

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MAY 8, 2018
AT 33 DELAWARE STREET, WOODBURY, NJ 08096**

The meeting of May 8, 2018 was called to order by Council President Pro-Tempore Fleming at 7:07 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:, Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Swanson, Councilwoman Tierney

Absent: Council President Parker, and Mayor Floyd

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

Minutes

Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2018, seconded by Councilwoman Carter.

Presentations and Discussions

RESOLUTION NO. 18-97 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964" Councilman Swanson presented the above titled Ordinance. The City Clerk read the title of the Resolution. On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, Resolution No. 18-97 was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote resulting in the following:

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Swanson, Councilwoman Tierney,

Nays 0

Absent 1 Council President Parker

RESOLUTION NO 18-91 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY Councilman Swanson presented the above titled Ordinance. The City Clerk read the title of the Resolution. On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine, Resolution No. 18-91 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

- Budget Presentation by Bowman & Co.

Council President Pro-Tempore Fleming welcomed Mike Cesaro and Evan Palmer from Bowman and Co. Mr. Cesaro distributed a hard copy of his presentation to the council and the City Clerk. He then gave a presentation to the council and residents that explained the budget process as well as the differences from 2017 to 2018's budget. He explained that the City only receives a small portion of the money collected through taxes. Mr. Cesaro explained the dynamic of CAP balances, as well as fund balances of the city and water/sewer budgets. Mr. Cesaro also discussed the importance of ratables in the community with regard to the budget.

- Public Hearing on the introduced municipal budget
Councilman Swanson made a motion to open to the public for budget items only, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney.

Anthony 36 rugby place – for information on property values within the city and what the city is doing to improve the amount of ratables in the community. Councilman McIlvaine stated the city has been working towards maintaining the current properties, as well as improving the Economic Development. Councilman Swanson stated tax assessments are not under the jurisdiction of the City as the Tax Assessment office is run through Gloucester County. Council President Pro-Tempore Fleming asked if Mr. Law can create a spreadsheet to see if any other Gloucester County towns have seen such dramatic drops in property values. Mr. Cesaro mentioned that the State uses the User Friendly Budget and the new FAST system information to evaluate municipalities within New Jersey. Councilman Swanson stated the city lost 50,000 in ratables but barely raised taxes. Councilman Swanson made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-92 ADOPTION OF THE 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councilman Swanson notified the Council the adoption of the budget will be tabled until the next meeting to be held May 22, 2018.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

Councilman Swanson 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 Swanson 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

Finance

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 Swanson presented the above titled Ordinance. The City Clerk read the title of the Ordinance. On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, the matter was opened to the public.

Seeing no one Councilman Swanson made a motion to close the matter to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Councilman Swanson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2283-18, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. The ordinance was adopted by a roll call vote resulting in the following:

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Swanson, Councilwoman Tierney,

Nays 0

Absent 1 Council President Parker

ORDINANCE NO. 2284-18 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 84 “FEES” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY Councilman Swanson presented the above titled Ordinance. The City Clerk read the title of the Resolution. On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, Resolution No. 18-89 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-89 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO REIMBURSE TAX OVERPAYMENT BLOCK 152.01 LOT 26 MILES 437 E BARBER AVE Councilman Swanson presented the above titled Resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the Resolution. On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine, Resolution No. 18-89 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-90 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELATION OF BALANCES UNDER TEN DOLLARS(\$10.00) ON 2010 INACTIVE WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT IN 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 Miller, Resolution No. 18-90 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-94 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 18-07 DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES OF FUNDS Councilman Swanson presented the above titled Resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the Resolution. On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine, Resolution No. 18-94 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-95 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 17-117, APPOINTING CONTACT PERSON FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY HELPLINE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND Councilman Swanson presented the above titled Resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the Resolution. On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine, Resolution No. 18-95 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-96 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND Councilman Swanson presented the above titled Resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the Resolution. On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine, Resolution No. 18-96 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-98 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 18-11 APPOINTING SIGNATORIES FOR BANKING INSTITUTIONS Councilman Swanson presented the above titled Resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the Resolution. On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine, Resolution No. 18-98 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Vouchers

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

Council President Pro-Tempore Fleming stated the finance committee will be meeting soon to discuss the capital expenditures.

Community Development

RESOLUTION NO. 18-93 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY Councilwoman Miller presented the above titled Resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the Resolution. On motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, Resolution No. 18-93 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Miller also stated the Woodbury Juneteenth Event will be held Saturday, June 9th at Bethel Baptist Church beginning at 2:00pm. She noted the event has also added an art exhibit by Randall Gordeen.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-99 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION Councilman McIlvaine presented the above titled Resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the Resolution. On motion of Councilman McIlvaine, seconded by Councilman Swanson, Resolution No. 18-99 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports:

Councilwoman Carter stated the Woodbury High School Basketball team will be given awards and a proclamation for winning state championship at the next City Council meeting.

Green Team - Councilwoman Tierney stated the Green Team planted three trees at Bell Lake Park on Arbor Day. They also dedicated a plastic trek bench to Roy Duffield at that time. Councilwoman Tierney noted the City collects plastic bags at City Hall and the Library that then get transformed into benches. She also thanked Mr. Law and Councilwoman Miller for attending the Arbor Day ceremony. She stated she had also attended the Arbor Day festivities put on by the Women's Club. Councilwoman Tierney reported the tree inventory is complete and the information will be available soon.

Economic Development Committee – Councilman McIlvaine thanked Mr. Law for all of his help. He also thanked the Finance Committee and Council President Parker for attending the Economic Development meeting. He stated Jeff Quatrone attended the meeting and discussed Co-Ops and the benefits they would have to the community.

