

**City of Woodbury
City Council Meeting
January 23, 2023
33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096
6:30 p.m.**

The meeting of January 23, 2023 was called to order by Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty at 6:30 pm. Council President Pro-Tempore 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, Councilman Ferraino, Councilwoman Garlic, Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Mayor Miller

Absent: Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Fleming

Others Present: City Clerk, Cassidy Swanson; Solicitor, Jeff Krachun; Police Chief, Tom Ryan; Engineer, Paul Breier; City Administrator, John Leech; Deputy Administrator, Bradley Pennypacker; Fire Chief, Brian Hauss

Promotion

RESOLUTION NO. 23-53 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY HIRING FULL-TIME FIREMAN FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT Councilwoman Carter presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Swanson read the title of the resolution. Councilwoman Carter made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-53, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 7 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilwoman Garlic, Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller

Nays 0

Absent 2 Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Fleming

Abstain 0

Mayor Miller introduced Jeremy Beckett and read his biography. Mayor Miller swore in Jeremy Beckett as a Full-Time Fireman. Mr. Beckett was accompanied by his Fiancé Laura, his mother and father and his fiancé's parents as well as numerous friends. He thanked his family, colleagues, Mayor Miller and Council for their support in assuming this position. Chief Hauss added that there has been a large change in the Fire Department compared to last

year. They now have 32 part-time fireman and 3 full-time fireman. Everyone in the Department has been putting in a lot of work and they have been able to really turned it around. Chief Hauss asked for a round of applause for every fireman in the room and Jeremy for all of the hard work they have put in.

Recess began at 6:37 pm

Recess ended at 6:45 pm

Communication

Tom Gilbert of the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office wanted to take time to share appreciation and thanks for the Woodbury City Police Department. He has high regard for the Woodbury City Police Department and they work very well side by side with the Gloucester County Prosecutors Office. He thanked Chief Ryan for acquiring the NOLA system and implementing the Watch Over Woodbury Camera System and appreciated his work he has previously done on the Gloucester County Police Chief's Association Board. Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty thanked Chief Gilbert.

Approval of the Minutes

Councilman Ferraino made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2022 meeting seconded by Councilwoman Carter.

Motion approved by the following voice vote.

Ayes 5 Councilwoman Carter, Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller

Nays 0

Absent 2 Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Fleming

Abstain 2 Councilman Ferraino, Councilwoman Garlic

Councilman Ferraino made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3rd meeting seconded by Councilwoman Harwell.

Motion approved by the following voice vote.

Ayes 6 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilwoman Garlic, Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller

Nays 0

Absent 2 Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Fleming,

Abstain 1 Councilman Ferraino

Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 18th meeting seconded by Councilman Ferraino.

Motion approved by the following voice vote.

Ayes 7 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilwoman Garlic, Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller

Nays 0

Absent 2 Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Fleming

Abstain 0

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty stated the meeting will be opened to the public for agenda items only. Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty reminded 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. Ms. Swanson then read the titles of the Resolutions. Ms. Swanson went on to inform the public that at this time they can come up to the podium to be heard at this time.

Romona Wilcox – 250 S. Barber Avenue – Ms. Wilcox asked what the new boundaries are for South Woodbury NPP (Neighborhood Preservation Program) District and who is now in charge of the NPP program. Ms. Swanson responded

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

Resolutions

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 23-54 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE

RESOLUTION NO. 23-55 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY APPOINTING AMY EVERWINE AS AN ALTERNATE DEPUTY REGISTRAR

RESOLUTION NO. 23-56 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY HIRING AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

RESOLUTION NO. 23-57 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY APPOINTING NICOLE ROOT AS AN ALTERNATE DEPUTY REGISTRAR

RESOLUTION NO. 23-58 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-24 APPOINTING COUNCILPERSON TO THE PLANNING/ZONING BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 23-59 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY RECOGNIZING AGREEMENT WITH THE GLOUCESTER COUNTY UNIFORMED FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 3592, AFL-CIO-CLC

