

**City of Woodbury**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**October 22, 2025**  
**33 Delaware Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096**  
**6:30 PM**

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**A. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silent Reflection**

The meeting of October 22nd was called to order by Council President Fleming at 6:33 pm. Council President Fleming then led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silent Reflection.

**B. Reading of the 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. 25-03 adopted at the 2025 Reorganization Meeting on January 6, 2025. Also, notice of the public meeting was provided to the newspaper and posted on the City's web page for the public.

**C. Roll Call**

Present: Councilman Ferraino, Councilwoman Garlic, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Councilperson Miller, Council President Fleming, Mayor Miller

Absent: Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Lange,

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

**D. Approval of the Minutes**

1. August 13

Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2025, meeting, seconded by Councilman Ferraino.

Motion approved by the following voice vote;

Ayes	6	Councilman Ferraino, Councilwoman Garlic, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilwoman Miller, Councilperson Miller, Council President Fleming,
Nays	0	
Abstain	1	Councilman Johnson
Absent	2	Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Lange

2. September 24

Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2025, meeting, seconded by Councilman Ferraino.

Motion approved by the following voice vote;

Ayes	6	Councilwoman Garlic, Councilwoman Harwell, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Miller, Councilperson Miller, Council President Fleming,
Nays	0	

Abstain 1 Councilman Ferraino,  
Absent 2 Councilwoman Carter, Councilman Lange

**E. Open to the Public for Agenda Items Only**

Councilperson Miller made a motion to Open to the Public for Agenda Items Only, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. Motion approved via unanimous Voice Vote.

Hearing no one, Councilman Ferraino made a motion to Close to the Public for Agenda Items Only, seconded by Councilperson Miler. Motion approved via unanimous Voice Vote.

**F. Ordinances**

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2434-25** — AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING CHAPTER 190, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE VI, SPECIAL ZONES AND AREAS, SECTION 17.2 FIRE LANES, SUBSECTION D, PENALTIES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY  
**SECOND READING**

Councilman Ferraino presented the above-titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Ferraino moved to open to the public on Ordinance 2434-25, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Hearing no one, Councilperson Miller made a motion to close to the public on Ordinance 2434-25, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Ferraino made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2434-25, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell.

Motion approved by the following Roll Call Vote;

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

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 2435-25** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING CHAPTER 190, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE XII, SCHEDULES, SECTION 31, NO PARKING, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY  
**SECOND READING**

Councilman Ferraino presented the above-titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Ferraino moved to open to the public on Ordinance 2435-25, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Hearing no one, Councilperson Miller made a motion to close to the public on Ordinance 2435-25, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Ferraino made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2435-25, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell.

Motion approved by the following Roll Call Vote;

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

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 2436-25** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING CHAPTER 182, TOWING, ROAD SERVICE, AND STORAGE OF VEHICLES, SECTION 182-6, RATE SCHEDULE; CHARGES AND FEES, SUBSECTION B, CHARGES AND FEES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY

**SECOND READING**

Councilman Ferraino presented the above-titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Ferraino moved to open to the public on Ordinance 2436-25, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Hearing no one, Councilperson Miller made a motion to close to the public on Ordinance 2436-25, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Ferraino made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2436-25, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell.

Motion approved by the following Roll Call Vote;

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

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 2437-25** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AMENDING CHAPTER 42, POLICE DEPARTMENT, ARTICLE V, GUIDELINES, SECTION 35, PURPOSE, SUBSECTION C(1)(A) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY

**SECOND READING**

Councilman Ferraino presented the above-titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Ferraino moved to open to the public on Ordinance 2437-25, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Hearing no one, Councilperson Miller made a motion to close to the public on Ordinance 2437-25, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Ferraino made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2437-25, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell.

Motion approved by the following Roll Call Vote;

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

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2438-25** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY  
AMENDING CHAPTER 20, FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF  
WOODBURY  
**FIRST READING**

Councilman Ferraino presented the above-titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Ferraino made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2438-25 with permission to adopt after the second reading, seconded by Councilperson Miller.

