

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
DECEMBER 10, 2019
AT 33 DELAWARE STREET, WOODBURY, NJ 08096**

The meeting of December 10, 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 Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman Tierney, Council President Parker,

Absent: Councilman Johnson, Councilman McIlvaine, Mayor Floyd

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 Fleming made a motion to approve the minutes of November 26, 2019 seconded by, Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Presentations and Discussions

Councilman McIlvaine arrived at 7:03pm

Update on Economic Development in the City – By Jake Botticello of Triad

Mr. Botticello introduced himself and explained his position in the City. He then went through items that he is working on in coordination with the city. Mr. Botticello is working with the Economic Development Authority in getting a better grasp on what Woodbury is doing and how funds can be granted by the state. He then gave an overview of the Opportunity Zone and the projects within it. Mr. Botticello stated he applied for the NJEPA Brownfields Assessment Grants for multiple projects within Woodbury including, Tartan Textiles, and 65 North Broad Street. Triad has been putting together a market study and GAP analysis, results to follow shortly. Mr. Botticello went over some other projects throughout the City and their status'. Mr. Botticello stated the Neighborhood Preservation Plan has changed to focus more on economic development and residential areas. He stated Cassidy Swanson has been doing wonderful things since taking over as the Neighborhood Preservation Program Coordinator. Councilwoman Tierney asked for more information on how the Neighborhood Preservation Program plan directly relates to the residents. Mr. Botticello answered. Councilman McIlvaine thanked Mr. Botticello for all of his hard work on this and asked him to give an update on Woodbury's Opportunity Zones and what that means from the state perspective. Mr. Botticello went on to say there are 67 Opportunity Zones in NJ 7 in Philadelphia. He stressed Woodbury's need to promote the Opportunity Zone here to make it more attractive to contractors and Planners. Councilman Fleming stated the Hospital is in the Opportunity Zone is there a way that could be leveraged. Mr. Botticello stated the City needs to understand what the contractor and the hospital plan to do with the property but yes, it could be fortunate. He went on to suggest PILOT

programs be used more frequently in these areas.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

Councilwoman Tierney made a motion to open the floor to the public, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Resolutions, Ordinances

RESOLUTION NO. 19-181 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT TO COMPLETE CONTROL SERVICES FOR PROFESSIONAL WATER CONTROL SPECIALIST SERVICES Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Fleming made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-181 seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote resulting in the following:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-182 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ESTABLISHING DATE FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR 2020 Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Fleming made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-182 seconded by Councilman Hagerty. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-183 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948) Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Fleming made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-183 seconded by Councilman McIlvaine. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote resulting in the following:

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

RESOLUTION NO 19-184 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO REIMBURSE TAX PAYMENT FOR 34 LAUREL STREET AKA BLOCK 146 LOT 7 Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Fleming made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-184 seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-185 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING CITY ENGINEER TO ISSUE NOTICE TO BIDDERS REGARDING THE FY2019 NJDOT LOCAL AID RESURFACING PROJECT – RAILROAD AVENUE Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Fleming made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-185 seconded by Councilman McIlvaine. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-186 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING CANCELATION OF BALANCES UNDER TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) ON 2019 WATER/SEWER AND TAX ACCOUNTS Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Fleming made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-186 seconded by Councilman McIlvaine. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-187 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 Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Fleming made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-187 seconded by Councilwoman Tierney. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote resulting in the following:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 19-188 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO APPROVE THE WOODBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT STIPEND PAYOUTS FOR THE YEAR OF 2019 Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Fleming made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-188 seconded by Councilman Hagerty. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-189 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD AND THE CITY OF WOODBURY Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Fuss read the title of the resolution. Councilman Fleming made a motion to approve Resolution No. 19-187 seconded by Councilman McIlvaine.

Councilwoman Tierney asked for clarification on the shared service agreement. Administrator Brown clarified this is to ensure there is no interruption in court services. Motion approved by unanimous roll call vote resulting in the following:

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

Vouchers

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

Reports:

Councilman Fleming noted that this will be Councilwoman Tierney's last council meeting. He stated he has had the pleasure of working with her for the last 14 years. He stated he appreciates the effort, time, and energy she has put in to her position. He also mentioned she had served as Council President during that time. He thanked her for her service and wished her the best. Also, the Finance Committee met to discuss the remaining 2019 budget, the 2018 audit and the 2020 budget.

Councilman Hagerty reported the Housing and Property Maintenance department is hard at work. There have been 6 vehicles removed, and 31 service calls with 14 summonses issued this month. He went on to thank Mr. Botticello for the Economic and Community Development work being done. He stated he is very happy with the progress the City has made with the Opportunity Zone.

Councilwoman Tierney wanted to take a few minutes to reflect on her time on Council. She stated she is most proud of the year she served as Council President. She went on to name some of the projects completed during that time. She expressed her pride in the accomplishment of those projects stating Republicans and Democrats worked together to ensure the completion of goals that were best for Woodbury. She went on to pay tribute to the employees stating all of the Woodbury employees work hard to make our City a better place to live. She thanked all of the employees for their help in better serving the community. She went on to thank the residents of the City of Woodbury, especially those of Ward 3. She hopes the residents know that she always worked in the best interest of the residents. She thanked her family for all that they have done to support her during elections and her terms. She thanked her parents for all they have done for her. She also thanked her husband for all he has done to support her. She finished by paraphrasing Peggy Newnan "If you join government, calmly make your contribution and move on, don't go along to get along, do your best and when you have to, you will leave and go on and be something else". She stated she will always be around to help where she can and wished the rest of Council good luck.

Report of the Mayor – Mayor Floyd absent, no report.

Report of the City Clerk – Ms. Fuss distributed an end of the year report to the council and asked if they had any questions. She then thanked Councilwoman Tierney for her service and wished her the best in all she does

Department Announcements

Erika Vardaxis – Engineer – Ms. Vardaxis reported funds have been approved from the DOT for the Hunter Street project. Also W. Red Bank bid opening is scheduled for the 17th of this month. She finished by stating the Edith Avenue project is complete.

Cassidy Swanson – Neighborhood Preservation Program Coordinator – Ms. Swanson went through the preliminary plan for Neighborhood Preservation Program. This included new lighting, window design, public parking signs, and artwork on trash cans. She then went through the goals of the NPP Plan. Councilman McIlvaine thanked Cassidy for her time.

Police – Chief Ryan, Mike McGee working in Walnut Street School, the American Legion has made a donation of bike helmets for every child in Walnut Street School. He also stated in November the officers raised over \$1,000 for no shave November. He explained this will be continuing to December and the Department is looking for a new charity. He stated the officers recently attended training through Rowan. Chief Ryan also announced the department is looking to hire 2 new officers. He thanked Councilwoman Tierney and stated it has been an honor and wished her luck in all she does.

Unfinished business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Councilman Fleming Request for a motion to send the preliminary Neighborhood Preservation Plan to the Department of Community Affairs seconded by, Councilman Hagerty. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Open to the Public

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

John Fulmer, 548 Hunter Street – Thanked Councilman Fleming for meeting with himself and neighbors. He and his neighbors put together a list of recommendations and he asked the council to consider them in the process.

Jim Kenuble 643 Cooper Street – Thanked Councilman Fleming to meet with the residents on a Saturday. He went on to thank Councilwoman Tierney for her service. He asked the council to strongly consider the recommendations of his neighbors.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilwoman Tierney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANEEN D. FUSS, City Clerk