

City of Woodbury
City Council Meeting
May 15, 2023
33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096
6:30 p.m.

The meeting of May 15, 2023, was called to order by Council President Fleming at 6:32 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: Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Council President Fleming, Mayor Miller

Absent: Councilwoman Garlic, Councilperson Miller

Others Present: City Clerk, Cassidy Swanson; Solicitor, Tim Scaffidi; Police Chief, Tom Ryan; Engineer, Paul Breier; City Administrator, John Leech; Deputy City Administrator, Bradley Pennypacker

Proclamation

Mayor Miller presented School Resource Officer Michael Magee with a proclamation for his efforts with the Woodbury City Police Department's Stop the Bleed Program. SRO Magee brought up Thomas Sullivan, John Magee of Guardian Angel Solutions, Deptford Elks Lodge No. 2708, American Legion Post No. 133 and Colonial Pipeline, all of whom have donated to the program, and presented them with a plaque thanking them for their donations. Chief Ryan thanked SRO Magee for his efforts, and each year he does more and more for the students and residents.

Recess began at 6:41 pm

Recess ended at 6:45 pm

Approval of the Minutes

Councilman Hagerty made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 1st meeting seconded by Councilwoman Harwell

Motion approved by the following roll call vote;

Ayes	7	Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Council President Fleming
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Nays	0
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Abstain 0
Absent 2 Councilwoman Garlic, Councilperson Miller

Open to the Public for Agenda Items Only

Council President Fleming stated the meeting will be opened to the public for agenda items and non-agenda items. Council President Fleming reminded 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 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 Hagerty made a motion to close to the public, seconded by Councilman Ferraino. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 2384-23 ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2371-22 OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY Councilman Hagerty presented the above-titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Hagerty moved to open to the public on Ordinance 2384-23, seconded by Councilman Ferraino.

Hearing no one, Councilman Hagerty made a motion to close to the public on Ordinance 2384-23, seconded by Councilwoman Miller.

Councilman Hagerty made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2384-23, seconded by Councilman Ferraino.

Motion approved by the following roll call vote;

Ayes 7 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilman Hagerty,
Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Council
President Fleming

Nays 0

Abstain 0

Absent 2 Councilwoman Garlic, Councilperson Miller

ORDINANCE NO. 2385-23 BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE REPLACEMENT OF VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER LINES AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$200,000 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 \$190,000; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING Councilman Hagerty presented the above-titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Hagerty moved to open to the public on Ordinance 2385-23, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Hearing no one, Councilman Hagerty made a motion to close to the public on Ordinance 2385-23, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell.

Councilman Hagerty made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2385-23, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell.

Motion approved by the following roll call vote;

Ayes	7	Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Council President Fleming
Nays	0	
Abstain	0	
Absent	2	Councilwoman Garlic, Councilperson Miller

ORDINANCE NO. 2386-23 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 2383-23 AND AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING THE CITY OF WOODBURY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 92; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 92; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE Councilman Hagerty presented the above-titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Hagerty moved to open to the public on Ordinance 2386-23, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Hearing no one, Councilman Hagerty made a motion to close to the public on Ordinance 2386-23, seconded by Councilman Ferraino.

Councilman Hagerty made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2386-23, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Motion approved by the following roll call vote;

Ayes	7	Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilman Hagerty, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Council President Fleming
Nays	0	
Abstain	0	
Absent	2	Councilwoman Garlic, Councilperson Miller

Resolutions

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 23-104 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A PERMIT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY

RESOLUTION NO. 23-105 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF A TAX OVERPAYMENT BLOCK 152.02 LOT 2 412 E PENN BLVD FOUNDATION TITLE, LLC

RESOLUTION NO. 23-106 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

RESOLUTION NO. 23-107 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY APPROVING SUBMISSION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR 2021 AUDIT

RESOLUTION NO. 23-108 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE FY2022 STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – CARRIAGE HOUSE APARTMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 23-109 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ENDORSING AND APPROVING \$50,000 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY REGARDING RESURFACING NAOMI AVENUE AND MANOR AVENUE

RESOLUTION NO. 23-110 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. 23-111 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR LICENSED OPERATOR FOR THE CITY OF WOODBURY'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT

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 by the following roll call vote;

Ayes 7 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilman Hagerty,
 Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Council
 President Fleming

Nays 0

Abstain 0

Absent 2 Councilwoman Garlic, Councilperson Miller

Approval of the Bill and Voucher List

Councilman Hagerty made a motion to approve the list of bills and vouchers, seconded by Councilman Ferraino.

