

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
MAY 22, 2018
AT 33 DELAWARE STREET, WOODBURY, NJ 08096**

The meeting of May 22, 2018 was called to order by Council President Pro-Tempore Fleming at 7:05 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, Mayor Floyd

Absent: Council President Parker, and Councilman Swanson Councilwoman Tierney,

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

Minutes

Councilwoman Miller made a motion to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2018, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine.

Heather Tierney arrived at 7:08

Presentations and Discussions

Council President Pro-Temp Fleming congratulated the Woodbury Varsity Basketball team. Mayor Floyd stated her congratulations to the team noting they will be receiving a proclamation, certificates. A banner will also be hung over Broad Street for approximately 2 weeks during June. Mayor Floyd then presented Coach Dirugeris with a proclamation honoring the team on their amazing accomplishment. Mayor Floyd and Councilwoman Carter distributed certificates to the attending team members.

Council President Pro-Temp Fleming called for 5 minutes recess at 7:15.

The meeting resumed at 7:17.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

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

Seeing none Councilwoman Carter 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

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

Council President Pro-Tempore Fleming stated the state has not had time to provide an approval for the budget. Therefore this Resolution will be tabled until the meeting of June 12, 2018 for the proposal of adoption.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-101 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENDORSING AND APPROVING \$50,000 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY REGARDING BROAD STREET BRICK-PAVER SIDEWALK REPAIRS 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 Johnson, Resolution No. 18-101 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote. Councilwoman Tierney asked if the donated bricks within the sidewalk would be preserved. To which Mr. Law replied yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-103 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF A WATER SERVICE FEE TO KING DEVELOPMENT LLC, REGARDING CONNECTION FEES AT 59 W. BARBER AVE 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. 18-103 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-104 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELATION OF INTEREST BALANCE ON 2018 DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP MUA WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT IN 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 Councilwoman Tierney, Resolution No. 18-104 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-106 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CITY OF WOODBURY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SOUTH JERSEY POWER COOPERATIVE (SJPC) AND AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF PARTICIPATION FORM FOR NATURAL GAS BID 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 Councilwoman Tierney, Resolution No. 18-106 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Vouchers

Councilwoman O'Connor 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-Temp Fleming stated the Finance Committee has not yet met on the Capital Budget. He also stated the salary ordinance will be presented soon.

- **Public Safety**

ORDINANCE NO. 2285-18 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING CHAPTER 190 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY Councilwoman O'Connor presented the above titled Ordinance on first reading. The City Clerk read the title of the Ordinance. On motion of Councilwoman O'Connor, seconded by Councilman Johnson, Ordinance No. 2285-18 was adopted on first reading by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-102 RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ESTABLISHING A 5 YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ROAD OPENING PERMITS FOR TATUM STREET, WEST RED BANK AVENUE TO WATKINS AVENUE FROM JULY 25, 2017 THROUGH JULY 24, 2022 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. 18-102 was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

- **Policy**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-105 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ADOPTING THE FORM OF THE NEW JERSEY TORT CLAIMS ACT QUESTIONNAIRE REQUIRED TO BE UTILIZED BY CLAIMANTS FOR THE FILING OF NOTICES OF TORT CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY OF WOODBURY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY TORT CLAIMS ACT, N.J.S.A. 59:8-6 AND DESIGNATING QUAL-LYNX AS THE AGENT FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO PROVIDE THE QUESTIONNAIRE TO ALL OF THE CLAIMANTS AND TO RECEIVE THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE FROM THE CLAIMANTS. Councilman Johnson presented the above titled resolution. The City Clerk read the title of the resolution. Councilman Johnson made a motion to adopt the above Resolution. Councilman McIlvaine asked for a description of the Resolution from Councilman Johnson. Councilman Johnson referred to Mr. Law who explained the insurance agent has changed the questionnaire for all Tort claims. He gave a brief description of the definition of a Tort Claim. He stated the approval of this resolution confirms the City Council has reviewed and approved of the changes. Councilman Johnson thanked Daneen Fuss for her work on the Employee Surveys and the distribution of the same. Councilwoman Tierney, seconded Resolution No. 18-105 and the resolution was adopted by a unanimous voice vote.

Reports:

Community Development – Councilwoman Miller – Attended a Civil Rights forum this past Saturday at First Baptist Church was a 2 hour meeting. The meeting was a start to a conversation that she hopes to continue. The forum was sponsored by NAACP and Action Together New Jersey. She also attended the Community Policing Project on May 14th stating Chief Ryan will probably discuss the project further. She did say the project was very enlightening. The presenters went over a number of policies that they have to follow, including timelines for releasing bodycam footage.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Floyd reported that since she was absent at the last meeting, she formally welcomed Bob Law and Rich Wright to their new positions. Memorial Day Services will be going on throughout the City on the 28th. Also thank you to Lee Weatherby, Mr. Hughes and the Boy Scouts for all they do for this event. She expressed the importance of remembering those men and women who have served and sacrificed for our freedoms. Thank you Councilwoman Carter for making the arrangements to have the Basketball team come to the meeting this evening. She also stated the City is looking for 3 employees. Anyone interested in working for the City can find more information on the City's Website or contact City Hall. Benjamin Ross Memorial 5K June 3rd. Council President Pro-Tempore stated there was a run this past weekend for Holy Angels.

