

City of Woodbury City Council Meeting Agenda

Virtual Meeting

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November 24, 2020

Virtual Waiting Room Opens 6:00 p.m.

Meeting starts 6:30 p.m.

The meeting of November 24, 2020 was called to order by Council President Parker at 6:36 pm. Councilman 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. 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: Councilwoman Carter, 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; Housing Official, John Leech; CFO, Robert Law; Police Chief, Thomas Ryan; Engineer, Erika Vardaxis; Tax, Theresa Mulvenna

Proclamation

Mayor Floyd presented a proclamation to Mathew Campo for the completion of his Eagle Scout Award project, a Gaga Pit at West End Elementary School. West End Elementary School's Principal, Mrs. Aversa, thanked Mathew for the great addition to the playground, and that the kids are excited to use the Gaga Pit, once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. All of Council extended their thanks and congratulations to Matthew.

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 McIlvaine made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

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

Councilman Hagerty asked for Mr. Law to explain Resolution 20-164 to the public. Mr. Law explained Resolution 20-164.

CONSENT AGENDA
END CONSENT AGENDA

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 Councilwoman Carter 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: Councilwoman O'Connor thanked the Police Department and Chief Ryan for their consistent efforts they make within the City, and the willingness to grow and change. Chief Ryan thanked Councilwoman O'Connor and said he is very fortunate to work that the officers that we have care so much.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Floyd – Mayor Floyd expressed the donations needs for all of the all the various food and toy drives and to donate if you can. There are so many non-profits in the area and to reach out to them if you are in need.

Clerk's Report:

Ms. Swanson – Ms. Swanson reminded everyone of the Holiday trash schedule and that City Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday. Ms. Swanson provided a Neighborhood Preservation Program update, and that we were granted an additional \$8,000 in Covid-19 Relief Grant funds.

Department Reports

John Leech – Code Enforcement – Mr. Leech had no report. He wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving. He also wished a happy anniversary to Administrator Brown and Mrs. Brown

Erika Vardaxis – Engineer – Ms. Vardaxis said we finally receive word that we will receive local aid from DOT for Progress Avenue.

Bob Law – Finance – Mr. Law sated that there are 12 businesses apart of the Neighborhood Preservation Program Covid-19 Relief Grant, ent and mortgage assistance on voucher list, and

about \$52,000 was given out and helps them at this time. Mr. Law explained the timeline and process for the upcoming Bond anticipation notes.

Chief Ryan – Police – Chief Ryan congratulated Matthew Campo on all the hard work a dedication he put into the Gaga Pit. Chief Ryan explained that the police assisted the food drive at the high school this past Monday, that was hosted by Eagled player Rodney McCloud. He explained that the police assisted the PTSA in delivery 40 turkey dinners for Woodbury families. He added that the Police Department plans to do more fundraisers in December.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

No new business at this time.

Open to the Public

Councilman McIlvaine 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 explained that the Woodbury Heart and Soul Task Force is having a bi-monthly meeting on December 10th, and he hopes Councilmembers will be available to join. Mr. Hunter echoed Councilwoman O'Connor's praise for the efforts that Chief Ryan and the Police Department are doing in engaging the community. Chief Ryan thanked Mr. Hunter.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Fleming Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassidy Swanson, Acting City Clerk

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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.