

**City of Woodbury
City Council Meeting
February 21, 2023
33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096
6:30 p.m.**

The meeting of February 21, 2023 was called to order by Council President Fleming at 6:26 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: Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilwoman Miller (via phone), Council President Fleming, Mayor Miller

Absent: Councilwoman Carter, Councilwoman Garlic, Councilman Merinuk, Councilman Pisarcik

Others Present: City Clerk, Cassidy Swanson; Solicitor, Tim Scaffidi; Police Chief, Tom Ryan; Engineer, Paul Breier; Administrator, John Leech; Deputy Administrator, Bradley Pennypacker; Chief Financial Officer, Robert Law; Grant Consultant, Jake Bottecello

Promotion

RESOLUTION NO. 23-74 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING PROMOTION OF YAIRON CASTILLO FROM SLEO II TO FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICER IN THE WOODBURY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilwoman Harwell presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Swanson read the title of the resolution Councilman Ferraino made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-74, seconded by Councilwoman

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 5 Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilwoman Miller, Council President Fleming

Nays 0

Absent 4 Councilwoman Carter, Councilwoman Garlic, Councilman Merinuk, Councilman Pisarcik

Abstain 0

Mayor Miller introduced Yairon Castillo and read his biography. Mayor Miller swore in Full-

Time Patrol Officer Castillo. Full-Time Patrol Officer Castillo was accompanied by his wife and daughter. He thanked his family, colleagues, Mayor Miller and Council for their support in assuming this position.

Recess began at 6:44 pm

Recess ended at 6:48 pm

State of New Jersey Green Acres Program Public Hearing

Councilman made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman. Council President Fleming introduced Jake Bottecello of Triad Associates, the City's Grant Consultant. Mr. Bottecello explained that the City of Woodbury is seeking funding through the State of NJ Green Acres Program for improvements at Francis Avenue Fields. One new component of the 2023 Green Acres Grant Program is holding a public hearing on the proposed project. Additional details are available [online](#).

Ron Wilcox – 250 S Barber Ave. – Mr. Wilcox asked what the definition of urban, in relation to the Grant. Mr. Bottecello responded.

Cindy Norton – 16 N American St. – Mrs. Norton explained her previous volunteer effort with Woodbury Little League, and asked if they still had a Board. Mayor Miller responded. She asked after the City receives the Grant, who will be maintaining the complex, and if the Woodbury Little League are raising funds. Mayor Miller responded. Mrs. Norton asked who would pay back the loan included in the Grant, and if the loan would cause a tax increase. Councilman Hagerty, Mr. Law and Mr. Bottecello responded. She asked what will happen to the project if the City doesn't receive the Grant. Council President Fleming responded.

John Fulmer – 548 Hunter St. – Mr. Fulmer asked for confirmation that the Grant application is for the project at Francis Avenue Fields as the original Public Hearing posting listed multiple potential projects. Ms. Swanson responded.

Peg Sickel – 145 Rigby Place – Ms. Sickel asked Mr. Bottecello when does Green Acres expect to award projects and when would implementation begin. Mr. Bottecello responded.

John Muller – Rowan University – Mr. Muller asked Mr. Bottecello what the total project estimate is. Mr. Bottecello responded.

Councilman Hagerty asked Mr. Bottecello his opinion on the City's chances of receiving the Grant, and if the application will be done by the March 1st due date. Mr. Bottecello believes the City has a strong application, and everything is set for the Grant application to be submitted by the deadline.

Hearing no one, Councilman Ferraino made a motion to close the public hearing seconded by Councilman Hagerty. 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. Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilman Ferraino. 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.

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

Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 2382-23 CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) Councilman Hagerty moved to open to have the first reading of Ordinance 2379-22 with the approval to adopt after the second reading, seconded by Councilman Ferraino.