Motion approved by the following roll call vote;

Ayes 7 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilman Hagerty,
 Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Council
 President Fleming

Nays 0

Abstain 0

Absent 2 Councilwoman Garlic, Councilperson Miller

Committee Reports

Councilman Hagerty – Economic Development Committee – The Grand opening for the Rim Exchange was this past Saturday, please check them out. Nova Farms got their State approval. They have to finish up a few things and then they should be announcing their grand opening soon.

Report of the Mayor

Nova Farms soft opening is this Friday. Their Ribbon cutting will be shortly thereafter. We did receive the green acres grant, and the grant to cover the City's match cost. This is very exciting that this is happening. The City of Champions banner will be going up after the Fourth of July banner. Several of us met with Tantum-Canone Brook, and Block 75 is moving forward. The School Board Town Hall meeting is May 24 at 6:30 pm. Mayor Miller has received several overgrown trees and grass complaints. Public Works is inundated with these requests. They are working on it but the list is long.

Report of the Clerk

- Primary Election Information - Tuesday, June 6, 2023
 - Questions can be directed to City Clerk, Cassidy Swanson at 856-845-1300 x 146 or the Gloucester County Office of Elections at (856) 384-4500
- Secure Ballot Drop Box Locations
 - There are 12 Secure Vote-By-Mail Ballot Drop Boxes located throughout Gloucester County.
 - The 2 closest are:
 - Gloucester County Administrative Building - 2 S. Broad St., Woodbury, NJ, 08096
 - Gloucester County Office of Elections - 550 Grove Rd., Paulsboro, NJ, 08066 (GPS Address)
 - You can deliver your ballot in person to the Gloucester County Office of Elections until 8:00 pm on June 6.
- Early In-Person Voting
 - From June 2nd - June 3rd from 10 am to 8 pm and June 4th from 10 am - 6 pm. Gloucester County voters may go to any of the 5 designated early voter centers.
 - The 2 closest are:
 - Riverwinds Community Center - 1000 Riverwinds Dr, Thorofare, NJ, 08086
 - RCSJ Business and Corporate Center - 1400 Tanyard Rd, Sewell, NJ, 08080
- Polling Locations
 - The Polls will be open from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
 - **Ward 1 - Districts 1, 2, 3 (all)**

- American Legion Post 133, 1018 Washington Avenue
- **Ward 2 - Districts 1, 2, 3 (all)** *Please view [information](#) on redistricting*
 - Bethel AME Church, 32 Courtland Street
- **Ward 3 - Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 (all)**
 - Hope Fellowship Church, 246 King Street (at end of S. Warner)
- o You can view what Ward you live in, [here](#).
- o You CANNOT return your vote-by-mail ballot at your polling location. CDC guidelines for polling place safety and sanitation will be followed.

Department Reports

Paul Breier – Engineer

NJDOT MUNICIPAL AID PROJECTS

FY 2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid – Hunter Street

1. This project is currently being closed out with NJDOT. Once that is complete, I will submit a resolution to the Council to establish a 5-year road opening moratorium on the portion of Hunter Street that was resurfaced under this contract.

FY 2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid – Progress Avenue

1. The contract for this project was awarded to Lexa Concrete with Resolution #23-61 for the amount of \$297,681.26 on January 23, 2023. The contracts have been fully endorsed by the contractor and the City.
2. The Bid Tab and Resolution have been submitted to NJDOT for concurrence of the award to Lexa Concrete. When that is issued I will schedule the preconstruction meeting with Lexa, Public Works, utility companies, and our inspector. The Notice to Proceed will be issued a week or so afterwards.

FY 2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid – West Centre Street

1. We are finishing revisions to the construction plans based on comments from NJDOT. The revised plans and specifications will be submitted shortly to DOT for approval and authorization to advertise for bids. I will submit a resolution requesting Council's authorization to advertise at the **June 20th meeting. Therefore, the Notice to Bidders for this project could be advertised in July.**

FY 2023 NJDOT Municipal Aid – Newton Ave & Euclid Street

1. The grant application for the repaving of Newton Avenue and Euclid Street was submitted to NJDOT-Local Aid in July. The City received notice from the NJDOT dated November 23, 2022 stating that this project has been awarded a grant for \$306,400.00.
2. We have conducted the survey work on the roads and are preparing the base plans. We will submit the plans, specifications and cost estimate to NJDOT for review in late spring.

