

+MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

April 28, 2009

CALL TO ORDER.

**Verification of Notice- OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT. (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6)** In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner. On January 7, 2009 advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the public bulletin board in the City Hall; was mailed to the THE BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES AND TO THE CAMDEN COURIER POST; was filed with the City Clerk and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice. The proceedings of this meeting are being electronically recorded and the tape will be on file in the office of the City Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE.

ROLL CALL:

**PRESENT:** Mr. Newsome, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Arter, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins(arrived late)., Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo, Mayor Cook, Barbara Shepe, Administrator/Clerk, Michael Morton, Director of Public Safety and Skip Reale, Solicitor

**ABSENT:** Mr. Bass

**MINUTES.** Mr. Newsome made a motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2009. Mr. Robertson second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Newsome, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. Arter, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo,  
**NAYES:** None.

COORESPONDENCE.

A. **Eagle Scout-William E. Sherwood, Jr.** Mayor Cook present William Sherwood with an Eagle Scout certificate. For his Eagle Scout project, William Sherwood restored and repaired the Gazebo in Kennedy Park in Burlington.

B. Mayor Cook read a letter from Congressman Adler announcing that he had submitted the City's ADA plan for city hall as part of the stimulus packet to the Appropriations Committee, letter is attached and made part of the minutes.

C. **Discussion on Grants-** William Kirchner of Environmental Resolution discussed with City Council the various transportation grants available. Mr. Kirchner discussed that the city is eligible for the Transportation Enhancement Grant that Edgewater Park used for their side of Cooper Street. Mr. Kirchner explained that the city should still attempt to receive grant funding from the Safe Street program. Grant money would be used to upgrade the lighting, repair and new sidewalks and remove trees. Mr. Kirchner explained that bids for Cherry Street would be received on May 12<sup>th</sup> as part of the DOT grant. Mr. Arter inquired if the extra money from the Small Cities grant for Pine Street would have to wait till the project is done to be used. Mr. Kirchner discussed

that he will wait until the project is completed so that the exact amount of funds will be known. Mr. Arter inquired if there is a city match required for the transportation grants? Mr. Kirchner explained that there are no matching funds required and that also engineering is usually covered by the grants. Council President Crespo inquired if Mr. Kirchner needed to have the resolution passed tonight? Mr. Kirchner explained that the Transportation Grant is due now. Mr. Kirchner also requested letters of support from the community for the grant.

D. River Route-Darlene Scocco and Edward Fox of the Burlington County Economic Development Office discussed the River Route. Mrs. Scocco gave out River Route buttons to the City Council. The RiverRoute Committee has been working on the business programs along the Route 130 corridor with promoting tax abatements, business programs and low interest loans. Many additional jobs have been created along the Route 130 corridor. Mrs. Scocco discussed some of the new projects along Route 130, Haines Industrial Center in Florence Township, Willingboro Town Center, The Shoppes in Cinnaminson, The Shoppes of Riverton, Commerce Square in Burlington, Golden Triangle in Riverside, Route 73 Redevelopment. Mrs. Scocco discussed that the County, the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce and the County College are working on doing shared services among members for new businesses. Mr. Fox, planner gave an update of the Route 130 plan and the Live-Work-Housing Program. Mr. Fox explained that by being a member of the RiverRoute Committee the city receives extra points for their grants applications. Mr. Fox discussed that the City of Beverly is on target for their ten year progress report as part of the Committee. Beverly City is re-examining their Master Plan, rehabing housing, worked on Economic Development, Transportation, Recreation and Open Space and Public Facilities and Services. The report from Mr. Fox is attached. Mayor Cook thanked Mrs. Scocco and Mr. Fox for their presentation on the RiverRoute.

E. Correspondence from MADD-Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Council President Crespo read into the record a letter from MADD informing Patrolman Steven Meyers that he had the highest percentage of DUI arrests in the County for 2008. Council President Crespo requested that the letter be placed in Patrolman Meyers file.

F. Correspondence from Riverside Township- Chief of Police Tursi from Riverside Township sent a letter of recognition for Patrolman Allen and Patrolman Zeuner for their responded to a knife incident in Riverside. Council President Crespo requested that the letter be placed in their files.

G. Correspondence from Beverly-Emergency Squad- Mayor Cook read a letter from the Beverly-Edgewater Park Emergency Squad concerning cutting their funding from the City. The squad is concerned about losing their funding from the city with the budget cuts being made by council.

