

# City of Woodbury City Council Meeting Agenda

## Virtual Meeting

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November 10, 2020

Virtual Waiting Room Opens 6:00 p.m.

Meeting starts 6:30 p.m.

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The meeting of November 10, 2020 was called to order by Council President Parker at 6:32 pm. Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Reflection.

### **Open Public Meeting Statement**

Ms. Swanson read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement. This is a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Woodbury. Due notice of this regular meeting provided to the press and public by posting and publication of Resolution #20-05 adopted at the 2020 Reorganization Meeting on January 7, 2020. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Orders No. 107 and 108, which took effect on March 21, 2020. Due to these Executive Orders the City of Woodbury has made it possible for public participation in City Business via an electronic format as defined in the Open Public Meetings. The agenda for tonight's meeting is being displayed on your screen. Or if you prefer, it can be found on the City of Woodbury's website at [www.woodbury.nj.us](http://www.woodbury.nj.us). Ms. Swanson then gave instruction on how the public sessions would be run, to ensure everyone who wishes to speak has a chance to do so.

### **Roll Call:**

Present: Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Council President Parker, Mayor Floyd

Absent: Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Johnson

Others Present: Acting City Clerk, Cassidy Swanson; Solicitor, Jeff Krachun; City Administrator, Franklin Brown; Housing Official, John Leech; CFO, Robert Law; Police Chief, Thomas Ryan; Engineer, Erika Vardaxis;

### **Minutes**

Councilman Hagerty made a motion to approve the minutes of October 28<sup>th</sup> seconded by, Councilman Fleming. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

Council President Parker stated the meeting will be opened to the public for agenda items only. Since the meeting is being held virtually and some individuals are calling in, Ms. Swanson will read the agenda items aloud. Ms. Swanson then read the titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions. Ms. Swanson went on to give instructions again on how the public can be heard at this time. Councilman Merinuk made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilman Hagerty.

Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jared Hunter – 23 North Drexel Street – Mr. Hunter asked how tax lien resolutions work. Mrs. Mulvenna responded.

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

### **Ordinances**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2332-20** BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING Ms. Swanson read the title of the ordinance. Councilman Fleming made a motion to open to the public, seconded by, Councilman Hagerty. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Swanson again gave instructions on how the public could be heard at this time.

Hearing no one, Councilwoman O'Connor made a motion to close to the public, seconded by, Councilman Hagerty. made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2332-20, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine. Motion approved by a roll call vote resulting in the following:

Ayes 7 Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Council President Parker

Nays 0

Absent 2 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Johnson

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### CONSENT AGENDA

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**RESOLUTION NO. 20-155** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TURNOVER OF K-9 FUNDRAISING FUNDS TO WOODBURY CITY K9 UNIT, A 501c3 ORGANIZATION

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-156** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO REIMBURSE WATER OVERPAYMENT ACCOUNT #5001475-0 304 S BROAD ST. 304 S BROAD ST LLC

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-157** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 28, 2020, AS "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY" AND SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE VALUE OF LOCALLY OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-158** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE PREMIUM ACCOUNT INTO THE GENERAL CURRENT FUND RE: BLOCK 177.01 LOT 19 USBANK/CUST 4 PFS FINANCIAL 1, PROPEL FINANCIAL SERVICES TAX SALE CERT

#15-00100 \$10,000.00 PREMIUM PAID

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-159** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE PREMIUM ACCOUNT INTO THE GENERAL CURRENT FUND RE: BLOCK 97 LOT 7 TTLBL, LLC TAX SALE CERT #15-00044 \$12,000.00 PREMIUM PAID

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-160** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE PREMIUM ACCOUNT INTO THE GENERAL CURRENT FUND RE: BLOCK 91.02 LOT 26 USBANK/CUST 4 PFS FINANCIAL 1, PROPEL FINANCIAL SERVICES TAX SALE CERT #15-00043 \$12,500.00 PREMIUM PAID

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-161** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE PREMIUM ACCOUNT INTO THE GENERAL CURRENT FUND RE: BLOCK 108 LOT 12 US BANKCUST FOR PC5 STERLING TAX SALE CERT #15-00052 \$6,800.00 PREMIUM PAID

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-162** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE PREMIUM ACCOUNT INTO THE GENERAL CURRENT FUND RE: BLOCK 109 LOT 9 TL FIVE, LLC TAX SALE CERT #15-00053 \$7,700.00 PREMIUM PAID

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-163** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE PREMIUM ACCOUNT INTO THE GENERAL CURRENT FUND RE: BLOCK 119 LOT 23 US BANKCUST FOR TL FIVE, LLC TAX SALE CERT #15-00068 \$11,000.00 PREMIUM PAID

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END CONSENT AGENDA

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Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as read at the beginning of the meeting, seconded by, Councilwoman O'Connor. Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following.

