

City of Woodbury
City Council Meeting Agenda
December 28, 2022
33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096
6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silent Reflection

Reading of the Open Public Meeting Statement

Roll Call

Proclamations

- Liz Mcilvaine
- K-9 Evo

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 22-207 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE WOODBURY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN ADOPTION AGREEMENT WITH PATROLMAN WILLIAM SHEEHAN FOR THE ADOPTION OF A RETIRED POLICE CANINE EVO

Approval of the Minutes

- March 9
- December 14

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Resolutions

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 22-208 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ESTABLISHING DATE FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 22-209 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY OPPOSING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES TO THE STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 22-210 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY CANCELLING AND REFUNDING TAXES FOR ZIRBSER, DENNIS J, A 100% DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 174.01 LOT 1 A.K.A. 450 HUNTER ST

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-212 A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-169 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE FY2022 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (P-22-0822)

RESOLUTION NO. 22-213 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN AWARD EXTENSION REQUEST FOR LA-2021 MA WOODBURY CITY PROGRESS AVENUE-08 TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

END CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Bills and Vouchers List

Reports:

- **Committee Reports**
- **Report of the Mayor**
- **Report of the Clerk**
- **Department Announcements**

Unfinished Business

New Business

Open to the Public

Adjournment

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-207

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY
AUTHORIZING THE WOODBURY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO
AN ADOPTION AGREEMENT WITH PATROLMAN WILLIAM SHEEHAN FOR THE
ADOPTION OF A RETIRED POLICE CANINE EVO**

WHEREAS, Patrolman William Sheehan was the officer-handler for the Woodbury City Police Department's K-9 dog, Evo, Badge No. 3135; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Evo was retired from service due to health issues and age which made it difficult to maintain proficiency; and

WHEREAS, Patrolman Sheehan desires to adopt K-9 as his personal pet; and

WHEREAS, Woodbury City Police Department's best interest to ensure the safe and appropriate disposition and the future long-term care of its retired police canines; and,

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police of the Woodbury City Police Department's recommends to make K-9 Evo available for adoption by Patrolman Sheehan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury concur with the Police Chief's recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury:

1. The City of Woodbury is authorized to enter into an adoption agreement with Patrolman William Sheehan for the adoption of Evo, Badge No. 3135, a retired police canine.
2. That the Mayor, City Administrator and/or Chief of Police be and hereby are authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Woodbury.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of

Woodbury on December 28, 2022.

CITY OF WOODBURY

By: _____
REED A. MERINUK,
President of Council

ATTEST:

KAY L. CRAWFORD,
Deputy Clerk

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CERTIFICATION

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Kay L. Crawford,
Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 22-208

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY
ESTABLISHING DATE FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING FOR 2023**

WHEREAS, there exists a legal requirement for this public body to annually establish a Reorganization Meeting for the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury; and

WHEREAS, the public body hereby agrees to establish Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. as the time for said meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by City Council of the City of Woodbury, the Mayor concurring, that the Reorganization Meeting shall occur on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gloucester County Ceremonial Courthouse, located at 1 N. Broad St., Woodbury, NJ 08096; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk/Administrator give due notice of such meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1.

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-209

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY
OPPOSING THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASES TO THE
STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, access to affordable quality health care is critical to the physical, mental, and economic wellbeing of City employees and their families; and

WHEREAS, the uncontrolled growth of health care costs negatively affects the Municipal budget as a significant portion of Municipal revenue is used to fund public employee and retiree health benefits; and

WHEREAS, the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP), governed by N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq., offers medical, prescription drug, and dental coverage to qualified State and participating local government public employees, retirees, and eligible dependents; and

WHEREAS, all SHBP plans are self-funded, meaning that the money paid out for such benefits comes directly from a SHBP fund supplied by the State, participating local employers, and member premiums; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Pensions and Benefits is responsible for the daily administrative activities of the SHBP, the State Health Benefits Commission is the executive organization responsible for overseeing the SHBP; and

WHEREAS, the State Health Benefits Commission, comprised of State officials and union representatives, annually consider the calendar year premium levels for the Local Government Employer Group of the SHBP based upon recommendations found in the Rate Setting Recommendation Analysis of the Local Government Employee Group; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary rate increase for the 2023 Local Government Employer Group is 22.8%, which includes a 21.6% increase for Active, a 13% increase in Early Retiree, and a 0.7% increase for Medicare Retiree; and

WHEREAS, subsequent news accounts report that the Department of Treasury noting "rates for active members and early retirees would likely be increase between 12-20% across the various plans for the upcoming year"; and

