

City of Woodbury
City Council Meeting Agenda
Virtual Meeting
January 12, 2022
Waiting room opens at 6:00 p.m.
Meeting starts 6:30 p.m.

The meeting of January 12, 2022 was called to order by Council President Merinuk at 6:30 pm. Council President Merinuk then 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 #22-04 adopted at the 2022 Reorganization Meeting on January 5, 2022. Also, notice 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 Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Merinuk, Mayor Sickel

Absent:

Others Present: Acting City Clerk, Cassidy Swanson; Solicitor, Tim Scaffidi; Police Chief, Thomas Ryan; Police Captain, Kelli Marro; Engineer, Paul Brier; Chief Financial Officer, Robert Law; Interim City Administrator, Len Sossamon; Housing Official, John Leech.

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

Council President Merinuk stated the meeting will be opened to the public for agenda items only. Council President Merinuk reminds everyone that each agenda item does have to get read aloud. Councilman Miller made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Swanson then read the titles of the Resolutions. Ms. Swanson went on to inform the public how they can participate.

Tony Alveario - 522 Delaware St. – Mr. Alveario wants to know where previous meetings minutes are. Ms. Swanson answered. Mr. Scaffidi responded and added that this is for Agenda Items Only, and Council President Merinuk agreed. Council President Merinuk explained that this can get brought up during the regular open to the public portion.

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

Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 22-46 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF SATISFACTION OF RCA HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM MORTGAGE REGARDING BLOCK 148.01, LOT 2 A/K/A 112 HUNTER STREET Councilman Fleming presented the above titled Resolution. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Resolution. Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-46, Seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 9 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Merinuk

Nays 0

Abstain 0

Absent 0

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business.

New Business

Council President Merinuk announced the 2022 Committees and their City Council Committeemen. The list goes as follows:

Cannabis Ad Hoc: Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell and Chief Ryan

Community Events and Development: Councilwoman Carter, Councilwoman Miller and Councilman Miller

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Councilwoman Harwell, Councilwoman Miller and the City Administrator

Economic Development: Councilman Hagerty and Councilwoman Harwell

Finance: Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming and Councilman Hagerty

Green Team: Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, and Councilman Pisarcik

Hiring Committee for the City Administrator: Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty and Councilwoman Harwell

Parks & Recreation: Councilman Fleming, Councilman Miller, and Councilman Pisarcik

Public Safety: Councilman Miller, Council President Merinuk and Mayor Sickel

Public Works: Councilman Fleming, Councilman Miller and Councilman Pisarcik

School Board Liaison: Councilwoman O'Connor

Councilman Merinuk informed everyone that the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee has their own email address to send any questions, comments or concerns. Ms. Swanson read the email Cannabisinquiries@woodbury.nj.us and informed everyone where it will be located on the website.

Open to the Public

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

Charles Hughes – 31 N. Childs St. – Mr. Hughes thanked Council for announcing of the committees. He asked if we are amending the codes to reflect more than 4 committees. Mr. Scaffidi responded. Mr. Hughes explained how there use to be 9 Committees, and was reduced to 4 committees, 5 or 6 years ago. Council President Merinuk thanked Mr. Hughes.

Michael Lange – 1098 Jessup Rd, West Deptford – Mr. Lange in regard to cannabis has put in for a property in the industrial zone and will need support from the City when it is time to submit the paperwork. He asked what the City needs from a cannabis business to operate within the City as microbusiness. Councilman Hagerty responded and explained that the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee will be deciding the operational Cannabis Ordinances. There will be an open session at the January 27 meeting and to please email cannabisinquiries@woodbury.nj.us. Mr. Lange asked at the January 26 meeting will it be giving his own opinions or listening to others give their opinions. Councilman Hagerty responded.

Fred Vicario – 20 Clearbrook Lane, Sewell NJ – In regard to cannabis, Mr. Vicario sent an email yesterday about what his business needs from the City. He currently meets all requirements per the City. Council President Merinuk responded. Mr. Vicario asked why a pervious business was approved if the City won't approve him now. Council President Merinuk and Councilman Hagerty responded and added the City is looking to add operational Ordinances to the February agendas.

Tony Alveario – 522 Delaware St. – Mr. Alveario congratulated Council President Merinuk and likes the transparency. He continued his explanation from earlier in the meeting about the minutes needing to be updated more frequently. Mr. Alveario doesn't like the 5 minute speaking limit during the public portion as his group Say No To GCL needs more time to present. He would also like committee meetings to be public and can assist Council with the meetings. Council President Merinuk responded.

Michael Lange – 1098 Jessup Rd, West Deptford – Mr. Lange asked if the January 26 Council meeting will be in person or on Zoom. Council President Merinuk responded and said it will be decided closer to date.

Ramona Wilcox – 250 S. Barber Ave. – Ms. Wilcox is a recipient of the Neighborhood Preservation Program Residential Façade Grant Program. Ms. Wilcox explained several of the difficulties that she has come across with the grant program and while the grant cannot cover the total cost of replacing her roof, she would like the remainder of the grant to go towards it, and she will pay the remainder. She is having difficulties getting ahold of the contractor and Triad and would like someone to get back to her so the project can get completed. Council President Merinuk responded.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-47 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO POTENTIAL LITIGATION Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 22-47 and enter closed session, seconded by Councilwoman Carter. Motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Ayes 9 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Merinuk

Nays 0

Abstain 0

Absent 0

Closed Session began at 7:22 pm

Closed Session ended at 7:44 pm

Councilman Fleming made a motion to resume the public business meeting, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Scaffidi explained that Council had a discussion on potential litigation on our contracts with Municipal Solutions. At this time no action is required in the public portion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Hagerty made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassidy L. Swanson

Cassidy L. Swanson,
Acting City Clerk

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