

**City of Woodbury  
City Council Meeting  
January 18, 2023  
33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096  
6:30 p.m.**

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The meeting of January 18, 2023, was called to order by Council President Fleming at 6: pm. Council President Fleming 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 public meeting of the City Council of the City of Woodbury. Due notice of this meeting was provided to the newspaper and public by posting and publication of Resolution No. 23-04 adopted at the 2023 Reorganization Meeting on January 3, 2023. Also, notice of the public meeting was provided to the newspaper and posted on the City web page for the public.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Councilwoman Carter, Councilwoman Garlic, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Fleming, Mayor Miller

Absent:

Others Present: Acting Deputy Clerk, Robert Law Solicitor, Jeff Krachun; Police Chief, Tom Ryan; Engineer, Paul Breier; Deputy Administrator, Bradley Pennypacker, City Planner; Matt Wannamaker; Redevelopment Counsel, Linda Gallela

**Correspondence**

Mr. Law explained that on January 10<sup>th</sup> the Clerk received the following email from the Woodbury Democratic Chair Chuck Rose, and read it for the record;

Dear Clerk Swanson,

I have attached the letter in regards to the resignation of Kyle Miller. We respectfully submitted three names for Council.

Please let this email reflect we submitted within 15 days as required by the statute to fill the vacancy. We ask for immediate confirmation in receiving this notification.

All the best,

Chuck

The attachment goes as follows:

Dear Clerk,

A meeting of the Woodbury Democratic Committee entitled to vote to fill a vacancy was held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6pm.

The three people submitted by the Municipal Democrat Committee are the following:

1. Sam Ferraino
2. Charles Rose
3. Amy Swanson

Councilman Hagerty nominated Sam Ferraino to fill the vacant Third Ward Council Seat, seconded by Councilwoman Cater. No other nominations were made.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilwoman Garlic, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Fleming,

Nays 0

Absent 0

Abstain 0

Sam Ferraino was then sworn in as a Councilman for the Third Ward for the City of Woodbury by Acting Deputy Clerk, Robert Law.

Councilman Hagerty made a motion to table Resolution No. 23-50, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **Open to the Public for Agenda Items and Non-Agenda Items**

Council President Fleming stated the meeting will be opened to the public for agenda items and non-agenda items. Council President Fleming reminds everyone that each agenda item does have to get read aloud. Councilman Ferraino made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Law then read the titles of the Resolutions. Mr. Law went on to inform the public that at this time they can come up to the podium to be heard at this time.

Charles Hughes – 32 N. Childs St.– Mr. Hughes asked Council to pass a resolution opposing the GCL (Glassboro-Camden Line) like the Borough of Wenonah passed. Washington Township and the County of Gloucester publish their bill list, and he would like Council to do the same. He had questions about increases to specific line items in the Temporary Budget.

Anthony Alveario – 522 Delaware St.– Mr. Alveario asked for past audit reports to be made available. He also expressed his displeasure to the GCL and how he does not want the City Council to support it.

Karlene O'Connor – 58 Hopkins St. – Ms. O'Connor expressed how the murder of Mr. Blanton has affected herself and her neighbors. She would like Council to explain what they are going to do to improve public safety and for each Councilmember to outline their vision for their Ward.

Ron Wilcox – 250 S. Barber Ave. – Mr. Wilcox expressed how the murder of Mr. Blanton has affected himself and his neighbors. He thanked the Police for a swift arrest and keeping the community informed. Mr. Wilcox provided updates on the work he's seen at Wing-Dickerson Park and asked for updates on the project.

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

**Resolutions**

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CONSENT AGENDA

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~~**RESOLUTION NO. 23-50** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR A LOCAL RECREATION IMPROVEMENT GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE FRANCES AVENUE PARK LITTLE LEAGUE FACILITY~~

*Tabled*

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-51** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE FY 2021 NJDOT LOCAL AID PROGRAM – PROGRESS AVENUE RESURFACING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

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END CONSENT AGENDA

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Councilman Hagerty made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-51, seconded by Councilman Ferraino.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 9 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilwoman Garlic, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Fleming,

Nays 0

Absent 0

Abstain 0

**Unfinished Business**

No Unfinished Business

**New Business**

No New Business

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-52** RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO THE PURCHASE, LEASE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND/OR INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS AND LITIGATION, NEGOTIATIONS AND ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE Councilman Hagerty made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-51, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. Motion approved via a unanimous voice vote.

Council President Fleming asked members of the public to exit Council Chambers as City Council would be entering Closed Session.

Closed Session began at 6:55 pm  
Closed Session ended at 11:16 pm

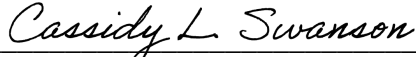
Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to re-enter the public portion of the business meeting, seconded by Councilman Ferraino.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Councilman Ferraino made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned 11:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Cassidy L. Swanson, RMC, CMR  
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.**