

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 7:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES
(DRAFT)**

Mayor William C. Packer called the meeting to order with the following note: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by adopting a schedule of meetings for 2021 which was faxed to the South Jersey Times and Courier Post on January 6, 2021 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building conforming to the directives of the “Open Public Meetings Act”.

Mayor Packer led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Councilman Joseph Getsinger, Councilman Harold “Hap” Pye, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Richard Gambale, Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo and Mayor William Packer. Not Present: Councilman Robert Morison Also in attendance were Borough Solicitor Brian Lozuke, Borough Engineer Mark Brunermer, and Shannon Elton, Acting Clerk.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION: Ryan Wolf, Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 151, appeared before Mayor and Council to present his proposed project. Scoutmaster Jerry Bakanowsky accompanied the scout. Mayor Packer requested coordination with the Borough Engineer, OEM, due to the storm damage around the lake and asked that they consider using synthetic wood rather than pressure treated wood.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting August 18th, 2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Councilman Pitzo abstained. The minutes were approved.

CLERK’S REPORT: Ms. Elton requested approval from Mayor and Council to reschedule the November meeting to November 23rd due to conflicts with the New Jersey League of Municipalities. With proper notice, they agreed. Report On file.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Packer opened the public portion for questions or comments:

Maureen McCabe, 454 Elm: Mrs. McCabe requested Mayor and Council approve a resolution in opposition to the GCL rail line.

Rose Yerka, 601 Stratford: On behalf of Gloucester County Community Church Mrs. Yerka requested information on who was affected by the tornados. They asked for suggestions from Mayor and Council as to what is needed and who needs aid. Mayor Packer reiterated the number one need is money mostly due to tree removal. A list of areas affected can be obtained from Office of Emergency Management. Anyone with an immediate need would be directed to OEM.

Dave Marconi, 804 Chestnut: Mr. Marconi expressed his gratitude for the efforts of Mayor, Council, OEM, DPW, Police, Fire and other volunteers during the aftermath of the tornado.

Upon hearing no comments, a motion to close the public portion of the meeting was made by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. Motion carried.

ENGINEERS REPORT: Mark Brunermer presented on behalf of Sickels & Assoc. Mr. Brunermer gave updates on the 3rd & Central project and reviewed the corresponding resolutions on the agenda.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ORDINANCES
FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 18-2021

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$ 20,000
TO BE USED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT
WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE
OF NEW JERSEY**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 18-2021 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 18-2021 was approved on introduction

ORDINANCE 19-2021

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AMENDING AND
SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 64 ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE" and
CHAPTER 64A ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE" OF THE BOROUGH OF
WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE TO ESTABLISH A NEW SECTION 64A ENTITLED
"PROPERTY MAINTENANCE- PLANTING, GROWING OR CULTIVATING BAMBOO AND
OTHER INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES"**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 19-2021 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 19-2021 was approved on introduction

ORDINANCE 20-2021

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AMENDING AND
SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 104-38 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED
"SCHEDULE IX: STOP INTERSECTIONS" IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 104-
14 ENTITLED "STOP INTERSECTIONS DESIGNATED" TO AUTHORIZE A THREE-
WAY STOP CONTROL AT THE INTERSECTION OF E. CHESTNUT AVE. &
GRANDVIEW AVE.**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 20-2021 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 20-2021 was approved on introduction

ORDINANCE 21-2021

(FOR DISCUSSION)

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AMENDING AND
SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 64 ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE"
CONCERNING INOPEORABLE MOTOR VEHICLES OF THE BOROUGH OF
WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE.**

Solicitor Lozuke presented the ordinance for consideration. Mayor and Council declined to move forward without further discussion. A Motion was made by Councilman Pye to table Ordinance 21-2021. All in Favor.

FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 15-2021

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$60,000 TO BE USED FOR PURCHASE OF
TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,
COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 15-2021 by title only. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this ordinance. *Rose Yerka, 601 Stratford: Mrs. Yerka asked for clarification as to what kind of equipment was being purchased.* Upon hearing no other questions or comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance 15-2021 was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 15-2021 was approved.

ORDINANCE 16-2021

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TRASH AND RECYCLING CARTS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$150,000 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$142,500; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 16-2021 by title only. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this ordinance, and upon hearing no questions or comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Gambale. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance 16-2021 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 16-2021 was approved.

ORDINANCE 17-2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 70 OF THE WOODBURY HEIGHTS CODE ENTITLED "LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT" AS RECOMMENDED IN THE 2020 MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION REPORT AND MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 17-2021 by title only. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this ordinance. *Rose Yerka, 601 Stratford: Mrs. Yerka asked what changes were being made. Mr. Brunermer reviewed the Ordinance.* Upon hearing no questions or comments, a motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. A motion to adopt Ordinance 17-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 17-2021 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 102-2021

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING WITH HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (HGAC)

A motion to approve Resolution 102-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 103-2021

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A CONTACT PERSON FOR THE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY ATTORNEY CONSULTATION SERVICE GLOUCESTER, SALEM, CUMBERLAND COUNTIES MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

A motion to approve Resolution 103-2021 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 104-2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF
BODY WORN CAMERAS AND EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR
THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

A motion to approve Resolution 104-2021 was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 105-2021

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN
THE BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS PURSUANT TO N.J.S. 40A:4-
87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)**

A motion to approve Resolution 105-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 106-2021

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND FINAL PAYMENT NO.1 FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERSECTION OF THIRD ST & CENTRAL AVE
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

A motion to approve Resolution 106-2021 was made by Councilman Getsinger and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 107-2021

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION - NJSA 40:4-48

A motion to approve Resolution 107-2021 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 108-2021

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS ESTABLISHING THE
MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE AND BOND FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)- INTERSECTION OF THIRD STREET AND CENTRAL AVENUE
PROJECT**

A motion to approve Resolution 108-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

RESOLUTION 109-2021

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER
FOR STORM RECOVERY, PURSUANT TO P.L. 2013, C.271 AND N.J.S.A. 40A:4-62.1**

A motion to approve Resolution 109-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolution was approved.

Mr. Lozuke concluded his report.

BILL LIST: A motion to approve the bill list as presented this evening was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The bill list was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Getsinger, Public Safety: The WHFD Report and The Police Department Report were presented. Copies of these reports are on file in the Clerk's office. Mr. Getsinger also applauded the Public Safety departments for their efforts after the storm.

Councilman Morison, Water & Sewer: Report on file.

Councilman Pye, Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye reviewed the DPW report. He also acknowledged the work being done due to tornado damage. Reports are on file.

Councilwoman Witasick, Finance & Administration: Councilwoman Witasick reviewed the Finance Report. A copy of this report will be on file in the Clerk's office. She stressed that the final AFSCME contract has not been received. Councilwoman Witasick expressed her gratitude to the departments that helped with tornado response and relief. Mayor Packer acknowledged and thanked John Witasick and his role as OEM.

Councilman Gambale, Property & Insurance: Councilman Gambale reviewed his report from John Leech for property. He discussed plans for the tree lighting on December 4th at Veterans' Park and announced that there will be no arrangements to follow at the firehouse due to the Public Health crisis. Councilman Gambale noted that the 9/11 Memorial Dedication was a success. He thanks Ryan and the Public Works Department for their assistance with the project.

Councilman Pitzo, Recreation: Councilman Pitzo acknowledged Wendy Raspa and Deb Gerbrick for their efforts, in providing meals to those affected after the tornado.

PUBLIC PORTION: Mayor Packer opened the public portion for questions or comments.

Nothing from the Public

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business at hand, a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilman Gambale. All of Council agreed. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Elton, Acting Clerk