Public Safety – Councilwoman O'Connor stated the Special Law Enforcement Officers have been out walking Broad Street. The committee is focusing on having a larger visual police presence throughout the city.

Property Maintenance – Councilman Swanson has nothing to report at this time.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Floyd absent, no report at this time.

Report of the City Clerk – Ms. Fuss reported Financial Disclosure Statements are now overdue. There are about eight people who have still not completed the electronic form. She also stated that the Elections are coming up and her office is preparing.

Department Announcements

Police – Chief Ryan stated an Active Shooter Drill has taken place at the school and coming up at Inspira. He stated the drill was a great learning experience and there was a lot of good feedback given from all parties involved. Chief Ryan also went on to say the NOLA program is coming along. The capabilities of the camera system are very exciting.

Library – Ms. Yeager stated the library was one of 100 libraries that were awarded a \$1,000 grant. The library will be hosting 3 separate events focusing on the revolution era.

Administrator – Mr. Law stated the demolition of 115 S. Broad should be done in 1-2 weeks. He stated the city is looking into keeping the cement slab that is currently on the property. Mr. Law stated there are positions open in City Hall, 2 clerk/cashier, and 1 housing inspector. Mr. Law also read a letter from Senator Cory Bookers office stating the City of Woodbury has been designated an Opportunity Zone. This will be taking place in the Low-Mod Zones. Councilman Johnson asked what qualifies as a low mod zone? Mr. Law stated the censes, poverty, and property values all go in to determining the Low-Mod zones. He stated there are currently two Low-Mod zones in Woodbury. Mr. Law then stated the "Gather" building must go out to bid and the engineer will be compiling those documents. He also stated 25-29 West Centre Street are also being planned for demolition. Mr. Law added the edging on Broad Street may be part of CBDG funds. Mr. Law announced a resident from the GG Green Building, Terry Hoffman, came into City Hall with a tile from the demolition of the 115 S. Broad St. Building. Mr. Hoffman stated he believes the building used to be a drug store. Mr. Hoffman framed the tile from the demolition and would like to donate it to the historical society.

Councilman Swanson asked Mr. Law if the Full-Time Fire Department position has gotten posted? Mr. Law stated it will be done this coming week.

Councilman McIlvaine asked if it is realistic to have the gather building done this year or should we hold off until 2019. Mr. Law stated he suggests going to bid and seeing where the city stands as far as cost and timing. Councilman McIlvaine stated there is still a lot of work to do on the property and the city does not yet own the property either. Councilman McIlvain also thanked Mr. Hoffman for the tile and the time he took to preserve this piece of history.

Councilman Johnson Thanked the police department for their recent help when his home was vandalized.

Open to the Public

Councilman Swanson 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.

Boyle - Towne Liquors – The demolition of 115 S. Broad seems to have bad impact on the store. Shelves within the store are shaking and he has concerns for the safety of his father and the customers. Mr. Law stated the demolition company has insurance to cover the cost of any damages that may occur. The city also has an inspector on site, as well as a code official to oversee the process. If any damage is seen, please report it to the insurance company immediately. Boyle also stated he has issues with the demolition company using improper equipment for tasks.

Delco Delaware St – Thanked Mr. Law for gathering the information for the ‘Gather’ building. He stated FAF may have to post pone first date of their season due to the demolition. He also stated that FAF understands there might be a delay to 2019 for the gather building. Mr. Delco reported FAF did receive the \$15,000 grant for musical playground. Councilman Swanson asked if FAF has considered shifting the layout of the property away from the demolition project. Mr. Delco stated everything is being reviewed and they may also add a date in August. Mr. Law asked when the installation of the musical playground will begin. Mr. Delco stated as soon is the space is available, as FAF would like to have it in this year.

Tony Doran 46 Lake Drive – Mr. Doran stated June is pride month. Banners will be going up on Broad Street. Some of the events coming up in June are: the Rainbow Gala, Pride Pig Roast at 8 and Sand and a joint event with FAF, Community Pride night out. Mr. Doran also stated the organization has a grant for LGBTQ businesses. There will also be a day of Craft and Story Time with Made and the City Library. Councilman Swanson asked if Mr. Doran has a flyer for these events. Mr. Doran stated all information can be found on the Community Pride website and Facebook.

Lee Weatherby – Stated the Opportunity Zone sounds like an incentive to gain businesses in the area. Mr. Weatherby also stated he has bricks from the GG Green hotel to dedicate to Historic Society. He is also in possession of brick paver sample for the memorial brick project. The Memorial Day ceremonies schedule was given to the Council. Mr. Weatherby stated he is looking forward to the events and thanked Troop 7 for their dedication and hard work in putting the ceremonies together. He stated the 32nd annual Car Show coming up. Mr. Weatherby also thanked the City for their dedication to the community and cooperation during events. Mr. Weatherby also commented on the on-going demolition of 115 S. Broad progress and the demolition company.

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

Councilman Swanson made a motion to go into closed session where he stated action may be taken. Councilman Johnson seconded. Closed session began at 8:28.

The meeting resumed for the public at 9:07 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-100 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENTS TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY BEING 32 WEST BARBER AVENUE, 38 WEST BARBER AVENUE AND 40 WEST BARBER AVENUE Councilman McIlvaine presented the above titled Resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the Resolution. On motion of Councilman Swanson, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine, Resolution No. 18-100 was adopted by a voice vote. Councilman Johnson and Councilwoman Tierney are opposed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Swanson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANEEN D. FUSS, City Clerk