## OLD BUSINESS.

## NEW BUSINESS.

A. Resolution No. 2009-46, Resolution Cancelling Municipal Lien Due To Receipt of Payment. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. S. Williams second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Arter, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins and Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

B. Resolution No. 2009-47, Resolution Cancelling Taxes Billed On Subdivision Before Approval. (601 Cooper). The resolution was read by title. Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote

was:

**AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Arter, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins and Council President Crespo.**  
**NAYES: None.**

**C. Resolution No. 2009-48, Resolution Authorizing Tonnage Grant Report. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Desjardins second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

**AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Arter, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins and Council President Crespo.**  
**NAYES: None.**

**D. Resolution No. 2009-49 Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Beverly Certification of the Annual Audit. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Newsome explained the auditor is still recommending a general ledger and that the City has taken corrective action by hiring a Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Arter discussed that the resolution states that the council has reviewed the audit and he did not received a full copy of the audit. Mrs. Sheipe explained that council was given a summary of the audit attached to the resolution. Mrs. Sheipe explained that she can provide the full audit either by paper or disc for the next meeting. Mr. Arter made a motion to hold the resolution until the next meeting, Mr. S. Williams second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

**AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Arter, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins and Council President Crespo.**  
**NAYES: None.**

**E. Resolution No. 2009-50, Resolution To Apply For Transportation Enhancement Program. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

**AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Arter, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins and Council President Crespo.**  
**NAYES: None.**

**F. Treasurer's Report. Mr. Newsome made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Mr. Robertson second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

**AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Arter, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins and Council President Crespo.**  
**NAYES: None.**

**G. Payment of Bills. Mr. Robertson requested that the figure for street lighting is amended to \$4,226.95. Mr. Desjardins inquired about line 12, line 94 and line 95. Director Morton explained that the police vehicle would not shift out of park and that there are two bills for batteries that are the same price. Director Morton explained that the billing is correct. Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the bill list, Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

**AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Arter, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins and Council President Crespo.**  
**NAYES: None.**

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

**SOLICITORS REPORT.** Mr. Reale discussed litigation was still ongoing with Jerusalem Holiness Temple and that he was awaiting a trial date. Mr. Reale discussed that he has been on the Board for the Boys Scouts for over 25 years and that only 2 out 100 scouts obtain the rank of Eagle Scout.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS.**

**COUNCIL REPORTS.**

Mr. Robertson inquired about the fishing tournament? Council President Crespo discussed that the fishing tournament would be on June 6<sup>th</sup> at the River at noon.

Council President Crespo discussed that the City should do a City wide yard sale on May 16<sup>th</sup> and waive the permit fees for the yard sale. Mrs. Sheipe discussed that it was too late in the Month to have the date published in the Beverly Bee and did Council wish to have it published in the Burlington County Times. Mr. Robertson made a motion to allow the yard sale ad to be published in the Times, Mr. S. Williams second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Arter, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins and Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

Mr. Desjardins discussed the Swine Flu and that the County Health Department is working on keeping the public informed.

**PUBLIC SESSION AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

Mrs. Ubel-Church Street inquired as to why a letter addressed to council and the Mayor was not listed on the agenda or read by the Mayor. Mrs. Ubel read the letter and it is attached and made part of the minutes.

Mr. Delia-Cramer inquired if there has been any movement on changing the form of government? Mr. Reale explained that the council is changing the number of elected officials on the council and that it is waiting for special legislature that needs to come from the Assemblyman and Senator office.

Mr. Borden-Riverbank inquired if the Swine Flu was airborne? Mr. Desjardins explained that yes it can be and that it is usually transmitted between people. Mr. Borden inquired if you had to be in direct contact with the animal to contract the flu. Mr. Desjardins explained that the virus is spread by germs.

Lt. –Beverly –Edgewater Park Emergency Squad discussed that they were advised that there was a concern about their budget request. The Lt. explained that the squad now charges for their emergency runs but only to people who have insurance to pay. The squad is staffed 24 hours a day and it is still a non-profit. The Squad continues to need the money for its equipment and vehicles from Beverly and Edgewater Park.

No one else from the public wishing to be heard the public portion was closed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Resolution No. 2009-51, Resolution Setting The Time, Date and Place of an Executive Session For The Discussion of Personnel and Contract Litigation.

**Mr. Newsome made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Robertson second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion. Council President Crespo announced that public action may be taken.**

**GENERAL SESSION.**

**Mr. Newsome made a motion to approve moving the sale of 306 forward, Mr. Robertson second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:**

**AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Arter, Mr. J. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins and Council President Crespo.  
NAYES: None.**

**ADJOURNMENT. Mr. S. Williams made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Newsome second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.**