Ayes 7 Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Council President Parker

Nays 0

Absent 2 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Johnson

**Reports**

Committee Reports:

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Floyd – Mayor Floyd congratulated all of the newly elected officials and thanked all Veterans.

Clerk's Report:

Ms. Swanson – Ms. Swanson thanked the poll workers, Board of Elections, Public Works Department, Police Department and all residents for a successful Election Day. She reminded

everyone that City Hall is closed tomorrow for Veteran's Day, and two of the three remaining City Council meetings are on Tuesdays, instead of Wednesdays.

#### Department Reports

John Leech – Code Enforcement – Mr. Leech reported that in October there were 21 property maintenance notices, compared to 23 last year; 15 court summonses issued compared to 18 last year; 62 housing inspections compared to 67 last year; and no cars removed from properties compared to 2 last year.

Erika Vardaxis – Engineer – Ms. Vardaxis said there is a Broad Street Dam pre-construction meeting scheduled in the new few weeks. There will be resolutions will be on next meeting for Water/Sewer and Local Roads FY2020.

Bob Law – Finance – Mr. Law reported that the Safe and Secure Grant, that was approved last meeting, was submitted today. He stated that we should be getting the refunds for our Covid-19 related items. Mr. Law asked to confirm affirmative vote for Ordinance 2332-20.

Captain Kelli Marro – Police – Captain Marro stated that the Straight to Treatment program has been very active in the last few weeks, and we are glad those who needs help are receiving it. The Police Department is in the process of organizing several fundraising events and to be on the lookout for their announcements.

Michelle Yeager – Library – Ms. Yeager reminded everyone that the Library is closed tomorrow for Veteran's Day. Go to the Library's Facebook to see all of the upcoming events and story times, as well as how to read Consumer Action Reports. Ms. Yeager added that the Friends of the Library will be doing a fundraiser this coming Saturday outside the Library.

Frank Brown – Administrator – Mr. Brown Stated that under New Business there is a Junior Firefighter Application, and he would like City Council to table the application due to the new law the Governor's Office just put out. Mr. Brown is hopeful that we will fill the vacancies at City Hall by the end of the month.

#### **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business at this time.

#### **New Business**

Best Practice Inventory – Mr. Law explained that the best Practice Inventory was emailed to Mayor and Council for review, and if they see fit to pass a motion to finalize it as in years past. Councilman McIlvaine asked to explain the scoring system and what Woodbury Score. Mr. Law explained the Best Practice Inventory and that out of 24.5 possible points, we received 24.5 points. Councilwoman O'Connor congratulated everyone on a perfect score, and motion to approve the Best Practice Inventory, seconded by Councilman Hagerty. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Junior Firefighter Application – Tabled.

**Open to the Public**

Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Miller. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Frances Harwell – 51 Nelson Ave – Ms. Harwell explained that the Glassboro-Camden Line (GCL) Project Team will hold two Public Hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A 45-day public comment period on the Draft EIS will start on November 2, 2020 and end on December 17, 2020. They will hold two zoom meetings on November 17<sup>th</sup> and November 91<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Fleming added he will be attending the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jared Hunter – 23 North Drexel Street – Mr. Hunter congratulated all the newly elected official. Mr. Hunter asked who the coordinator for the Student in Government Night, or if there was a way to start that event up again. Mayor Floyd responded. Mr. Hunter asked if Mayor Floyd can share her records, and Mayor Floyd obliged.

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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Councilman Fleming made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Hagerty. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cassidy Swanson, Acting City Clerk

**NOTICE PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 10:4-8(d)**

**The items listed on this tentative agenda of the Mayor and Council President of the City of Woodbury constitutes the agenda to the extent known at the time of posting. Since this agenda is tentative, items may be added and/or deleted prior to the commencement of the meeting. Formal action may or may not be taken regarding each item listed on the final agenda.**