Motion approved by the following Roll Call Vote;

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

6. **ORDINANCE NO. 2439-25** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY  
REPEALING CHAPTER 178, TAXATION, ARTICLE I, EXEMPTION AND  
ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL  
STANDARDS AND ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 178, ARTICLE I, EXEMPTION  
AND ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND  
RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS, OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE CITY OF  
WOODBURY  
**FIRST READING**

Councilman Ferraino presented the above-titled ordinance. Ms. Swanson read the title of the Ordinance. Councilman Ferraino made a motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2439-25 with permission to adopt after the second reading, seconded by Councilperson Miller.

Motion approved by the following Roll Call Vote;

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

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1. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-161** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF WOODBURY PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEMS OF  
REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY PURSUANT TO N.J.S.  
40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-162** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY ADOPTING REVISED PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL AND EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK TO BE USED IN THE CITY OF WOODBURY
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-163** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO AFFIRM THE CITY OF WOODBURY'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES, PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS, AND VOLUNTEERS
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-164** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY APPOINTING A CONTACT PERSON TO ACCESS THE JIF EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY HELPLINE
5. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-165** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY WOODBURY AWARDING A CONTRACT TO LANDBERG CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE FY2024 NJDOT LOCAL AID ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - RESURFACING OF STUART STREET AND LAFAYETTE AVENUE
6. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-166** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF THE PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND RETAINAGE, AND ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE BOND OF THINK PAVERS HARDSCAPING, LLC. FOR THE FY2024 LOCAL ROADS RESURFACING PROJECT – SPRING STREET, WALLACE STREET AND BRIAR HILL LANE FROM N. JACKSON STREET TO THE EASTERN TERMINUS
7. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-167** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY CANCELLING AND REFUNDING TAXES FOR CURRINGTON, JAMES D 100% DISABLED VETERAN, BLOCK 114 LOT 29 A.K.A 46 HOPKINS ST.
8. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-168** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO REIMBURSE WATER OVERPAYMENT ACCOUNT #16560-0 315 PARK AVE LAYTON, ROBERT E. JR. & CINDY J.
9. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-169** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO REIMBURSE WATER OVERPAYMENT ACCOUNT #42430-0 204 EMERSON ST. MATIAS, JESSICA
10. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-170** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY TO REIMBURSE WATER OVERPAYMENT ACCOUNT #17570-0 216 DARE ST ESTATE OF BRIGGITTE CRUZ
11. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-171** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF ANTIQUE FIRE EQUIPMENT TO THE FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY
12. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-172** - RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF WOODBURY AND THE GATEWAY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PROVISION OF CLASS III SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Resolution No. 25-161 through Resolution No. 25-172, seconded by Councilperson Miller.

Motion approved by the following Roll Call Vote;

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

**I. Approval of the Bill and Voucher List**

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

Motion approved by the following Roll Call Vote;

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

**J. Reports**

**Council Committee Reports**

***Councilwoman Miller - Community Events***

Councilwoman Miller reported attending the multicultural celebration at the former Family Center, where the City of Woodbury sponsored a table representing the Dominican Republic. The event featured music, dance, and cultural displays, with residents and guests proudly sharing their heritage. The representation was well received, and organizers plan to work with the Hispanic Festival Committee next year to expand participation and showcase additional families and cultures. Councilwoman Miller also attended the Family Center's recent Health Fair, which offered an abundance of community resources and information for residents, including materials from regional and statewide agencies. It was noted that the resources are available to all residents regardless of background and that efforts should focus on connecting residents to existing programs rather than duplicating services. Thanks were extended to staff, particularly Mr. Law, for assisting with the setup of the City's display.

***Councilman Ferraino - Economic Development***

Councilman Ferraino reported that economic activity continues to show positive momentum. The Canoe-Brook project is moving forward, and outreach has been made to two restaurants in Collingswood regarding possible expansion into Woodbury in anticipation of the proposed train service returning to the city. One interested restaurant owner had previously been unsuccessful in acquiring a building, and the City is facilitating new introductions. It was noted that the former Police Department building remains available for reuse; however, challenges exist due to the adjacent drugstore, which limits exposure from Broad Street. Despite that, interest is increasing as potential investors look to establish a presence before property values rise following transit improvements.