FY 2024 NJDOT Municipal Aid

1. **The NJDOT has announced that grant applications for FY2024 Municipal Aid are now being accepted until July 1st. After consultation with John Leech and Rich Leidy, we have selected the resurfacing of Stuart Street and the south end of Lafayette Avenue for this year's application. I am currently preparing the documents and data needed to submit to DOT for the grant application.**

NJDOT DISCRETIONARY (LAIF) AID PROJECTS

South Columbia Street Resurfacing

1. The NJDOT issued a letter dated March 14, 2022 to the City that states the City has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$300,000 for the South Columbia Street Resurfacing Project. The scope of the project includes resurfacing the roadway from Logan Street to Delaware Street and installing new handicap ramps at each intersection – except where recent projects were completed along High Street, West Centre Street and Myrtle Avenue. The plans and specifications are approximately 90% complete. After construction on Progress Avenue has started and West Centre Street is out for bids, we will finalize the plans and specifications for this project and submit them to DOT for review and approval.

FY2022-23 Application

1. **The replacement of the bridge on South Girard Street at the upstream end of Bell Lake has been selected as the project to apply for an LAIF grant this year. The bridge is rapidly deteriorating based on the results of DOT-sponsored inspections in 2021 and 2023. We are proposing to remove the bridge structure and install a prefabricated concrete box culvert in its place, repair the walls on the stream area downstream of the culvert, and repave the portion of South Girard Street from Myrtle Ave to High Street. The construction plans and cost estimate are now being prepared. I will initiate the LAIF application this week.**

WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS

2022 Water Capital Project

1. The new water main improvement project for FY2022 includes replacing the 4” water mains with new 8” mains in Maple Street and Laurel Street from Cooper Street to Hunter Street and in Holroyd Place. The project also includes replacing a section of the broken water main in the sidewalk on N. Broad Street just south of the bridge and also the replacement of the broken main in S. Girard Street that currently goes under the bridge just east of Bell Lake.
2. The bid opening for this project was held on March 1, 2023. A total of nine bids were received. The low bidder was P&A Construction, Inc. at \$439,849.41. At the March 6th Council meeting, Resolution No. 23-83 was approved for awarding the contract to P&A Construction. The Notice of Award form and letter were issued to P&A on March 8th. I have received and approved the submittals from P&A. The pre-construction meeting was held on March 30th. The Notice to Proceed was issued for April 3rd.
3. **Construction began on April 6th. As of May 1st the new water mains have been installed on Laurel Street, Maple Street and Holroyd Place. The connections to the old mains in Cooper Street, Hunter Street and Traban Trail have been made. The lines and hydrants have been pressured-tested and are currently being disinfected prior to installing the new water service line to each residence. The contractor has started work on the pipe replacement on South Girard Street. We are coordinating with NJDOT regarding the pipe repair on N. Broad Street near the old police station driveway.**

SCADA System Upgrade

1. On February 14, 2023 the City received Proposals & Statements of Qualifications from three contractors for the SCADA system replacements and upgrades. The selection of the contractor is based on a graded system, to be independently evaluated and graded by 2 or 3 City officials and professionals. Qualifications, experience, project understanding, as well as cost are key factors to be considered.
2. After compiling the evaluations and discussing the proposals with various City officials and the Solicitor, the consensus was to award the contract to ICA Engineering, Inc. for a total cost of \$311,850.00.
3. Resolution No. 23-96 awarding the project to ICA was approved at the March 20th Council meeting. The Notice of Award form and letter were sent to ICA on March 24th. They have submitted the signed contract, bonds, and insurance certificate.
4. **The preconstruction meeting was held on April 27th. The Notice to Proceed was also issued on the 27th. ICA will be sending the product submittals/shop drawings in the next week or 2 for review and approval prior to starting work.**

Well Redevelopment – Well #8

1. The bid opening for the redevelopment of Well No. 8 was held on February 28th. Only one bid was received – from A.C. Schultes for \$117,500. The project was awarded to Schultes with Resolution No. 23-84 at the March 6th Council meeting. I issued the Notice of Award letter on March 9th. We received the signed contract, bonds, certificate of insurance and other documents from Schultes on March 21st.
2. **The preconstruction meeting was held on April 11th and the Notice to Proceed was also issued. Schultes ran the pump for several hours last week to test the system. They removed the pump for rehabilitation on April 28th.**