WHEREAS, such proposed exorbitant rate increases will fall upon the local property taxpayer along with the local public employees at a time in our economy where there is record inflation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed premium increase for most active employees will deduct

thousands of dollars more out of their paychecks annually and lead to huge costs for local governments which will translate into unnecessarily higher property tax bills for City residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey appeals to the State Health Benefit Commission to reconsider the exorbitant rate increase and propose a rate increase that is appropriate in the current economy and with consideration of the impact on local and county governments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the governing body of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, urge the Legislature to adopt legislation expanding the composition of the State Health Benefits Commission to include representatives from both municipal and county government management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Murphy, State Treasurer Muoio, Senate President Scutari, Assembly Speaker Coughlin, Senator Nilsa I. Cruz-Pérez, Assemblyman William Moen, Jr., Assemblyman William W. Spearman, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-210

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY
CANCELLING AND REFUNDING TAXES FOR ZIRBSER, DENNIS J, A 100%
DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 174.01 LOT 1 A.K.A. 450 HUNTER ST**

WHEREAS; ZIRBSER, DENNIS J, the owner of block 174.01 lot 1 A.K.A. 450 HUNTER ST has made an application for a 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption to the Gloucester County Tax Assessor, which has been accepted; and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Tax Assessor has approved for the cancellation of taxes effective AUGUST 23, 2022 on Block 174.01 Lot 1 A.K.A. 450 HUNTER ST; and

WHEREAS, the Woodbury City Tax Collector has approved the cancellation and refunding of the 3rd & 4th quarter 2022 taxes in the amount of \$5333.79-.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Woodbury, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel and refund taxes as stated.

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-111

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY
AUTHORIZING CANCELATION OF BALANCES AND CREDITS UNDER TEN
DOLLARS (\$10.00) ON 2022 WATER/SEWER AND TAX ACCOUNTS IN THE CITY
OF WOODBURY**

WHEREAS; The Tax & Utility Collector of the City of Woodbury has certified to the City Council that the properties named in Exhibit A have balances of ten dollars (\$10.00) and under; and

WHEREAS; The Tax & Utility Collector of the City of Woodbury has certified to the City Council that the unpaid water/sewer and tax balances for 2022 be canceled on the books of said Tax & Utility Collector; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury, the balances under ten dollars (\$10.00) are canceled from the water/sewer and tax accounts.

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RESOLUTION NO. 22-212

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 21-169 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT
FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY FOR THE FY2022 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (P-22-
0822)**

WHEREAS, on December 22, 2021, the City of Woodbury accepted a subgrant award from the State of New Jersey Department of Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, in the amount of \$32,400.00, with a match of \$220,891.00, for total project total cost of \$253,291.00, under the FY2022 Safe and Secure Communities Program (Grant #P-22-0822) for the grant period January 8, 2022 to January 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General has reviewed the City's application, and has revised the subgrant award to \$16,200 due to the city only having 27 police officers, as the required complement to receive the full funding of \$32,400 is 28 officers for two grant funded officers; and

WHEREAS, the revised subgrant award from the State of New Jersey Department of Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, will be the amount of \$16,200.00, with a match of \$124,535.00, for total project total cost of \$140,735.00, under the FY2022 Safe and Secure Communities Program (Grant #P-22-0822) for the grant period January 8, 2022 to January 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the City of Woodbury for the purpose described in the application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury that:

- 1) As a matter of public policy the City of Woodbury wishes to participate to the fullest extent possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety, and does accept the revised Subaward amount of \$16,200.00 for one grant funded officer, and has revised the grant application budget detail form accordingly.
- 2) The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
- 3) The Department of Law and Public Safety shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
- 4) The Department of Law and Public Safety shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

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AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN AWARD EXTENSION REQUEST
FOR LA-2021 MA WOODBURY CITY PROGRESS AVENUE-08
TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$305,325 from the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the “Progress Avenue Resurfacing & Safety Improvements” project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the adoption of the recent Municipal Aid regulations on July 29, 2021 whereby municipalities are required to award the Municipal Aid projects within 2 years of grant notification; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury was, therefore, required to award the FY2021 Municipal Aid project for Progress Avenue Resurfacing by November 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the construction plans were not finalized for the Bid Phase prior to November 16, 2022, and the Notice To Bidders was published on November 22, 2022, and the public bids were opened and read aloud on December 21, 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Woodbury that the Council formally approves the request for a Three (3) month award extension for the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk, or those authorized on their behalf, are to submit a formal request for a Three (3) month award extension for the Project to the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Administrator and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the Three (3) month award extension request on behalf of the City of Woodbury and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement.

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