

City of Woodbury
City Council Meeting Agenda
Virtual Meeting

Link:

March 10, 2021

Virtual Waiting Room Opens 6:00 p.m.

Meeting starts 6:30 p.m.

The meeting of March 10, 2021 was called to order by Council President Hagerty at 6:32 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 Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman O'Connor, Council President Hagerty, Mayor Sickel

Absent: Councilman Fleming, Councilwoman Parker

Others Present: Acting City Clerk, Cassidy Swanson; Solicitor, Tim Scaffidi; 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 Merinuk made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Miller. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jared Hunter – 23 N Drexel Street – Mr. Hunter asked what the finding was referenced in Ordinance 2335-21. Mr. Scaffidi and Chief Ryan answered. Mr. Hunter asked for public input

next time City Council looks into something.

Hearing no one, Councilman Merinuk made a motion to close to the public, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor. 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 Miller made a motion to have the first reading of the Ordinance with the approval to adopt after the second reading, seconded by, Councilman Merinuk. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ayes 7 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller,
Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman O'Connor, Council President Hagerty

Nays 0

Absent 2 Councilman Fleming, Councilwomen Parker

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 58-21 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. 59.21 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. 59.21 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

END CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following.

Ayes 7 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller,
Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman O'Connor, Council President Hagerty

Nays 0

Absent 2 Councilman Fleming, Councilwomen Parker

Councilman Merinuk made approve the list of bills and vouchers, seconded by, Councilwoman Miller. Motion approved with a unanimous voice vote.

Reports

Committee Reports:

Councilwoman O'Connor – The Finance and Public Safety Committees have been very active.

active having meeting in ps. Councilwoman O'Connor stated that we have received a Junior Fire Fighter Application of Katrina Caltiabiano and would like a motion to approve the application under new business.

Councilwoman Moore – Councilwoman Moore provided updates from Woodbury High School in regard to their new COVID-19 Dashboard, and College Information Sessions. Additional information and zoom links can be found on the school's website.

Council President Hagerty - The Property Maintenance and Economic Development Committees have been meeting monthly. Council President Hagerty explained that if you have a comment or concern, to reach out to the members of the individual committees or speak during the Public Portion of the City Council Meetings. Currently, Property Maintenance is researching ordinances on how the City can work better with landlords in effort to enforce safety and cleanliness. Council President Hagerty explained the Economic Development Committee is researching a tax incentive package to entice new businesses to come to Woodbury.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sickel – The League of Municipalities has a scholarship available for junior and senior high school students through the Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition. Information on the scholarship is available on our website. Mayor Sickel added that there will be a new antique store opening up within the next two months, located in Martin's Plaza.

Clerk Report

Cassidy Swanson – Ms. Swanson provided updates in regard to the Housing Façade Program, and the Storefront Art Project for the Neighborhood Preservation Program.

Department Reports

Erika Covely – Engineer's Report – The Damn installation is ongoing, and still on schedule to be completed mid-summer. The Well 7 Bid Opening is Schedule for March 30th.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Councilman Miller made a motion to approve the Junior Firefighter Application, contingent on that all of the proper vetting took place, seconded by Councilman Merinuk. Motion was approved by unanimous voice vote. Volunteer Firefighter Brandon Volk confirmed that the application was properly vetted and that there will be future ones.

Open to the Public

Council President Hagerty restated the house keeping rules of the meeting. Councilman Merinuk made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor. Motion approved

by unanimous voice vote.

Tony Alvario – 522 Delaware St. – Mr. Alvario asked if the next Clean Up will include Bell Lake, and added he is willing to volunteer. Council President Hagerty responded.

Charles Hughes – 31 N. Childs St. – Mr. Hughes stated that Pitman had a work session in regard to the Glassboro Camden Line and asked if Woodbury plans to do the same. Council President Hagerty responded. Mr. Hughes thanked Council for the landlord initiate and the reformatting of the Agenda.

Jared Hunter – 23 N Drexel St. – Mr. Hunter thanked Chief Ryan for joining his recent episode of his podcast, Woodbury Voice and all of Chief Ryan's efforts to engage in the community. Woodbury Voice is done for season two and is available online. Chief Ryan responded.

Hearing no one, Councilman Merinuk made a motion to close to the public, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor. 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,

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.