SANITARY SEWER CAPITAL

2023 Sanitary Sewer Capital Project

1. **We have prepared** the plans and specifications for repairs, pipe lining, pipe replacement, and manhole reconstruction for the sanitary sewer lines in East Red Bank Ave from Washington Ave to N. Broad Street. This project is required to eliminate the frequent blockages formed in the main line and the connecting laterals from the buildings along East Red Bank Ave.
2. The sewer mains have been cleaned and video-inspected. **We have identified** the portions of the pipe that are good, can be lined, or need to be replaced. Manholes at East Red Bank Ave and Green Street need to be reconfigured and a new large sewer main installed from that point to a manhole at Broad Street. We are working with Public Works to identify the source(s) of the grease, scum and other material that is causing the blockages in the pipe downstream of Washington Avenue.
3. The utility companies have marked out their underground pipes and lines. We have added this information to the construction plans and worked with Public Works to determine the most feasible alignment of a new sewer line from Green Street to Broad Street, and also locations that need repair and lining.

4. **On April 17th an RFQ was issued to 4 contractors for the replacement of 870 feet of sanitary sewer pipe, construction/reconstruction of 6 manholes and other related work. The quotes were received on the 20th. Mount Construction of Berlin had the lowest quote at \$329,000. The Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed will be issued after the funding is approved.**

LOCAL ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM

FY 2019 – CDBG: Resurfacing of S. Maple Avenue

1. The City received a \$50,000 CDBG grant for the repaving of Maple Avenue from East Barber Avenue to Union Avenue in 2019. The contract was awarded to Paving Plus, LLC for \$85,242.56.
2. The project was completed in 2022. Paving Plus submitted their maintenance bond in January. At the February 6th Council meeting Resolution No. 23-67 was approved by Council to accept the maintenance bond and release the performance bond and the retainer of \$1,664.66 to Paving Plus.
3. Resolution No. 23-91 was approved at the March 20th Council meeting to establish a 5-year moratorium from issuing road opening permits along the newly paved portion of South Maple Avenue.

FY 2023 City Bonds: Maple & Laurel Streets from Cooper St. to Hunter St., and Holroyd Place

1. The roads to be resurfaced for FY2023 include Laurel Street and Maple Street from Cooper Street to Hunter Street and Holroyd Place. These are the roads where the new water mains are to be installed this spring. Additional roads may be added to the list for resurfacing as the annual budget and the capital improvements bonds are being prepared. The construction work will not start until the fall in order to allow the water main work to be complete and closed out, and give several months for the pipe trench repairs to settle.

GREEN ACRES PROJECTS

2014 – Green Acres Program (Walking Paths, Footbridge and Streambank Stabilization)

1. The contractor for this project, Gerald A. Barrett, has completed all of the work and the project is being closed out. Resolution No. 23-95 is on the agenda for the March 20th Council meeting for the acceptance of Barrett's maintenance bond and release of the performance bond and the retainer of \$8,623.11.
2. The Path ID signs and the new Park Rules sign have been installed on the segment of the path from Cooper Street to Evergreen Avenue. The Path #1 ID sign and the 2nd Rules sign have now been installed near the new path segment on the north side of Stewart Lake near the existing boat ramp. The interpretive signs have been made. The mounting boards and support posts are currently being prepared. **Public Works has started to install the new benches and trash/recycle cans along the path.**

2017 Green Acres Program (Playground & Park Pavilion)

1. The construction plans and specifications for the site work, installation of the 2 pavilions, the 2 playground units and the various site and playground amenities were submitted to Green Acres on March 1, 2023 along with a cost estimate and construction schedule. We are making final updates to these documents and will make a final submission to Green Acres this week.

2. City Council has authorized the engineer to advertise this project for bid with the approval of Resolution No. 23-87 at the March 6th meeting. On March 24th I sent the final plans and cost estimate to Green Acres for review and authorization to proceed to the bid and construction phase. On April 6th, Bruce Bechtloff of Green Acres issued a letter authorizing the City to advertise the project for public bids.
3. Public Works is coordinating with RCP Shelters for the delivery of material for the two pavilions this week. They are also coordinating with Steedle Moving & Storage in West Deptford for the offloading of the items and restacking in the City parking lot near the project site. The material will be stored there until a contractor is awarded the construction project.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS

