

**City of Woodbury**  
**City Council Meeting Agenda**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**Link:**  
**July 14, 2021**  
**Council Chambers Opens at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting starts 6:30 p.m.**

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The meeting of July 14, 2021 was called to order by Council President Hagerty at 6:38 pm. Council President Hagerty then led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Reflection.

**Open Public Meeting Statement**

Ms. Crawford 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. Also, notice of the change to in person only format of the public meeting was advertised in the newspaper and posted on the City web page for the public.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman Parker, Council President Hagerty, Mayor Sickel

Absent: Councilman Fleming

Others Present: Deputy Clerk, Kay Crawford; Solicitor, Tim Scaffidi; CFO, Robert Law; Police Chief, Thomas Ryan; Engineer, Erika Covely; Labor Counsel, Mike DePiero

**Promotion**

Mayor Sickel read the biography of SLEO II Kenneth Young, then preformed the oath to promote him to Full-Time Patrol Officer. Kenneth thanked Mayor Sickle, Chief Ryan, friends and family.

**Open to the Public for Agenda Items**

Council President Hagerty stated the meeting will be opened to the public for agenda items only. This is the first in-person meeting in over a year; Council President Hagerty reminds everyone that each agenda item does have to get read aloud by Ms. Crawford for the record. Council President Hagerty then announced that we will be tabling Ordinance No. 2341-21 in result of the newly released information affecting the ordinance. Mr. Scaffidi explained that the newly released information was received from the cannabis commission meeting. Council President Hagerty then introduced an emergency meeting to be held on July 21, 2021 in order to meet the deadline on a decision of opting in or out.

Councilman Merinuk makes a motion to table Ordinance No. 2341-21, seconded by Councilwoman Parker. Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman Parker, Council President Hagerty

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilman Fleming

Abstain 0

Ms. Crawford then read the titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions. Councilwoman Parker made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilman Merinuk Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Crawford went on to inform the public that at this time they can come up to the podium to be heard at this time.

Brandon Volk- 341 Hemlock Terrace – Mr. Volk asked if there was a resolution for hiring police officer Kenneth Young full time. Mr. Scaffidi answered.

Councilman Merinuk made a motion on the floor to adopt Resolution No. 22-107 effective July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 appointing Kenneth Young as a full time employee of the Woodbury Police Department, seconded by Councilwoman Parker. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jared Hunter – 23 N. Drexel St. – Mr. Hunter asked about the transportation of senior citizen throughout the city. Mr. Law answered. Mr. Hunter inquired about the public events budget, the Human Rights Commission background and goals. Mr. Law addressed the budget, and Mayor Sickle addressed the question regarding the Human Rights Commission.

John Belko – 53 N. Childs St. – Mr. Belko questioned the Human Rights Commission changes in Ordinance No. 2340-21. Mr. Scaffidi answered.

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

**ORDINANCE 2340-21** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING CHAPTER 30, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY.

Councilwoman O' Connor introduced Ordinance No. 2340-21. Ms. Crawford then read the title. Councilman Merinuk moved to have the first reading of Ordinance No. 2340-21 with the approval to adopt after the second reading, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman Parker, Council President Hagerty

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilman Fleming

Abstain 0

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CONSENT AGENDA

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**RESOLUTION NO. 21-104** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENDORSING AND APPROVING \$50,000 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY FOR STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH BARBER AVENUE, CARPENTER STREET, RAILROAD AVENUE, AND NELSON AVENUE

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-105** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO ADOPT EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2021

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-106** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT RENEWING MEMBERSHIP IN THE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

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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, Councilwoman O'Connor.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman Moore, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman Parker, Council President Hagerty

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilman Fleming,

Abstain 0

Councilman Merinuk made a motion to adopt the bills and vouchers list, seconded by, Councilwoman Parker. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Committee Reports**

**Report of the Mayor**

Mayor Sickel reported the positive result of the City's firework show and the grand opening of ACCU Staffing here in Woodbury.

**Report of the City Clerk**

Ms. Crawford reported that Mr. Leech has asked if City Council could kindly pass a motion during new business to authorize the Clerk to advertise and RFP for an Affordable Housing Planner.

**Department Announcements**

Mrs. Covely reported that the dam and local roads project have been completed early. The Water main project will begin in 2 weeks.

**Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business at this time.

**New Business**

Councilwoman Parker made a motion to authorize the Clerk to advertise a RFP for an Affordable Housing Planner, seconded by Councilman Merinuk. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Parker made a motion to authorize the RFP for environmental law firm for the contamination of the well on a contingency basis seconded by Councilman Merinuk. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Councilwoman Miller mad a motion to approve Lot 323's July 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 event to be rescheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. This was seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Open to the Public**

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

Bill Gotthardt– 26 N. Horace St. – Mr. Gotthardt asked for an update on the investigation regarding the volunteer fire fighters. Mr. DiPiero responded that the investigation is progressing and an update will be provided at either the July 28 or August 11. Mr. Gotthardt asked if this was a reasonable amount of time to investigate. Councilman Merinuk answered.

Amanda Terpstra – 442 Poplar Avenue, Woodbury Heights - Ms. Terpstra advocated bringing her cannabis company, Best Buds in to Woodbury.

Jared Hunter – 23 N. Drexel St. – Mr. Hunter thanked the Woodbury Public Library for their bee keeping program. He then questioned Council on why we would not meet the deadline of voting

on Ordinance No.2341-21. Council President Hagerty answered.

Anthony Alveario – 522 Delaware St. – Mr. Alveario expressed being against having commercial cannabis on Broad Street. He also brought up several reasons why he believes the Glassboro Camden Line will have a negative impact throughout the city. Mr. Alveario then addressed that all City Council Committee meetings should get posted for the public. Council President Hagerty answered.

Pamela Lewis – 115 West St. – Mrs. Lewis expressed her distaste for the exchange between Council President Hagerty and Mr. Hunter. She also then went on to ask what the newly released information was which caused council to table Ordinance NO. 2341-21. Council President Hagerty, Mr. Scaffidi, and Councilman Merinuk answered.

John Belko – 53 N. Childs St. – Mr. Belko thanked Council for the quick turnaround for the Lot 323 event on July 30<sup>th</sup>. He then asked Council if he was in compliance to submit the associated paperwork to the state by Friday. Council President Hagerty approved.

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 Merinuk. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Kay L. Crawford,**  
Deputy Clerk

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