

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS,
500 ELM AVENUE, WOODBURY HEIGHTS, NJ 08097
October 20, 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 Robert Morison, Councilman Harold "Hap" Pye, Councilwoman Cara Witasick, Councilman Richard Gambale, Councilman Jeffrey Pitzo and Mayor William Packer. Also in attendance were Borough Solicitor Brian Lozuke, Borough Engineer Mark Brunermer, and Shannon Elton, Acting Clerk.

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting September 15th, 2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Councilman Morison abstained. The minutes were approved.

CLERK'S REPORT: Ms. Elton reminded Mayor and Council that the November meeting has been rescheduled to November 23rd due to conflicts with the New Jersey League of Municipalities. Proper notice was given. Report On file.

Mayor Packer announced there would be a closed session to discuss confidential matters, and the agenda would be restructured to go into closed session after the second public portion.

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

Scott Norcross, Clearview Ave: Mr. Norcross appeared on behalf of the Woodbury Heights Fire Association. He expressed concern with people parking in the spots reserved for first responders. He specifically cited incidents during school drop off and pick up. Discussion Ensued.

Maureen McCabe, 454 Elm Ave: Mrs. McCabe declared that she appeared before Mayor and Council requesting a resolution in opposition to the GCL line. She then asked for a resolution as well as a motion and second for such resolution. Mr. Lozuke urged the public to review the website and the reports corresponding to the GCL line. Discussion ensued.

Rose Yerka, 601 Stratford: Mrs. Yerka encouraged Mayor and Council and the public to stay informed and to acknowledge a "Concerned Citizens Group", she referred to resolutions previously passed in support or opposition of certain legislation. Mayor Packer acknowledged that a petition or even referendum is a means for Mayor and Council to listen to the will of the people. Discussion ensued.

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 South Jersey Gas and Walnut Ave. Mr. Brunermer anticipated going to bid on the Walnut Ave project in January. Councilman Morison stressed the importance of traffic control to be present before any projects begin for the day.

Mayor Packer thanked Pat Napoli and weaver Disaster Service for their efforts for Tornado Disaster relief.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

ORDINANCES
FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 22 – 2021

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES OF PAYMENT FOR OFF-DUTY POLICE SERVICES
AND RELATED FEES**

Solicitor Lozuke read Ordinance 22-2021 by title only. A motion to approve this ordinance on first reading/introduction was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 22-2021 was approved on introduction

FINAL READING/PUBLIC HEARING

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. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this 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 18-2021 was made by Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 18-2021 was approved.

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. 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 Pitzo. All of Council agreed. Motion carried. Councilwoman Witasick asked about existing plants. Mr. Lozuke responded. A motion to adopt Ordinance 19-2021 was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 19-2021 was approved.

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. Mayor Packer opened the public hearing for this 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 20-2021 was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilman Pye. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Ordinance 20-2021 was approved.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 110 – 2021

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARD

A motion to approve Resolution 110-2021 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 111-2021*

MAC FORM 1B

RESOLUTION 112-2021*

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN
CONTRACT FOR NETWORK SECURITY BACK UP DEVICES AND STORAGE**

RESOLUTION 113-2021*

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 95-GALLON TRASH AND
RECYCLING CONTAINERS UNDER THE HGAC COOPERATIVE PURCHASING
AGREEMENT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$186,172.00**

RESOLUTION 114-2021*

**BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER STATE OF
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM**

RESOLUTION 115-2021*

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR WAWA,
856 MANTUA PIKE, BLOCK 4, LOT 1**

A motion to approve Resolutions 111-115-2021 by consent agenda was made by Councilwoman Witasick and seconded by Councilman Getsinger. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. Resolutions were approved.

*Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION 116-2021

**RESOLUTION EXCLUDING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WITHIN A PORTION
OF A MEETING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

A motion to approve Resolution 116-2021 was made by Councilman Morison and seconded by Councilwoman Getsinger. 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 Councilman Pye and seconded by Councilwoman Witasick. A roll call vote in favor was unanimous. The bill list was approved.

DISCUSSION: Victoria Holmstrom, CFO presented the Best Practices Inventory to Mayor & Council.

DISCUSSION: Solicitor Lozuke discussed the process for adopting Personnel Policies and Procedures Manuals

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. A traffic study was also done on Elm Ave.

Councilman Morison, Water & Sewer: The Water/Sewer report was presented. The Streets and Roads Report was also presented. Councilman Morison acknowledged the 9/11 memorial dedication and the Public Works department in their role in the event. Reports are on file.

Councilman Pye, Streets & Roads: Councilman Pye reviewed the DPW report. Reports are on file.

Councilwoman Witasick, Finance & Administration: Councilwoman Witasick reviewed the Finance Report, she stressed that the AFSCME contract has still not been signed. Report is on file.

Councilman Gambale, Property & Insurance: Councilman Gambale did not receive reports from Woodbury or West Deptford. He expressed gratitude for Mr. McCabe and his efforts in his position. Councilman Gambale noted that the Veteran's Day ceremony would be held on November 6th. He gave an update on the 9/11 memorial. Councilman Gambale thanked the WHPD for their efforts, especially Chief Moline and Officer Grasso, during his health emergency.

Councilman Pitzo, Recreation: Councilman Pitzo reviewed the reopening of the Community Center under the advisement of the JIF. Also stating that the Community Center is up to fire code.

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

Anthony Ilisco, 104 Alliance: Mr. Ilisco inquired about a piece of siding stuck in his tree as a result of the tornado. He also expressed concern about the sewer backing up in front of his property as well as a street sweeper.

Kate McKelvey, 256 Lincoln: Mrs. McKelvey expressed concern regarding the curb on Lake Ave.

David Marconi, 304 Chestnut: Mr. Marconi inquired about storm cleanup, specifically a tree on his property.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Elton, Acting Clerk