***Councilperson Miller - Mural Committee***

Councilperson Miller reported that the Mural Committee has made significant progress, receiving eleven responses to its Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and advancing five artists—including three from South Jersey—to the proposal stage. The committee is encouraged by the strong creative interest in the Broad Street mural project and will continue reviewing submissions to identify a final artist. Gratitude was expressed to Mr. Law and Mr. Pennypacker for their work organizing and promoting the process.

***Council President Fleming - Finance Committee***

Council President Fleming reported that the Finance Committee has officially started the Fiscal Year 2026 budget process. Initial discussions focused on areas where budgetary adjustments may be possible to help reduce costs. It was noted that last year's budget relied on a higher-than-normal use of the City's fund balance to offset tax increases, leaving a shortfall that must now be replenished. The committee reviewed preliminary materials prepared by the Administrator and Deputy Administrator, but detailed departmental budgets are still forthcoming. The City's auditors have not yet completed the 2024 audit, which will inform future financial planning. While the City's fiscal position remains tight, several redevelopment projects, including Canoe-Brook and the Inspira site, may yield long-term benefits beginning in 2026.

***Council President Fleming - Route 45 Bridge Update***

Council President Fleming discussed the New Jersey Department of Transportation's plan to close the Route 45 bridge over Woodbury Creek, located between Inspira Hospital and the former Charlie Brown's restaurant, for approximately one year in 2028 to complete major reconstruction. The County Engineer's Office conducted a review of NJDOT's traffic analysis and found it to be inadequate, citing unrealistic modeling, failure to account for emergency services, school routes, and the impact on residents in this primarily walkable community.

The Mayor and Council expressed serious concern that NJDOT's proposed detours would route all traffic through county roads—including Evergreen Avenue, Red Bank Avenue, Cooper Street, and Broad Street—creating major congestion. The study projected significant delays and excessive vehicle queues, even using optimistic modeling assumptions.

The NJDOT stated that alternatives such as partial or staged construction were not feasible due to the time required for NJDEP permitting, which could take up to 18 months. The Mayor and Council criticized the NJDOT for failing to initiate permitting years earlier, noting that the bridge's deteriorating condition had been known for more than 15 years.

Assemblyman Bill Spearman met with the NJDOT Commissioner's Office to discuss the matter and recommended consideration of a 24-hour construction schedule or alternate detour routes to shorten the closure period to four or five months. Council members noted that the proposed closure would severely affect traffic flow, emergency response, school operations, and local businesses. The City has not been directly contacted by NJDOT regarding this issue, and information has primarily come through the County Engineer's dual role with the City.

To ensure proper technical evaluation and advocacy, Councilman Ferraino called

Resolution No. 25-174 from the floor, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell, authorizing a time-and-materials contract with Shropshire Associates, LLC, a South Jersey traffic-engineering firm, to represent the City in reviewing the DOT's traffic data, exploring mitigation measures, and proposing more feasible alternatives. Motion approved by the following Roll Call Vote;

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

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Miller thanked Cassidy Swanson, Liz McIlvane, and the Parade Committee for organizing the 75th Annual Woodbury Fall Festival Parade, as well as former mayors Peg Sickle, Ron Risky, Rob Curtis, and Leslie Clark for their participation. The Mayor also recognized Tom Pisarjek of RGB Construction for providing the parade float.

He addressed the dirt bike incident that occurred during the parade, condemning the reckless behavior of riders who drove in the opposite direction of the parade route and emphasizing that such activity is unacceptable and dangerous.

The Mayor commended the Police Department and community organizations for hosting successful outreach events, including "Cider with a Cop" at Central Baptist Church, which strengthens relationships between residents and officers. He also noted the continued success of PorchFest, which featured over 40 performances citywide and showcased local talent and civic pride.

Finally, the Mayor announced a difficult but necessary cost-saving decision to reduce leaf collection from two rounds to one per season going forward, citing rising operational costs and limited budget capacity. He closed by wishing residents a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

### **City Clerk's Report**

Ms. Swanson reported that the NJ League of Municipalities Annual Conference will take place November 18–20, and requested that any officials wishing to attend contact her by October 28 for registration.