Report of the City Clerk – Ms. Fuss stated the Memorial Day information and job notices are available on the front page of the website. If the Memorial Day Services are cancelled due to rain that information will be posted immediately on the City's social media pages. The Elections are coming up and her office is preparing. She also mentioned that liquor license renewals will be on the agenda in June. Employee surveys are ready to go out. She also noted she, Mr. Law and Mr. Leech have a meeting on Thursday with a company to discuss the possibility of scanning records for retention.

Department Announcements

Police – Chief Ryan thanked Councilwoman Miller for coming to the meeting. The Gloucester County Prosecutors office has begun hosting quarterly meetings for individuals on Council. This meeting was focused on "Proactive Community Policing". It was focused on police involved shootings and explained the process of information in and out of a police department when a crime occurs. Chief Ryan also described some of the differences in Laws between NJ and other states. Next meeting is on Opioid Addiction as this has become a large problem within New Jersey. Chief Ryan also stated there are currently two chaplains at police department. The County will soon be implementing a county wide chaplaincy system which sounds like it would be a very useful program in a case of an emergency. Chief and Mr. Law attended a meeting at the YMCA. The YMCA is holding a meeting in November regarding opioid addiction. Sergeant Davis is retiring soon. There will be three chiefs from the surrounding areas will be handling the interviews. Chief then updated the Council on the progress of the NOLA camera system. He stated there are going to be 5 cameras as of now that the department can test for quality. Councilman McIlvaine asked if the footage would be viewable by the public. Chief stated businesses will have access to the cameras on and around their buildings. Also, in the future if the council wishes, the footage can be available to all residents.

Library – Ms. Yeager has no report.

Public Works – Michael McCaughey stated the Public Works Department is working on setting up for the Memorial Day events this weekend. Lawn maintenance has also begun on City owned and vacant properties. Yard Debris will not be collected on Monday due to the holiday. Interviewing for the High School Student summer workers will begin next week. Congratulations to Mr. Law on his new position.

Council President Parker arrived at 7:47

Administrator – Mr. Law stated the Housing Officer sent out certified letters to 21 abandoned properties on May 15th for the WORC and St. Joes Carpenter Society project. Subdivision application for the Christie Lot was on the Planning Board and was approved. There is now a road at that location that has no name. Mr. Law suggested the council determine what to name the road. Resumes are being accepted for two clerk/cashier, fire fighter, and housing inspector.

Treasurer – Richard Wright stated he has reviewed the set-up of the bank accounts and will now look into restructuring those accounts. Paperwork has been submitted for the NJ Cash Management Fund. He stated he will be submitting his monthly treasures report to Mr. Law.

Councilwoman Miller mentioned the Juneteenth event will be held June 9th at 2:00 pm. This event will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church. The event is free to attend and there will be an art exhibit as well as free refreshments.

Councilman Johnson thanked the council for allowing him to present this evening. He stated he knows the issues he will be discussing will not be solved immediately. However he believes a conversation must be held on how to make Woodbury a more equitable place. Councilman Johnson disbursed copies of his presentation to the public. He attended a meeting with some of the City Council held last week to discuss the community development of Woodbury. Councilman Johnson gave a brief overview of himself. Councilman Johnson stated the city does have a Redevelopment Plan and a Master Plan. He also noted he will probably vote no on the budget because the city does not have a plan. Councilman Johnson went over the purpose of the Master Plan, expressing his pride to be a part of Woodbury. He also stated the City should have a vision. He went over goals of the Master Plan stating that the goals need to be updated. Councilman Johnson then informed the residents of his dislike for the current Redevelopment Plan because of the lack of community development strategies. Councilman Johnson went over the goals, objectives and renderings listed in the Redevelopment Plan. Councilman Johnson went over the eminent domain portion of the Redevelopment Plan noting that it states within that eminent domain is not approved for this plan. He stated he would like to add a “no involuntary eminent domain” statement in the letter put out by the mayor. Councilman Johnson then went over census information from City-data.com, again stating that the Redevelopment Plan needs more community development aspects. He then went over some community development plans from other cities across the country. He stated individuals who have proven they want to make a difference in the city should receive a stipend or an availability to receive grant funds. Councilman Johnson finished by saying he would like the Master Plan to be updated, a more open budget process, more community development strategies, and the council attend more seminars and conferences.

