

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
NOVEMBER 26, 2019
AT 33 DELAWARE STREET, WOODBURY, NJ 08096**

The meeting of November 26, 2019 was called to order by Council President Parker at 7:01 pm. Council President Parker 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 a notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act adopted at the 2019 Reorganization Meeting of Mayor and Council on January 5, 2019.

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Councilman Fleming,

Others Present: City Clerk, Daneen Fuss; Administrator, Franklin Brown; Solicitor, John Alice; CFO, Robert Law; City Engineer, Erika Vardaxis; Zoning Officer, John Leech

Minutes

Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019 seconded by, Councilwoman O'Connor. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Councilman Johnson abstain

Presentations and Discussions

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.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 2317-19 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2314-19 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 Councilwoman O'Connor presented the above Ordinance. Ms. Fuss read the title of the Ordinance. Councilwoman O'Connor then made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine. Seeing no one, Councilwoman Tierney made a motion close the floor to the public, seconded by, Councilman Johnson. Councilman Johnson asked if the position has been filled and what was the process of hire. To which Administrator Brown replied. Councilman Johnson then

asked how many individuals had applied? Administrator Brown replied two. Councilman Johnson stated he disagreed with the choice of individual chosen for the position. He believes the City did not hire a most qualified. Councilwoman Tierney then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2317-19 on second reading seconded by Councilman Hagerty. Motion approved by a roll call vote resulting in the following:

Ayes 7 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Hagerty, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman Tierney Council President Parker
Nays 1 Councilman Johnson,
Absent 1 Councilman Fleming

RESOLUTION NO. 19-175 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK THROUGH NATIONAL JOINT POWER ALLIANCE (NJPA) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SYSTEM AKA SOURCEWELL Councilwoman O'Connor presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilwoman O'Connor made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine. motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-176 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS DATED PRIOR TO 2010 Councilwoman O'Connor presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilwoman O'Connor made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote resulting in the following:

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Hagerty, Councilman Johnson, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman Tierney Council President Parker
Nays 0
Absent 1 Councilman Fleming

RESOLUTION NO. 19-177 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CDBG AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND ACCEPTANCE OF \$50,000 CDBG BLOCK GRANT FUNDING Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine motion approved by unanimous roll call vote resulting in the following:

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Hagerty, Councilman Johnson, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman Tierney Council President Parker
Nays 0
Absent 1 Councilman Fleming

RESOLUTION NO. 19-178 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE LOCAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR THE YEAR 2019 Councilwoman O'Connor presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilwoman O'Connor made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman Hagerty. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote resulting in the following:

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Hagerty, Councilman Johnson, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman Tierney Council President Parker

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilman Fleming

RESOLUTION NO. 19-179 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A 5 YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF ROAD OPENING PERMITS FOR WEST CENTRE STREET, SOUTH JACKSON STREET TO SOUTH DREXEL STREET FROM JULY 3, 2019 THROUGH JULY 2, 2024 Councilwoman O'Connor presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilwoman O'Connor made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman Hagerty. motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-180 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY CALLING FOR THE STUDY COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT Councilwoman O'Connor presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilwoman O'Connor made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman Hagerty. Motion approved by voice vote. Councilman Johnson voted no.

Vouchers

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

Reports:

Councilwoman O'Connor reported Public Safety Committee had recently met with the Police Department. She expressed her concerns with New Jersey being the fourth highest state in the country for officer suicide rates. She stated she wishes to draw more attention to this and explore ways to aid officers in our community wherever possible.

Councilwoman Miller reported she attended the Bethlehem Baptist Church's 123rd Anniversary Service. She stated they will be represented in next year's Juneteenth which is scheduled for Saturday, June 13th. Creative team met last week. She stated Cassidy Swanson has been so dependable and an asset to the City.

Councilwoman Carter – Reported Football season is wrapping up with one game remaining. Basketball season is coming and sign-ups are now out.

Report of the Mayor – Mayor Floyd reported *Santa Around Town* will be taking place on December 15th beginning at 1 pm. Santa will be riding in a fire truck throughout the city. Unfortunately, there will be no toy delivery this year. The Woodbury Tree Lighting and Santa Parade will be taking place on December 6th. The parade will begin at 6:00 pm and will be immediately followed by the Tree Lighting. Mayor Floyd finished by stating she received a wonderful thank you note from Mr. Sanderson thanking the Council for honoring him at the last meeting.

Report of the City Clerk – Ms. Fuss reported her office is preparing for the January Reorganization meeting. Jared Hunter, a part time employee in City Hall has submitted his resignation, his last day being November 27th. 2020 Professional RFQ's have been submitted and are available for council to review. There will only be one meeting in December this year. December 10th will be the last council meeting of the year. Toys for Tots collection is on-going until December 10th. Woodbury Food Police are hosting a food drive, collection boxes are located in the police station, City Hall, and in various businesses throughout the city. The Woodbury Tree lighting is scheduled for December 6th. Ms. Fuss finished stating she will have an 'end of the year report' to distribute to council at the next meeting.

Department Announcements

Chief Ryan reported the department handed out full Thanksgiving Dinners to 26 families in the City. He went on to thank Councilwoman O'Connor for her attention to Officer Wellness.

Erika Vardaxis – Engineer – Ms. Vardaxis reported there will be a resolution regarding the Railroad Avenue NJDOT project on the next meeting. She also stated the Edith Avenue project began construction on the 14th.

Mr. Law – Reported 3 proposals were received for the Bond Anticipation Notes. We are awarding TD Securities \$4,070,000.00 at a 1.366% interest rate. Mr. Law went on to briefly explain what a Bond Anticipation Note is. He also reported, he attended a webinar yesterday hosted by Congressman Norcross' office and FEMA. Councilman McIlvaine asked about the current bond interest rate to which Mr. Law replied. Mayor Floyd asked about the Check cancelling resolution and what is being done to ensure this does not go on. Mr. Law replied.

Unfinished business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Councilman Johnson stated he believes the city needs to create a community development plan and ensure the public is included.

Open to the Public

Councilwoman Tierney 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. Council President Parker reminded all of the 5 minute time limit per individual.

Chuck Rose 306 W. Centre Street asked Councilman Johnson and Administrator Brown for their interviewing and hiring history's. To which they replied.

Fran Harwell 51 Nelson Ave – Stated she is a member of the Gloucester County Workforce Development. She stated the US Census declared the City of Woodbury as a non-reporting Municipality. She stated there are funds for census and hopes the City Council is doing what they can to collect the information and inform the public of the job availability for census reporting. Mayor Floyd stated the city has been trying to spread the word to get people interested and applying.

Seeing no one else, Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to close the floor, seconded by Councilman Hagerty. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hagerty. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANEEN D. FUSS, City Clerk