She outlined upcoming community events, including Trunk-or-Treats hosted by the Police Department and local churches, and reviewed detailed election information for the November 4 General Election. This included vote-by-mail deadlines, early voting dates, and polling place locations by ward and district.

The Clerk reminded residents of the holiday trash schedule for the week of November 10, during which there will be no metal, e-waste, or yard debris pickup, and that Tuesday's trash route will be collected one day early. City Hall and Public Works will be closed on November 11 for Veterans Day.

She also announced that the Fall Parade Trophy Ceremony will take place November 12 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Council meeting, and requested Council approval for Trick-or-Treat hours (3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on October 31) and curfews at 8 p.m. on October 30–31.

## **Department Reports**

### ***Administrator's Report - John Leech***

Mr. Leech expressed appreciation to the Mayor and Council for supporting the reduction of leaf collection to one round and confirmed that Public Works will continue Monday yard-debris pickups to assist residents.

He reported ongoing interest from developers in several North Woodbury properties, including a prospective mid-sized retail tenant for the former Walgreens building. Both inquiries were motivated by the anticipated restoration project of the train.

Mr. Leech highlighted the transformation of the Leslie Building (across from Pep Boys), which has been fully renovated. Two first-floor commercial spaces are nearing completion: one will house a coffee and pastry shop, and the other will be a vegan restaurant, both of which are expected to open within weeks. The upper floors have been converted into modern, market-rate apartments featuring central air, laundry facilities, and contemporary finishes.

He praised the collaborative efforts of City departments during budget preparations, noting that staff have worked together efficiently to identify savings while maintaining essential services.

### ***Deputy Administrator - Bradley Pennypacker***

Mr. Pennypacker provided an update on the Broad Street Mural Project, confirming that five proposals were issued and are due November 24. The Mural Committee will meet on December 3 to review submissions and hold a public town hall on December 10 to gather community feedback.

He explained that each participating artist receives a \$500 stipend, and all artwork submitted through the RFP process will remain the property of the City for future promotional use, such as postcards, website graphics, or additional murals.

Bradley noted a potential delay due to temporary or permanent easement conflicts tied to the Route 45 bridge pedestrian detour, which may affect the mural's planned installation site. The situation will continue to be monitored.

He also reported success in the Woodbury Travel Basketball program, with 73 registered participants and plans to expand from five to eight teams this season, including new divisions for seventh and eighth graders. Registration information is available on the City's website and social media pages, and the program has seen strong community engagement.

### ***Chief Financial Officer - Bob Law***

Mr. Law reported that the first departmental budget has been submitted and that the City has begun receiving settlement funds from the 3M and DuPont PFAS litigation. The City also submitted a \$5.5 million reimbursement request to the NJDEP for costs related to the construction and operation of the PFAS treatment facility. While a lump-sum payment is anticipated, the exact timeline remains uncertain.

He commended the Finance Department for maintaining strong compliance with state requirements, achieving a score of 40 out of 45 on the State's Best Practices Inventory, well above the minimum threshold. The remaining five "no" responses pertained to items outside the City's immediate control, including the absence of a municipal EV charging station.

Mr. Law noted that the City remains financially stable despite a challenging fiscal environment and continues to work with the auditors and state agencies to ensure transparency and readiness for the 2026 budget cycle.

**Woodbury City Police Department - Chief Tom Ryan**

Chief Ryan reported that the department remains active in both community engagement and enforcement initiatives. Recent successful events included the American Red Cross Blood Drive, the Anti-Bullying 5K, and “Cider with a Cop” at Central Baptist Church, all of which were well attended and positively received by residents.

