

**City of Woodbury**  
**City Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Link:**

**February 10, 2021**

**Virtual Waiting Room Opens 6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting starts 6:30 p.m.**

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The meeting of February 10, 2021 was called to order by Council President Hagerty at 6:31 pm. Council President 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 #21-05 adopted at the 2021 Reorganization Meeting on January 6, 2021. 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: Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman O'Connor, Council President Hagerty, Mayor Sickel

Absent: Councilwoman Parker

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

**Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

Council President Hagerty 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 Fleming made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Charles Hughes – 21 N. Childs St. – Mr. Hughes asked about Ordinance 2334-21 and why we are exceeding the budget. Mr. Law answered, and explained we do this every year since we do

not establish a new budget each January. Mr. Hughes added that we should contact the state and ask them to change the yearly cap to what we ask for each year. Mr. Hughes asked why are we passing Resolution 21-60 if it is not directly for Woodbury, and what does our support do? Mr. Brown and Councilman Fleming responded.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2334-21** ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)  
Councilman Fleming presented the above titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the ordinance. Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt the ordinance after the second reading, seconded by Councilman Merinuk. Motion approved by a roll call vote resulting in the following:

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Merinuk,  
Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman O'Connor,  
Council President Hagerty  
Nays 0  
Absent 1 Councilwoman Parker

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CONSENT AGENDA

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**RESOLUTION NO. 21-58** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO CANCEL BALANCES ON WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT THAT THE CITY OF WOODBURY OWNS

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-59** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ADOPTING THE SOUTH WOODBURY NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM POLICY AND PROCEDURE GUIDELINE FOR THE FAÇADE RENOVATION GRANTS FOR HOMEOWNER OCCUPIED HOMES

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-60** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IN SUPPORT OF AN INTERCHANGE AT EXIT 3 FOR DIRECT ACCESS ONTO ROUTE 42 IN THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE AND BELLMAWR, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

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END CONSENT AGENDA

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Councilman Merinuk made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as read at the beginning of the meeting, seconded by, Councilman Fleming

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following.

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Merinuk,

Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman O'Connor, Council President Hagerty

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilwoman Parker,

Abstain 1 Councilman Fleming for Resolution 21-60

Councilman Merinuk made a motion to approve the listed bills and vouchers, seconded by, Councilman Fleming. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Reports**

#### **Committee Reports:**

Council President Hagerty stated the website will be updated with committee members by Friday and to reach out to committee members if you have questions.

#### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Sickel – Mayor Sickel explained she still needed to appoint a few people to committees and is working on that and meeting dates will be updated next week. The Human Rights Commission will now meet on Thursdays at 5:30 pm and the next meeting is the 25<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Sickel was able to attend the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce Round Table for Local Mayors. It was a great meeting and it is exciting to see different organizations making progress and have exciting things on the horizon.

#### **Clerk Report**

Cassidy Swanson – Ms. Swanson thanked Council for approving Resolution 21-59, and we can now start the process of putting out the applications for the Residential Façade Grant Program. The application and additional information on how to apply will be available on our website. The Neighborhood Preservation Program District Area has expanded to include additional parts of Broad Street and residential areas. Ms. Swanson also updated on the Woodbury Public Library, letting everyone know that they recently had a meeting to confirm their board, and they are looking forward to putting on February's events.

#### **Department Reports**

Erika Covely – Engineer – Ms. Covely reminded everyone that the 2020 Local Roads is out to bid, and the bid opening will be next Wednesday. The Water Main project is also out to bid, and that bid opening is now next Friday. Both bid openings are expected to be awarded at the next Council meeting. The Dam Project is delayed because of the snow.

Chief Ryan – Police – Thanked Gloucester County and everything they are doing for the Vaccinations sites. Thanks. We are thankful to be able to assist in the vaccine distribution.

#### **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business at this time.

#### **New Business**

No new business at this time.

**Open to the Public**

Councilman Hagerty restated housekeeping rules. He also reminded everyone per our Reorganization Meeting there is a 5-minute time limit during the public session.

Councilman Fleming made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilman Merinuk. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Charles Hughes – 31 N Childs St. – Mr. Hughes asked if the Currier Post article that was posted today in regard to 2018 study paid by the City and Inspira was accurate? Council President Hagerty and Councilman Fleming responded. Mr. Hughes expressed several concerns of the Glassboro Camden Train Line and would like Council to look into it further. Mr. Hughes said he will be sending information on it to Council to review.

Jared Hunter – 23 N. Drexel Street – Mr. Hunter thanked Chief Ryan and the Police Department for the Instagram Takeover. All of the posts are archived, and you can follow Heart and Soul on Instagram to see future Instagram Takeovers

Joe Noverati – 52 Progress Ave. – Mr. Noverati asked who is fiscally responsible for Quiet Zones on the Glassboro Camden Train Line. Council President Hagerty answered.

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

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Councilman Merinuk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Cassidy L. 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.