

City of Woodbury
City Council Meeting Agenda
Virtual Meeting

Link:

February 24, 2021

Virtual Waiting Room Opens 6:00 p.m.

Meeting starts 6:30 p.m.

The meeting of February 24, 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. 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, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman Parker, Council President Hagerty, Mayor Sickel

Absent: Councilman Miller

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

Special Presentation

Mayor Sickel read and presented retiring Lieutenant William Palese a proclamation honoring his dedication and service to the Woodbury City Police Department over the past 26 years.

Lt. Palese thanked Mayor and Council, as well as his wife Sara, parents, children, residents and colleagues.

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 Councilman Merinuk. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

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)

Ms. Swanson read the title of the ordinance. Councilman Fleming made a motion to open to the public, seconded by, Councilwoman O'Connor. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Swanson again gave instructions on how the public could be heard at this time.

Hearing no one, Councilman Fleming made a motion to close to the public, seconded by Councilman Merinuk. Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2333-20, 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, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman
Parker, Council President Hagerty
Nays 0
Absent 1 Councilman Miller

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 21-61 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AWARDING A CONTRACT TO P&A CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE FY 2020 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 21-62 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY APPROVING THE BOUNDARY EXPANSION FOR WOODBURY NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM

END CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following.

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

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:

Councilwoman Moore acknowledged the Presbyterian Church of Woodbury's gift card donation to the Woodbury City Public School. Acknowledging the Road Runners Club of Woodbury, Inc. for their donation of \$43,000 for the purpose of providing graduating seniors with scholarships.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sickel – The Woodbury Community Garden is ready to start accepting applications for this season, and you can contact them through Facebook or email.

Clerk Report

Cassidy Swanson – Ms. Swanson presented a Resolution 2021-17 from the Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland Counties Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (Trico JIF) that honored our CFO Robert Law for his service as Fund Chair for Trico JIF for 2020. Ms. Swanson also updated everyone on the Neighborhood Preservation Program.

Department Reports

John Leech – Code Enforcement – 27 Notices of Order were sent out this past January, compared to 45 last year; 19 court summonses were issued this past January, compared to 25 last year; 65 housing inspections this past January, and last January; year; 2 vehicles removed from private property this January, compared to 6 last year; total number of calls was 55 for this past January and last January. Mr. Leech also thanked Lt. Palese.

Chief Ryan – Police – Chief Ryan thanked Mayor and Council for recognizing Lt. Palese and is very proud and thankful for being able to work with him, and he will be missed.

Michelle Yeager – Library – The Library will continue to have its annual seed release on March 20th and residents can get seeds for free . In January the Library circulated 696 titles – 495 were eBooks/audio books, 113 new titles in print. There were 13 new library cards, 218 computers used 218 and 487 reference questions Heidrich's Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers did a study on library's promoting economic growth, our library was noted as one of the library's expanding access to technology.

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. Ph restated housekeeping mute microphone when not speaking. Per our reorg meeting the rules are 5-minute limit.

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

Jared Hunter – 23 N. Drexel St. – Mr. Hunter congratulated Lt. Palese. Mr. Hunter let everyone know that Heart and Soul is having a regular general Task Force meeting tomorrow night.

Joseph Noverati – 52 Progress Ave. – Mr. Noverati asked who is financially responsible for Quite Zones on the Glassboro Camden Train Line and if Woodbury is applying for Quite Zones. Council President Hagerty answered.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilwoman Parker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Fleming. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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.