Open to the Public

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

Robert Killian 164 Gant Ave – Manhole covers on Evergreen Ave between Hunter and Cooper are too deep and creates a pothole. Mr. Killian also created a poster showing where the potholes are located and pictures of the potholes. He has concerns about safety and noise on this road.

Council President Pro-Tempore stated Evergreen Avenue is a county road so the city can make the recommendation but cannot complete the work.

Tyqueea Adams 51 A South Broad St. – would like to know what is going in the area where the Fitness Center is being taken down. Council President Pro-Temp stated temporarily the Council has been speaking with FAF about ‘Gather’. Councilman McIlvaine stated professionals are being consulted to find out what the best possible use of the area would be. Something that is feasible and acceptable within the redevelopment zone. Councilman McIlvaine also stated the plan views extend 3-4 years from now. Ms. Adams asked if there can be something built for the young individuals of the city. She stated the Boys and Girls Club starts at 13 and there are a lot of families that cannot afford the YMCA. Councilman McIlvaine stated the FAF and other community organizations along with the City are working to have programs that are inclusive to all age groups. Councilman Johnson stated that he wanted to make sure the council is being held accountable for the things that council says they will accomplish. Mr. Law stated the YMCA is trying to do outreach with the community. The YMCA is currently in the works of getting the youth of the city to go to the YMCA at no cost for K-12. Mayor Floyd stated 90% of the kids attending are Woodbury residents and a good portion are below the poverty line. She stated they are willing to support the kids up to 70% of the fee. Also the Road Runners Club is also putting together a track program that is 4 consecutive weeks which is free. However, volunteers are needed for the program. Also the Junior Police academy is a week long program from 8 am to 3 pm. Woodbury Youth Basketball program also is also putting together a summer program. She then stated the programs are becoming more available however, volunteers are crucial.

Yvette (address unknown) – A member of the Afro American history project stated they are holding an event Saturday June 23rd at the Woodbury Child Development Center. The organization has been in operation since 2007. Ms. Holmes is the president of the organization and has run into some problems in getting funding. She also thanked Councilman Johnson for his presentation.

Ron Wilcocks (address unknown) – stated the Young Gifted & Black organization is hosting an all day event July 14th predominately free. He stated there will also be free tennis lessons throughout the summer and the entire event is open to the community.

Mary Carter 314 Briar Hill Lane – Representing Main Street Woodbury postponed lunch munch to June 6th because of the weather. White Table Gala on June 2nd, \$20 a ticket for that event. She also thanked Amelie and other Gardeners within the community. The planters on Broad Street look wonderful.

Michele Yeager 320 Edith Ave – She stated the library is working with the YMCA and other groups. Also, any groups holding an event can post a flyer within the library on What’s Up Woodbury. Michelle stated she appreciated Councilman Johnson’s presentation. However, she stated she is concerned that he stated he intends to vote down the budget. She stated she has increased her budget to allow for raises for the staff of the library. She stated the library is the only free and open access to education outside of school. Councilman Johnson thanked Michelle and stated he appreciates everything the library does. He said his no vote to the budget is mainly because there has been no money set aside for changes in the master and redevelopment plan. Also there have been few budget workshops.

Lee Weatherby 303 W. Centre St. – Gave the City Council a brick sample from a vendor who is willing to provide memorial bricks for Broad Street. They are the vendor who performed the

brickwork at Rotary Park. Memorial Day events will take place on Monday, weather permitting. Mr. Weatherby thanked Reverend Cuff for all of his help on the project. He also thanked Woodbury Boy Scout Troop 7. Veterans Day ceremonies will be taking place this year as well. Mr. Weatherby also thanked Daneen for her work on getting the information out. He also thanked Councilman Johnson for his presentation.

John Belko – Representing FAF, the first Lot 323 date, June 1st, has been cancelled. Would like to know how soon the FAF individuals can get onto the lot to set up. Mr. Law stated the city is waiting for the finalization of the settlement and the gate will be removed. Mr. Law asked if there will be another event at the end of the season. Mr. Belko stated he is unsure at this time. Ms. Fuss asked if there is anything from the FAF that says the first date is cancelled.

Gloria Holmes 19 Nelson Ave – Stated the Afro American History Organization has been meeting since 2007. They meet at the Woodbury Library every Monday from 5pm to 7pm. A program will be held at the high school next week.

Council President Pro-Temp stated there was a time in the City's Budget when the city has financially aided community groups. However, funds have gotten tighter over the years. There has also been a Community Development office whose salary was funded by a State Grant. However, the state no longer funds it these grants. He also stated he appreciates Councilman Johnson presentation and is interested in a strategic plan.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Johnson. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANEEN D. FUSS, City Clerk