RESOLUTION NO. 23-60 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOODBURY AND THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE JULY 1, 2023, TO JUNE 30, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. 23-61 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY WOODBURY AWARDING A CONTRACT TO LEXA CONCRETE, LLC FOR THE FY 2021 NJDOT LOCAL AID PROGRAM – PROGRESS AVENUE RESURFACING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 23-62 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR YEAR 3 OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 23-63 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY APPROVING THE BOUNDARY EXPANSION FOR WOODBURY NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM

END CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read at the beginning of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Ferraino.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 7 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilwoman Garlic, Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller

Nays 0

Absent 2 Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Fleming

Abstain 0

Councilman Ferraino made a motion to approve the list of bills and vouchers, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. Motion approved via a unanimous voice vote.

Report of the Clerk

Ms. Swanson gave the follow thanked Council for passing Resolution No. 23-62 and Resolution No. 23-63. Gerald O'Connor with Main Street Woodbury, has been doing a great job with getting the Neighborhood Preservation Program back on tract. Please reach out to him or Ms. Swanson with any questions. The 2023 Holiday Trash Schedule has been mailed out. Its available on our [website](#) and hard copies are available on the front table. The 2023 free rabies clinic will be Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 9 AM to 10:30 AM. Shots will be given at the Woodbury Fire House at 29 Delaware Street. Licenses will be issued at City Hall, 33 Delaware Street, which will be OPEN that same day from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, if you wish to obtain your 2023 licenses then. As a reminder it is a State Law that all dogs and cats 5 months and older must be licensed with your municipality. Additional information is available on our [website](#). Ms. Swanson congratulated Deputy Clerk Kay, as she started her maternity leave today. Her and her boyfriend Daniel are expecting a daughter in a few weeks, which is very exciting.

Department Reports

Chief Ryan – Woodbury City Police Department – Chief Ryan thanked Chief Gilbert for coming to the meeting. Our department works well with their office and it is nice to have resources in the

City when they're needed. Chief Ryan explained our officers have been busier than usual in January. The officers and community have been doing a great job, and he is very appreciative of all of the support and great people.

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business

New Business

No New Business

Open to the Public

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

Romona Wilcox – 250 S. Barber Ave. – Ms. Wilcox asked what work is being done at Wing-Dickerson Park, and if there was any community involvement in what work is being done as the community has questions. She also asked what can be done with Green Acres funds to replace the current playground at Wing-Dickerson Park. Mr. Leech and Ms. Swanson answered.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-64 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 Ferraino made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-64, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 7 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilwoman Garlic, Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller

Nays 0

Absent 2 Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Fleming

Abstain 0

Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty asked members of the public to exit Council Chambers as City Council would be entering Closed Session.

Closed Session began at 7:10 pm

Closed Session ended at 7:24 pm

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

Solicitor Krachun explained that during closed session City Council discussed the two responses received for the Request for Qualification's (RFQ) for the sale and redevelopment of the 100 Block of South Broad Street. Council will now be taking action in designating a Developer for the 100 Block of South Broad Street.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-65 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY DESIGNATING TANTUM CANOE-BROOK POTENTIAL REDEVELOPER FOR PORTIONS OF THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH BROAD STREET PER THEIR SUBMITTED RFQ AND AUTHORIZING A MEMORADUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY AND TANTUM CANOE-BROOK Councilwoman Carter introduced the above-titled Resolution from the floor. Councilwoman Carter made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 23-65, seconded by Councilman Ferraino.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 7 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilwoman Garlic, Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller

Nays 0

Absent 2 Councilman Pisarcik, Council President Fleming

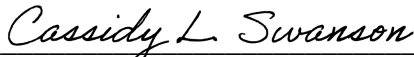
Abstain 0

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 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Cassidy L. Swanson, RMC, CMR,
City Clerk