

**City of Woodbury
City Council Meeting
May 11, 2022
33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096
6:30 p.m.**

The meeting of May 11, 2022 was called to order by Council President Merinuk at 6:34 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 No. 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; Engineer, Paul Brier; Chief Financial Officer, Robert Law; Interim City Administrator, Len Sossamon

Proclamation and Promotion

Mayor Sickel and Council President Merinuk read and presented Marc Harrison and his family with a proclamation in honor of their mother, Helen T. Harrison, for her dedication to Woodbury High School.

Marc Harrison thanked Mayor and Council for the proclamation for his mother, Helen Harrison. Mr. Harrison spoke in high regard of his mother, her accomplishments and her impact to the Woodbury community.

Recess began at 6:45 pm.
Recess ended at 6:47 pm.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-90 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING PROMOTION OF JOSEPH SMITH FROM DRIVER/LABORER TO OPERATIONS MANAGER IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Swanson read the title of the resolution Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-90, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Council President Merinuk spoke highly of Mr. Smith. He thanked him for his hard work and congratulated him.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Pisarcik Council President Merinuk

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilwoman Harwell

Abstain 0

Approval of Minutes

Councilman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 22, seconded by Councilman. Motion approved via voice vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Pisarcik Council President Merinuk

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilwoman Harwell

Abstain 0

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 do have to get read aloud. Councilman Fleming made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilman Hagerty. 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.

Jared Hunter – 39 High St. – Mr. Hunter thanked Councilman Hagerty for reaching out to him. He asked if there was any update on Resolution No. 22-98. Councilman Hagerty responded. Mr. Hunter expressed his disappointed that a new administrator has yet to be hired and asked why a new administrator has not been selected. Council President Merinuk responded. He asked for an explanation on Resolution No. 22-100. Council President Merinuk responded. Council President Merinuk offered condolences on behalf of the City to Mr. Hunter on the loss of his brother.

Tony Alveario – 522 Delaware St. – In reference to Ordinance No. 2362-22, Mr. Alveario asked for an update on the investigation into the Fire Department. He announced he is making his own Facebook group to discuss City Council. Mr. Alveario is displeased his OPRA request was denied. Council President Merinuk responded.

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

Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 2360-22 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS ROADWAY AND STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,817,240 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$774,250; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING Councilman Fleming presented the above titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Fleming moved to open to the public on Ordinance 2360-22, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Hearing no one, Councilman Fleming made a motion to close to the public on Ordinance 2360-22, Seconded by Councilman Miller.

Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2360-22, seconded by Councilman Hagerty.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Pisarcik Council President Merinuk

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilwoman Harwell

Abstain 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2362-22 ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY REPEALING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, ENTITLED FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 20, FIRE DEPARTMENT Councilman Fleming presented the above titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Fleming moved to open to the public on Ordinance 2362-22, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Hearing no one, Councilman Fleming made a motion to close to the public on Ordinance 2362-22, Seconded by Councilman Miller.

Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2362-22, seconded by Councilman Hagerty.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Pisarcik Council President Merinuk

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilwoman Harwell
Abstain 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2363-22 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 190, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE II, PARKING, OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO CREATE A NEW SECTION ENTITLED “FIRE AND EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ZONE” Councilman Fleming presented the above titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Fleming moved to open to the public on Ordinance 2363-22, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Hearing no one, Councilman Fleming made a motion to close to the public on Ordinance 2363-22, Seconded by Councilman Hagerty.

Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2363-22, seconded by Councilwoman Miller.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O’Connor, Councilman Pisarcik Council President Merinuk
Nays 0
Absent 1 Councilwoman Harwell
Abstain 0

ORDINANCE NO. 2364-22 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ESTABLISHING SMOKE-FREE PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY Councilman Fleming presented the above titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Fleming moved to open to have the first reading of Ordinance 2364-22 with the approval to adopt after the second reading, seconded by Councilman Hagerty.

Councilwoman O’Connor asked for information as to why we are proposing to adopt this ordinance. Chief Ryan responded, adding we are doing this after recent passing of State Legislation. Councilwoman O’Connor asked if we’re going to additional items in the ordinance. Solicitor Scaffidi and Chief Ryan responded.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O’Connor, Councilman Pisarcik Council President Merinuk
Nays 0
Absent 1 Councilwoman Harwell
Abstain 0

Resolutions

RESOLUTION NO. 22-91 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY PROCLAIMING MAY 11 THROUGH MAY 17, 2022 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Swanson read the title of the resolution Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-91, seconded by Councilman Hagerty.

Councilwoman O'Connor asked if it this takes place the same week every year and if it involves specific events. Chief Ryan responded. Councilwoman O'Connor wants to make sure that were actively participating in this and not just acknowledging it.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Pisarcik Council President Merinuk

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilwoman Harwell

Abstain 0

RESOLUTION NO. 22-92 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY APPROVING SUBMISSION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR 2020 AUDIT Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Swanson read the title of the resolution Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-92, seconded by Councilman Miller.