Chief Ryan announced that several Woodbury officers will be recognized at the upcoming Gloucester County Police Awards, including honors for Distinguished Service, Unit Citations, and multiple Life-Saving Awards. The department will also pay tribute to the late Captain Willie Carroll, with his family in attendance to accept the award in his memory. The full list of recipients goes as follows:

**Distinguished Service**

1. Sgt. Carl Villone
2. Cpl. Nicholas Cacciola
3. Det. Corrine Byerly
4. Det. Joseph Duffy
5. Ptlm. Yairon Castillo
6. Ptlm. Lamont Lett
7. Ptlm. Anthony Urban (2x)

**Unit Citation (SWAT)**

1. Sgt. Jamie Morris
2. Cpl. Nicholas Cacciola
3. Det. Corrine Byerly
4. Det. Brandon Volk

**Lifesaving**

1. Sgt. Matthew Porter
2. Cpl. Ryan Alcott
3. Cpl. William Sheehan
4. K9 Ofc. Christopher Trotz
5. Ptlm. Matthew Martinez
6. Ptlm. Yairon Castillo
7. Ptlm. Jared Ebert

**Last Call**

1. Capt. Willie Carroll
2. Sgt. James Golding
3. Sgt. John Merinuk

He discussed an uptick in vehicle break-ins, emphasizing that the vast majority of incidents involve unlocked vehicles. The department continues to issue reminders encouraging residents to lock their cars and remove valuables. Chief Ryan and Council discussed expanding

neighborhood-watch signage and refreshing the City's voluntary camera registry to assist with investigations.

Chief Ryan also noted broader regional trends showing improvements in public safety metrics, including reduced overdose rates and higher clearance rates for serious crimes, attributing part of the progress to community-based policing and resident engagement.

**K. Unfinished Business**

There was no Unfinished Business.

**L. New Business**

1. Motion to approve the Trick-or-Treat Hours of 3 pm - 8 pm on Friday, October 31

Councilman Ferraino made a motion to approve the Trick-or-Treat Hours of 3 pm - 8 pm on Friday, October 31, seconded by Councilperson Miller. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

2. Motion to approve the Woodbury Police Department to enforce a curfew of 8 pm on Thursday, October 30, and 8 pm on Friday, October 31

Councilman Ferraino made a motion to approve the Woodbury Police Department to enforce a curfew of 8 pm on Thursday, October 30, and 8 pm Friday, October 31, seconded by Councilperson Miller. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

3. Motion to accept the 2025 Best Practices Inventory and approve its submission to the Department of Community Affairs

Councilman Ferraino made a motion to approve the 2025 Best Practices Inventory and approve its submission to the Department of Community Affairs, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**M. Open to the Public**

Councilwoman Harwell made a motion to Open to the Public, seconded by Councilwoman Garlic. Motion approved via unanimous Voice Vote.

Isaac N. — 170 Delaware Street - raised concerns about reported ICE activity near Jackson and Queen Streets. Council noted the City receives no advance notice of federal enforcement actions and cannot interfere. Councilmembers discussed possible community outreach through local churches and legal aid groups to share "know your rights" information.

Cindy Ruetter — 23 N. American Street - expressed concern about ICE activity and suggested a community show of support. She also asked about the downtown clock repair and the enforcement of truck parking restrictions. Council confirmed the clock is under county repair and that oversized vehicles are not permitted to park on city streets.

Kevin Moran — 126 East Military Drive, National Park - expressed his displeasure of the number of cannabis dispensaries approved in Woodbury and raised concerns about public health impacts.

Hearing no one, Councilperson Miller made a motion to Close to the Public, seconded by Councilwoman Miller. Motion approved via unanimous Voice Vote.

**N. Resolutions**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-173** — RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT, EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP AND THE PURCHASE, LEASE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY OR INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-173, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell.

Motion approved by the following Roll Call Vote;

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

A brief recess to clear Council Chambers began at 7:52 pm and ended at 8:02 pm.

Closed Session began at 8:03 pm.

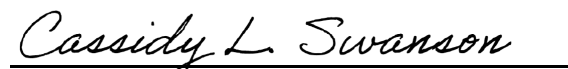
Councilman Ferraino made a motion to close the Closed Session and reenter the Public Meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Harwell. Motion approved via unanimous Voice Vote. Closed Session ended at 8:28 pm.

**O. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Councilman Ferraino made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Miller. Motion approved via unanimous Voice Vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Cassidy L. Swanson, RMC/CMR**  
City Clerk