwoman Tierney stated the Green Team will be planting three trees at Bell Lake Park on Arbor Day. They will also be dedicating a plastic trek bench to Roy Duffield at that time. Mayor Floyd has prepared a proclamation declaring April 27th officially Arbor day. Councilwoman Tierney stated the Women's Club will also be holding a tree dedication at the YMCA on Saturday.

Property Maintenance – Councilman Swanson stated he is disgusted that the council's inaction has led to the loss of an incredibly talented individual. He expects the council to improve upon these types of issues. Councilman McIlvaine asked Councilman Swanson to elaborate. To which Councilman Swanson stated the department was already down two people and now Ms. Petersen is leaving.

Public Safety – Councilwoman O'Connor stated the committee met with the fire team and discuss changes. Also attended the sub-station ribbon cutting for the police.

Economic Development Committee – Councilman McIlvaine stated 25-29 West Centre Street contains a large amount of poison ivy and large tree that needs to come down. Councilman McIlvaine also stated the committee is looking into the old police station and what it can become in the future. He would like to have a sub-committee for the discussion of the 'Gather' project.

Finance - Councilman Fleming stated the next City Council meeting is the Public Hearing and Budget Presentation.

Community Development – Councilwoman Miller stated she has met with Creative team to discussed events. Attended the installation of Pastor DeShields on April 15th at the Bethlehem Baptist Church. She stated Pastor DeShields is an asset to the community. She also attended the Woodbury Relays with Councilwoman O’Connor and Mayor Floyd.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Floyd stated attended the Boys and Girls club event where they were honored for a national certification. The Boys and Girls Club meets on the top floor of Central Baptist Church. Baseball opening day was two Saturdays ago. She also attended Pastor DeShields’ installation and welcomed him again to Woodbury. Kimble Church hosted an event o bless the police department. She went on to say she attended the Woodbury Relays and the police substation ribbon cutting. The YMCA also had there ‘Family Day’ last weekend. She stated the Woodbury Relays are a state wide event in need of volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the organization.

Report of the City Clerk – Ms. Fuss reported she is now an official Notary Public. Ms. Nigro was the previous Notary; however, she is now at public works. Ms. Fuss also stated Financial Disclosure Statements are now due. She estimated around 20 people who still need to file.

Department Announcements

Police – TD bank was a victim of a robbery this morning images of the suspect and vehicle have been obtained to aid in the investigation. Woodbury Detectives and state police are working diligently to solve this crime. Chief Ryan stated he will update residents on the progress soon. Chief Ryan thanked the Council for adopting the SLEOII resolution. Kimble Memorial Church honored the Police Department during a wonderful gratitude event. Chief Ryan also stated Pastor DeShields held a service and it was very lively. The YMCA ribbon cutting for substation went very well. The officers plan to involved in their events and programs as well. An active shooter drill at Evergreen Avenue School on April 28th. Chief Ryan stated he was honored to be a guest speaker at the Rotary Commission meeting this week. Councilman McIlvaine stated the chief is not only responsible for Public Safety, he is also a very good speaker. He always speaks very highly of Woodbury and is a very good representative of the Community. Public Works has no report at this time.

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 by a unanimous voice vote.

Mary Carter 214 Brier Hill Lane, Main Street Woodbury Lunch Munch will be held May 16th, White Table Gala will be discussed during the first meeting in June there will be a live band. Public Works will be installing planters on Main Street tomorrow. Ms. Carter said thank you to Mayor Floyd for collecting bottles. The bottles will be placed in the bottom of the planters for drainage. Ms. Carter also said the edging stone that was donated still has not been placed. Peggy Lewis 102 N Girard St. Road Runners - Ms. Lewis stated the Woodbury Relay was very successful and thanked the City Council for their support.

Jessica Ferguson – Ms. Ferguson stated she is concerned about the 2 mentions of tree removals so far during this meeting. She asked that the council please consider the trees before taking them down.

John Campbell Greater Woodbury Chamber of Commerce – Tomorrow morning South Jersey Radiology will be hosting an event from 8-9. Also, on May 11th at River Winds the GWCC will be hosting a golf outing. Dancing with the Gloucester County Stars is coming with the finally on September 27th. Mr. Campbell listed off the contestants participating in this year's event and is hoping to break the \$2million dollar mark. Mr. Campbell also stated there will be a designer bag bingo event on June 23rd.

Amelie Harris-McGeehan 159 Harrison Ave. – Woodbury community Garden had some vandalism. Ms. Harris-McGeehan asked if it were possible to have a camera on the Water Treatment Facility facing the garden. Woodbury Community Garden Spring Fest will be held June 16th from 10am – 4pm vendors, live music, activities and games. Ms. Harris-McGeehan is also concerned by the amount of litter around Woodbury. Councilwoman Tierney stated the winter weather has thrown things about. She stated the Green Team would like to reestablish litter nights when volunteers go out and pick up trash around the city. Ms. Harris-McGeehan also pointed out that the Mural/Painting coming into town is deteriorating. Ms. Harris-McGeehan stated the old police station would be a great place to rent out canoes and kayaks . She went on to say there is only one nature center in Gloucester County. She would like to propose an environmental center in Woodbury.

Debbie Forb 104 W. Centre St – is appalled at the amount of dog waste in the city. Stated the City Ordinance states it is enforceable. Ms. Forb would like police to stop individuals on the street walking their dogs and ask if they have a waist bag.

Name inaudible 324 S. Columbia – Wondering if a section of Broad Street that is labeled 'No Parking' could be changed to a 15 minute loading zone. Council stated it is a state road and there are laws on how far you can park from an intersection.

Lee Whetherby 303 W. Centre Street – Mr. Whetherby stated he is finishing the details on the Memorial Day ceremony. He also stated the yellow parking zones are there because the law is no parking within 25 feet of intersection. He mentioned that dog waste is being collected in his neighborhood. Mr. Whetherby then stated Conrail will come out and clean up railroads if asked to do so. He also thanked the Council for making things happen within the town.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 18-85 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO PERSONNEL Councilman Swanson presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution stating action may be taken. On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Resolution No. 18-85 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Council entered executive session at 8:28pm.
Closed session ended at 8:43pm

Council President Parker mentioned the school budget meeting is tomorrow evening.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-86 RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING ROBERT LAW AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY 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. 18-86 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-87 RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING RICHARD E. WRIGHT AS TREASURER AND GRANTS COORDINATOR OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY 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. 18-87 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilwoman Tierney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Fleming. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANEEN D. FUSS, City Clerk