FY 2022 – Installation of ADA-Compliant Curb Ramps- Various Locations

1. The City received a \$50,000 CDBG grant for storm sewer repairs. Resolution No. 22-172 was passed by Council at the September 28th meeting which approved changing the scope of work of this grant to installing 12 ADA-compliant curb ramps at several intersections. At the November 9th meeting, Council authorized the engineer to advertise this project for bids.
2. The Notice to Bidders was published on January 17th and the Bid Opening was held on February 1st. The low bidder was K Concrete at \$92,690.00. They were awarded the contract at the February 6th Council meeting with Resolution No. 23-68.
3. The preconstruction meeting was held on March 14th. K Concrete started work on March 27th. All of the ramps are complete and the topsoil and grass seed have been installed. The concrete swale across N. Woodland Ave at Hunter Street has been installed and the adjacent pavement has been resurfaced. The pavement striping should be installed in the next week or 2 to complete the project.

Miscellaneous Projects

Wing-Dickerson Park Improvements

1. The City received NPP grant funding totaling \$208,000 for upgrades to Wing-Dickerson Park. The upgrades include replacing the basketball courts, resurfacing the tennis court, installing 3 pickle ball courts, and replacing the wood mulch in the playground area.
2. The resolution authorizing the engineer to advertise this project for bids was passed by Council at the October 12th meeting. The Notice to Bidders was published in the South Jersey Times on October 25th. The bid opening date was November 4th. Resolution No. 22-189 was approved at the November 9th Council meeting awarding the contract to Command Co., Inc. The Notice to Proceed was issued on November 30th with a completion date of December 30th. The contractor began construction on December 12th.
3. All of the new paving has been installed, the footings and base plates for the four basketball net posts have been installed, and the pipe sleeves and posts for the pickle ball nets and fencing have also been installed.
4. Command Company has installed the basketball net posts and backboards. The sub-contractor, Nickolaus Construction, has also installed the pickle ball court fencing. Last week they completed

applying 3 coats of blue paint on the basketball courts and painted the line work.

5. **Public Works is continually having loads of rubber mulch delivered and installed in the playground area. They also began cleaning and painting the equipment.**

NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program

1. We prepared the application and supporting documents to submit to NJDOT for Federal Aid grant funds to construct a pedestrian path network along Hester's Branch's three lakes, Hunter Street and Evergreen Avenue lakes, and around Broad Street Lake – to include footbridges over the Woodbury Creek at the Evergreen Avenue bridge and the railroad bridge. This path network would connect directly or with crosswalks to the existing paved path on the west side of Broad Street and the recently completed pedestrian path along Stewart Lake. The maximum grant amount is \$1.5 million.
2. The application was submitted on November 3, 2022, through the NJDOT's SAGE website. The awards should be announced this spring.

Chief Ryan – Woodbury City Police Department – He thanked everyone for their support of SRO Magee and his efforts

John Leech – City Administrator – All property maintenance calls, and complaints can be sent to him, Cliff Miller and Officer Pitzo. We are trying to get outside agencies to do the work, as Public Works can't do it all. You can use the [Report a Concern](#) feature on the website to report numerous items, including Property Maintenance complaints.

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 Johnson. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Barbara Urain – 338 S Girard St. – Speaking on behalf of Volunteer for Voters Choice NJ. Currently, there are two bills in the State Assembly on ranked choice voting. Ms. Urain went into detail on ranked choice voting and why she believes it would be beneficial for Woodbury. She would like Woodbury to host an educational meeting on ranked choice voting, similar to other towns.

Daniel McGeehan – 438 Griscom Drive – Mr. McGeehan asked for an update in regard to his request on being reimbursed for his sidewalk due to tree damage. Council President Fleming explained the Public Works meeting. Mr. McGeehan is not happy with the process or the time it's taking. Councilman Hagerty and Mr. Leech responded. Council President Fleming added that they will look to see if they are going to change the ordinance/policy.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 23-112 RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND POTENTIAL LITIGATION, NEGOTIATIONS, AND ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE Councilman Hagerty made a motion to adopt the Resolution 23-112, seconded by Councilman Ferraino

Motion approved by the following roll call vote;

Ayes 7 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Ferraino, Councilman Hagerty,
 Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Council
 President Fleming

Nays 0

Abstain 0

Absent 2 Councilwoman Garlic, Councilperson Miller

Council President Fleming asked members of the public to exit Council Chambers as City Council would be entering Closed Session.

Closed Session began at 7:30 pm

Closed Session ended at 8:30 pm

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

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 at 8:32 pm.

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.