Ayes 5 Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilwoman Miller, Council President Fleming

Nays 0

Absent 4 Councilwoman Carter, Councilwoman Garlic, Councilman Merinuk, Councilman Pisarcik

Abstain 0

Resolutions

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 23-75 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF \$3,980.29 IN SURPLUS FROM THE CITY OF WOODBURY'S SHARE OF THE AGGREGATE EXCESS LOSS CONTINGENCY FUND

RESOLUTION NO. 23-76 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE 2023 LOCAL EFFICIENCY ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 23-77 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CLASS FIVE CANNABIS LICENSE (BESTBUDS)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-78 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CLASS FIVE CANNABIS LICENSE (NOVA FARMS)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-79 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CLASS FIVE CANNABIS LICENSE (WOODBURY WELLNESS)

RESOLUTION NO. 23-80 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY APPROVING OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NJDEP) 2023 GREEN ACRES GRANT PROGRAM AND NAMING AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL IN RELATED MATTERS HEREWITH

RESOLUTION NO. 23-81 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO ENTER INTO THE K-9 DOG DONATION AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF MILLVILLE AND THE MILLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 23-82 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE FY 2022 WING-DICKERSON PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

END CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Hagerty 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 5 Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilwoman Miller, Council President Fleming
Nays 0
Absent 4 Councilwoman Carter, Councilwoman Garlic, Councilman Merinuk, Councilman Pisarcik
Abstain 0

Councilwoman Hagerty made a motion to approve the list of bills and vouchers, seconded by Councilman Ferraino. Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 5 Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilwoman Miller, Council President Fleming
Nays 0
Absent 4 Councilwoman Carter, Councilwoman Garlic, Councilman Merinuk, Councilman Pisarcik
Abstain 0

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Miller and his wife had the opportunity to meet Amy Mansu and Rob Waters of Inspira. Once Inspira completes the Satellite ER, everything else will start moving. They are hosting the Topping Off Ceremony on March 3 at 11 am, as the host the last structural beam on the Satellite ER. Mayor Miller asked for any Councilmembers available to attend. He spoke on his original apprehension of Resolution No. 23-81, the K-9 Dog donation from the Millville Police Department. Chief Ryan went into all of the benefits of having a second K-9 Dog on the Police Force, and Mayor Miller agrees. This past weekend he spent time with several City Officials and members of FAF, looking at potential new locations for Lot 323 starting in 2024. Spring baseball and soccer signups are still on going, and he encouraged children to join the teams.

Report of the Clerk

Ms. Swanson explained she is in receipt of a Raffle Application and Bingo Application from Holy Angels Catholic School. Both applications are complete and she asked Council to approve both applications under New Business.

Department Reports

Paul Breier – City Engineer – The Progress Avenue Pre-Construction meeting is tentatively set for March 7. The Bid Opening for the Water Main project on Holroyd Place and adjoining streets is set for March 1. The Playground Project on the old Tennis courts at Stewart Lake Project is moving forward with Green Acres and the project should be going out to bid in the next month or so.

Robert Law – Chief Financial Officer – Mr. Law and Mr. Leech are working on the budget and will have a draft for the Finance Committee next week.

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business

New Business

Councilman Ferraino made a motion to approve Raffle Application 23-01 for Holy Angels Catholic School, Bingo Application 23-01 for Holy Angels Catholic School, and approve the submission of Government Domain Registration for the City's web domain seconded by Councilman Hagerty. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council President Fleming informed Council he expects a Closed Session in regards to the PFNA issue.

Open to the Public

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

John Fulmer – 548 Hunter St. – Mr. Fulmer gave an update on the wildlife at Stewart Lake Park, and informed everyone that someone cut down weeds near the Park's parking lot, which some birds use for nesting. He asked what the delay is with the Park's regulation and interpret signs. Council President Fleming responded. Mr. Fulmer expressed his frustration in how long it is taking for the signs to go up and would like to see them up before spring. Council president

Fleming agreed and asked Mr. Leech to get a timeline for installation.

Ron Wilcox - 250 S. Barber Ave. – In reference to Resolution No. 23-82, Mr. Wilcox asked what is a Change Order and why is it necessary. Mr. Breier responded. Mr. Wilcox went into detail on the drainage issues he is seeing on the playground at Wing Dickerson park, and would like to see a new playground installed.


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

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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.