Council President Merinuk said that Mr. Law has been working diligently on the audit and making sure the audit is correct. Councilman Fleming explained that the Finance Committee will take this up with Mr. Sossamon and Mr. Law. He believes the dates in the corrective action plan are good. Council President Merinuk thanked Councilman Fleming and Mr. Law.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Pisarcik Council President Merinuk

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilwoman Harwell

Abstain 0

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-93 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUND

RESOLUTION NO. 22-94 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURE FOR THE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS, CLAIMANT'S SIGNATURE FOR PAYMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-16, N.J.A.C. 5:30-9A.6 AND N.J.A.C. 5:31-4.1

RESOLUTION NO. 22-95 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING CITY ENGINEER TO ISSUE NOTICE TO BIDDERS REGARDING PROGRESS AVENUE RESURFACING AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 22-96 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-56 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR INTERIM PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR A CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY

RESOLUTION NO. 22-97 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING RESOLUTION 21-137 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR EXECUTIVE SEARCH SERVICES FOR A CITY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY

RESOLUTION NO. 22-98 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FROM PROPOSED REDEVELOPERS FOR THE 100 BLOCK SOUTH BROAD STREET REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

END CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Miller made a motion to adopt the consent agenda as read at the beginning of the meeting, seconded by Councilman Fleming.

Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following;

Ayes 8 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Miller, Councilman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Pisarcik Council President Merinuk

Nays 0

Absent 1 Councilwoman Harwell

Abstain 0

Committee Reports

Councilman Fleming – Finance Committee – Councilman Fleming explained that the Finance Committee will likely have meeting next week and another at end of month. He will continue to provide updates.

Councilwoman Miller – Community Events Committee – Councilwoman Miller thanked the YMCA for letting her participate in their Healthy Kids Day as she was able to give out a lot of books. Councilwoman O'Connor and Councilwoman Carter stopped by as well, and it was a great event.

Marc Starling – Neighborhood Preservation Program – Mr. Starling introduced himself and is excited to get started.

Department Reports

Len Sossamon – City Hall – Mr. Sossamon explained the Labor Attorney is researching the new CDL requirements and how we can ensure all of our drivers meet the requirements. Councilman Pisarcik sent two new quotes for the Firehouse and Library roof. We will get a few more quotes and then we'll move forward with that as soon as possible. Mr. Sossamon is excited for Mr. Starling to get started and he is very knowledgeable. Councilman Hagerty had previously asked Mr. Sossamon to reach out to Tartan Textile to get access to building to start a Phase 1 Environmental Study. Mr. Sossamon received an affirmative action plan to allow access to start the study this morning.

Chief Ryan – Police Department – Chief Ryan thanked everyone who came out to Anti-Bullying 5K Race/walk. Approximately 125 participants, several members of Council and County Commissioners came and it was a great event. Detective Brierley won for all female, and Ms. Swanson won for her age group.

Councilwoman Harwell joined the meeting at 7:27 pm

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Sickel – Mayor Sickel informed everyone that a TV Show will be filming at the Old Police Station and she will provide the streaming details when they're available. Mr. Hughes will be holding his annual Memorial Day services with Troop 7007. Mayor Sickel asked Councilman Hagerty to provided additional details about the Block 75 RFQ. Councilman Hagerty responded.

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business.

New Business

No New Business

Open to the Public

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

Tony Alveario – 522 Delaware St. – Mr. Alveario informed Council he conducted a survey on the amount of rehab facilities on Broad Street and the Woodbury area. He doesn't agree with the amount of facilities there are in the area and will bring this up to the Planning/Zoning Board. He asked Council to start having work sessions that are open to the public. Mr. Alveario noted a typo in Resolution No. 21-130.

John Belko – 53 N. Child St. – Mr. Belko informed Council there is under a month before FAF's Lot 323 open ups and wants to know if there is anything that FAF can do to help the City in getting everything set. Council President Merinuk responded.

John Fulmer – 548 Hunter St. – Mr. Fulmer asked for more information about the length of construction on the Pedestrian Path, when is the asphalt is going to be laid behind the houses, statuses of interpret signs, and if there is ribbon cutting and when that will be. He asked for Council to proactively ban e-bikes form this path as they can travel up to excess of 20 mph. Council President Merinuk asked Mr. Fulmer for additional details on e-bikes and Mr. Fulmer responded. Mr. Breier responded as well. Mr. Fulmer asked for a notice to residents to go out when the paving is going to start as he wants residents along the lake to have some insights on the project timeline.

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. 22-99 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS; EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP
Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Swanson read the title of the resolution Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-99, 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

Absent 0

Abstain 0

Council President Merinuk announced that Council was now entering Closed Session.

Closed Session began at 7:51 pm

Closed Session ended at 8:57 pm

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-100 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOODBURY AND THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS REGARDING POLICE DEPARTMENT SERVICES Councilman Fleming presented the above titled resolution. Ms. Swanson read the title of the resolution Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-100, seconded by Councilman Miller.

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

Absent 0

Abstain 0

Mr. Sossamon announced that the city has funds in the budget to hire a part-time Community Events Coordinator and asked Council for a motion to post the open position online. Councilman Hagerty made a motion to post the part-time Community Events Coordinator position online, seconded by Councilman Miller. Motion approved via unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassidy L. Swanson,
Acting 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.