

MINUTES
BEVERLY CITY COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2010
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER- 7:08p.m.

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 5, 2010 advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the public bulletin board in the City Hall; was mailed to **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 all meetings are typically electronically recorded and the minutes will be on file in the office of the City Clerk.***

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL :

PRESENT	ABSENT	NAME
x		Luis Crespo-President
x		John Newsome-Pro-Tem President
x		Martin Bass
X		Scott Williams
X		Harold Robertson
X		Brian Perkins
X		Alfred Desjardins
X		Barbara Kelly
x		Dr. Gail Cook, Mayor
x		Trudi Desjardins, Acting City Clerk
x		Samuel Reale, Solicitor
	X	William H. Kirchner, Engineer

COORESPONDENCE: Mayor Cook read a statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve, which was sent by the United States Department of Defense. Mayor Cook read a letter from NJ League of Municipalities League President Chuck Chiarello regarding 2011 State Legislative priorities. The Mayor read a letter from Carol Donahue documenting her encounter with Public Safety Director Kenneth Gerber. Mrs. Donahue wrote that she and her family would be forever grateful for his assistance in finding her nephew.

MINUTES: Mr. Desjardins made a motion to adopt the minutes from November 23, 2010. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion and the roll call results are as follows:

Minutes 11/23/2010

Yes	No	Abst	
X			Luis Crespo-President
X			John Newsome-Pro-Tem Pres
X			Martin Bass -
X			Scott Williams-
x			Harold Robertson

X			Brian Perkins
X			Alfred Desjardins
X			Barbara Kelly

OLD BUSINESS: Ordinance 2010-9, the Salary Ordinance for Non-Union Employees was read, sparking much debate among Council members. Mr. Robertson was adamant about the Ordinance not including ranges of salaries. Mr. Williams made a motion to adopt the Salary Ordinance on first reading with the following changes: ranges for the City Clerk, CFO, Treasurer, Fire Sub code Official and City Administrator. Planning Board Secretary should have a range of \$18.00 to \$22.50 per hour. The Police Matron line will be removed, Public Works laborer is \$9.00 per hour, add key for employee status, remove Municipal Judge and Deputy Clerk should be \$10.00 to \$22.50 per hour. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. President Crespo added that this is a housekeeping measure. The roll call for Ordinance 2010-9 is as follows:

Ordinance 2010-9

Yes	No	Abst	
X			Luis Crespo-President
X			John Newsome-Pro-Tem Pres
X			Martin Bass
X			Scott Williams
x			Harold Robertson
X			Brian Perkins
X			Alfred Desjardins
x			Barbara Kelly

All members voted in favor. The second reading and public hearing is scheduled for December 28, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Desjardins had a question on the bill for Old Dominion Brush and asked that it be held. President Crespo asked about re-imbursements for college. Mr. Williams asked about the bill for the FRA animal program. Mr. Newsome made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda with the items listed:

- Resolution 2010 – 441; Transfer of Funds**
- Resolution 2010 – 443; Transferring Overpayment to Surplus...**
- Resolution 2010 – 444; Grant Agreement between the Burlington County Freeholders and the City of Beverly – Preservation and Park Development**
- Resolution 2010 – 445: A Resolution Establishing the definition of a Full – Time Employee...**
- Resolution 2010 – 446: A Resolution to Clarify Approval of Kenneth Gerber as Acting Administrator for 8 Hours per Week**
- Payment of Bill List, 12/14/2010**

Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. The Roll Call results are as follows:

Consent Agenda

Yes	No	Abst	
x			Luis Crespo-President
x			John Newsome-Pro-Tem Pres
X			Martin Bass

X			Scott Williams
x			Harold Robertson
X			Brian Perkins
X			Alfred Desjardins
X			Barbara Kelly

All members present voted in favor.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: The Solicitor stated that he has a matter for Executive Session.

MAYOR’S REPORT: The Mayor praised Councilmember Kelly for her work in arranging for the Holiday Tree Lighting. Mayor Cook announced the loss of CFO Dawn Emmons. Her stepson, Paul Tuliano, III, passed away suddenly. The Mayor reminded Council to send in reservations for the Elected Officials dinner and the JIF January luncheon.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mr. Robertson – stated that economic Development is alive in Beverly City.

Mr. Desjardins - asked if the Council is taking action on the CFO’s comments.

Miss Kelly – thanked everyone who donated to the Holiday party.

President Crespo – stated that Council received a letter from Judge Andronici about the Court budget for 2011.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

PUBLIC SESSION: President Crespo opened the meeting to the public at 8:01 p.m. Andy Russell, Manor Road, asked about the Shared Services meeting being held in Willingboro, and the Mayor stated that the City is inviting itself. Amy Bent asked about our standing with COAH and the Solicitor stated that the City would have met its obligation under the proposed legislation. Andy Russell asked if the City could plow the school parking lot and President Crespo said to send a letter to the City to cover slip and fall liability. Public Session was closed at 8:11 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Bass made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-442, “**Closed Executive Session – Personnel, Contracts and Possible Litigation**”. Miss Kelly seconded the motion and the roll call results were as follows:

Executive Session, Resolution 2010-442

Yes	No	Abst	
x			Luis Crespo-President
x			John Newsome-Pro-Tem Pres
X			Martin Bass - late
			Scott Williams- absent
x			Harold Robertson
X			Brian Perkins
X			Alfred Desjardins
X			Barbara Kelly

All members present were in favor.

After discussion, Mr. Desjardins made a motion to exit Executive Session. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion and the roll call showed all members present were in favor.

Yes	No	Abst	
x			Luis Crespo-President
x			John Newsome-Pro-Tem Pres
X			Martin Bass - late
			Scott Williams- absent
x			Harold Robertson
X			Brian Perkins
X			Alfred Desjardins
X			Barbara Kelly

Mr. Bass made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-446, a resolution to clarify the approval of Kenneth Gerber as Acting Administrator for 8 hours per week at \$23.95 per hour. This resolution will be dated the same date as the original appointment

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Desjardins made a motion to adjourn. Miss Kelly seconded the motion and all members present were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trudi W. Desjardins
Acting Municipal Clerk

Luis Crespo
Council President