

City of Woodbury City Council Meeting Agenda Virtual Meeting

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October 14, 2020

Virtual Waiting Room Opens 6:00 p.m.

Meeting starts 6:30 p.m.

The meeting of October 14, 2020 was called to order by Council President Parker at 6:32pm. Council President Pro-Tempore Hagerty 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 Resolution #20-05 adopted at the 2020 Reorganization Meeting on January 7, 2020. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Orders No. 107 and 108, which took effect on March 21, 2020. Due to these Executive Orders the City of Woodbury has made it possible for public participation in City Business via an electronic format as defined in the Open Public Meetings. The agenda for tonight's meeting is being displayed on your screen. Or if you prefer, it can be found on the City of Woodbury's website at www.woodbury.nj.us. Ms. Swanson then gave instruction on how the public sessions would be run, to ensure everyone who wishes to speak has a chance to do so.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilman Hagerty, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Carter, Council President Parker, Councilman Fleming, Mayor Floyd

Absent:

Others Present: Acting City Clerk, Cassidy Swanson; Solicitor, Timothy Scaffidi; City Administrator, Franklin Brown; Housing Official, John Leech; CFO, Robert Law; Police Chief, Thomas Ryan; Engineer, Erika Vardaxis

Open to the Public for Agenda Items

Council President Parker stated the meeting will be opened to the public for agenda items only. Since the meeting is being held virtually and some individuals are calling in, Ms. Swanson will read the agenda items aloud. Ms. Swanson then read the titles of the Ordinances and Resolutions. Ms. Swanson went on to give instructions again on how the public can be heard at this time. Councilman Hagerty made a motion to open to the public, seconded by Councilman Merinuk. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Jared Hunter – 23 North Drexel Street – Mr. Hunter asked why the salary ordinance is being

brought up again, and if he can get a list of names the salary ordinance is referencing too. Mr. Scaffidi responded.

Lee Weatherby – Mr. Weatherby said he would also like to see the list of names the salary ordinance is referencing too. Mr. Weatherby asked City Council not to consider Ordinance 2328-20 and listed several reasons as to why there shouldn't be a stop sign. Mr. Law and Mayor Floyd responded.

Chuck Rose – 306 West Centre Street – Mr. Rose spoke in favor of Ordinance 2328-20 and listed several reasons why it would be beneficial, and the current safety concerns that have arisen from not having a stop sign. Chief Ryan and Councilman Merinuk responded.

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

Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 2328-20 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 190. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 190-38, SCHEDULE VIII: STOP INTERSECTIONS, OF THE CODEBOOK OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY Ms. Swanson read the title of the ordinance. Council President Parker and Administrator Brown added comments regarding Ordinance 2328-20. Council President Parker asked their be a motion made to table to the vote on Ordinance 2328-20.

ORDINANCE NO. 2331-20 AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND ESTABLISH SALARIES AND RATE OF COMPENSATION ON THE VARIOUS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER OF PAYMENT THEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith Ms. Swanson read the title of the ordinance. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to open to the public, seconded by, Councilman Merinuk. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Swanson again gave instructions on how the public could be heard at this time.

Hearing no one, Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to close to the public, seconded by Councilman Hagerty. Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to adopt ordinance 2330-20, seconded by Councilwoman O'Connor. Motion approved by a roll call vote resulting in the following:

Ayes 9 Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Johnson, Council President Parker

Nays 0

Absent 0

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 20-141 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM AND EXECUTION OF THE GRANT, IF AWARDED

RESOLUTION NO. 20-142 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING TO CANCEL BALANCES ON WATER/SEWER ACCOUNT THAT THE CITY OF WOODBURY OWNS

RESOLUTION NO. 20-143 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING TO CANCEL BALANCES ON TAX ACCOUNT THAT THE CITY OF WOODBURY OWNS

RESOLUTION NO. 20-144 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CHERRY HILL WINNER FORD FOR ONE (1) 2021 POLICE VEHICLE

RESOLUTION NO. 20-145 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING CITY ENGINEER TO ISSUE NOTICE TO BIDDERS REGARDING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF WELL #7

RESOLUTION NO. 20-146 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING TRIAD ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE IMPLEMENTATION SERVICES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION PROGRAM COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 20-147 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY CONFIRMING SALE OF LAND TO CHRISTOPHER J. HARRIS, FOR CITY OWNED VACANT LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 102, LOT 12.01 FOR THE TOTAL SUM OF \$500.00

END CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Fleming made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as read at the beginning of the meeting, seconded by, Councilwomen O'Connor. Motion approved via roll call vote resulting in the following.

Councilman Johnson stated that the Neighborhood Preservation Program Covid-19 Relief Grant is very needed for businesses in Woodbury. He added that the program has been doing a good job so far, but to consider small businesses and residents in this part of the grant, where possible.

Ayes 9 Councilman Fleming, Councilman Hagerty, Councilman McIlvaine, Councilman Merinuk, Councilwoman Miller, Councilwoman O'Connor, Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Johnson, Council President Parker

Nays 0

Absent 0

Reports

Committee Reports:

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Floyd – Mayor Floyd explained we were given a Census extension, and that if you haven't completed the Census, you should. It directly affects funding that the City receives. Mail in ballots have been sent out. The Board of Elections mistakenly sent out reminder cards that contained name errors. This has no effect on the election and the ballots. Mayor Floyd continued and explained that Gloucester County is having their special waste collection this Saturday from 8-3 pm. Mayor Floyd reminded everyone that New Jersey is on an upswing of COVID-19 and to please be vigilant in social distancing and masks.

Clerk's Report:

Ms. Swanson – Ms. Swanson added on to Mayor Floyd's comments about the importance of completing the Census and to disregard the errors in the reminder cards sent out by the Board of Elections. Ms. Swanson went into the details surrounding the November 2 General Election and added that more information will be made available shortly.

Department Reports

John Leech – Code Enforcement – Mr. Leech went over the number of the number of summons, and notices. He explained that the notices on compliance have been going up, while the court summons have been going down.

Erika Vardaxis – Engineer – Ms. Vardaxis explained Well 7 can go out to bid and is tentatively scheduled for November 17. Questions came in for the Broad Street Dam Project Bid, so the Bid Opening has gotten pushed back from October 6 to October 22nd. Ms. Vardaxis said we expect to award the bid on October 28.

Bob Law – Finance – Mr. Law appreciates Mayor Floyd and Ms. Swanson mentioning the impact of the Census. If we dip below the 10,000-population mark, it could impact State aid, and grant funds. Mr. Law anticipates that in December we will have a bond anticipation note that will be rolling over. Mr. Law thanked Aaron Weber for doing a great job with the virtual Art in the Street program. Mr. Law added that RFP's will be going out soon.

Chief Ryan – Police – Chief Ryan explained that school resource officer, Ryan Alcott, was requested to speak at the National School Safety Conference And unfortunate due to Covid-19 the conference was canceled. Chief Ryan added that this honor should be mentioned, and the commitment Officer Alcott has put into our schools.

Michelle Yeager – Library – No report at this time.

Frank Brown – Administrator – Mr. Brown explained today the NJDOT, started excavation work on the west side of bridge on Broad Street and will only affect the walking path and not traffic. He added that this will be a precursor to the Broad Street bridge project, that will come when the dam is completed, or near completed. Mr. Brown added that Chief Ryan was in receipt of a request to use the old police station for filming, and Chief Ryan can add more information if Council wants to discuss under this under New Business.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business at this time.

New Business

Councilman McIlvaine made a motion to set the Halloween Curfew from 3-8 pm on October 31st, and at 8 pm on October 30th, seconded by, Councilwomen Carter.

Open to the Public

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

Jared hunter – 23 North Drexel Street – Mr. Hunter thanked Councilman Hagerty for joining the Task Force Meeting on Monday, and that the Task Force now has 6 committees. Mr. Hunter asked why the large tree in front of City Hall was cut down, and Mr. Brown responded. Mr. Hunter followed up on the resolution sent to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. Council President Parker and Mayor Floyd responded. Mr. Hunter asked when the next Human Rights Commission meeting is and Mayor Floyd and Councilman Hagerty responded. Mr. Hunter asked is there is a way to coordinate with the School Board to have the meetings at different times. Mayor Floyd responded. He offered congratulations to officer Alcott and is appreciative of his involvement in the community. Mr. Hunter offered Officer Alcott to put on his presentation at a Heart and Soul meeting. Chief Ryan and Councilman Johnson responded.

John Fulmer – 548 Hunter Street – Mr. Fulmer thanked Council for continuing virtual meetings, and how it provides a great way to foster communication. Mr. Fulmer asked how long the construction will take for the Broad Street Dam project, and how long will it take the water to go above minimum level. Ms. Vardaxis responded. Councilman Fleming added that that he wishes the water levels could get higher soon.

Robert butler – 534 Hunter Street – Mr. Butler asked what the required water depth is, Ms. Vardaxis responded. Mr. Butler asked exactly why the Board Street Dam bid was pushed back. Ms. Vardaxis responded. He asked if it is possible to avoid the freezing of the bottom, by pushing back the construction until the spring. Ms. Vardaxis responded and added she will look into ways to help the wildlife from freezing.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman McIlvaine. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassidy 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.