

MINUTES
BEVERLY CITY COMMON COUNCIL
MEETING OF January 12, 2010
7PM

CALL TO ORDER

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		Rebecca Ridgway
x		Harold Robertson
x		Brian Perkins
x		Alfred Desjardins
x		Barbara Kelly
x		Dr. Gail Cook, Mayor
x		DawnMarie Human, City Clerk
x		Samuel Reale, Solicitor
x		William H. Kirchner, Engineer

CORRESPONDENCE – Mayor Cook read the letter awarding Beverly City \$398,900 from the Department of Community Affairs for ADA improvements to the municipal building. Congratulations were offered and special note was made that this grant was especially meaningful to Deputy Clerk Trudi Desjardins who was told about it that morning.

Council President Crespo updated Council on the status of the change of size of government amendment before the Assembly. It was passed and awaits the Governor’s signature. Tentatively the next meeting should include an ordinance changing the size of government. Mayor Cook added that the election schedule would be changed to every two years and would cut down on a lot of effort regarding elections.

Council President Crespo indicated that there was correspondence from the Planning Board Chair Mr. Wooters regarding the position of Planning Board Solicitor. He is requesting action on a request for a new RFP. It will be discussed under new business.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS.

Council President's Committee Appointments for 2010 were read to the public. List is attached to the minutes.

Draft Towing Ordinance – For Discussion. The ordinance is tentatively scheduled for introduction on January 26, 2010. The ordinance has been referred to the police committee but all members of council have a copy and are welcome to address comments or questions to the police committee or Mr. Reale.

Mr. Williams asked if it should go to the Ordinance Committee. Mr. Crespo indicated it is typically a police matter but that there was very little difference between the two committees, with the only addition being Mr. Williams so both committees would work on it together. The police committee will gather the information and forward it to the Ordinance Committee. Mr. Reale will also include the Police Director.

Mr. Reale explained the various versions of Towing Ordinances that are available. He discussed fees and the various options. He assumed Council would want to go with a rotating list to avoid feelings of favoritism.

Mr. Crespo asked if Mr. Williams and his committee would get together with the Clerk to work on the Fee Ordinance and research the current fees for things such as marriage certificates, etc. As an example he offered that we charge \$10 for a certified copy of a marriage certificate and \$2 for additional copies. The next cheapest town he could find charges \$25 per copy.

Motion to Approve RESOLUTION NO. 2010-19 “Petty Cash” The Clerk explained the need for the account and the current policy of finance cutting checks for under \$5 and the Clerk's office making change for dog licenses out of their paychecks.

Mr. Desjardins/Mr. Robertson

Roll Call:

Newsome – Yes

Bass – Yes

Williams – Yes

Ridgway – Yes

Robertson - Yes

Perkins - Yes

Desjardins – Yes

Kelly – Yes

Crespo – Yes

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve RESOLUTION NO. 2010-20 “Pine Street Engineering Proposal” The Clerk explained that it was placed in their packets one month ago for review. Mr. Williams wanted to confirm the location. Mr. Crespo asked if it was approved in 2009. The Clerk researched the matter with the engineer but neither of them had a record of it being approved.

Mr. Bass/Mr. Robertson

Roll Call:

Newsome – Yes

Bass – Yes

Williams – Yes

Ridgway – Yes

Robertson - Yes

Perkins - Yes

Desjardins – Yes

Kelly – Yes

Crespo – Yes

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve RESOLUTION NO. 2010 – 21 “Executing an Animal Control Contract With Countywide Animal Care & Control” Mr. Desjardins gave a brief explanation of the current service issues related to the current contractor as reported by the police, residents, staff, etc. Input from Delran was solicited. Riverfront Animal Control is disbanding and County Wide is up to replace that group. County-Wide is out of Newfield, but has staff in Edgewater Park. Reports have come back positive. Mr. Desjardins thanked the Clerk for her help researching the contractor.

Mr. Crespo reminded council that an animal control officer has not been appointed the last two years and he has personally had to catch dogs. He encouraged support for the award. The high quality of County-Wide’s equipment was discussed.

Mayor Cook felt residents will be impressed by the quality of equipment. It was noted that we went out for an RFP for Animal Control but there were no replies. Council President Crespo discussed the 90 day cancellation. Patrols and fees were also discussed.

Mr. Desjardins/Mr. Bass

Roll Call:

Newsome – Yes

Bass – Yes

Williams – Yes

Ridgway – Abstain

Robertson - Yes

Perkins - Yes

Desjardins – Yes

Kelly – Yes

Crespo – Yes

Motion Approved

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2010-22 “Mortgage Subordination” Mr. Crespo explained the RCA procedure. Mr. Reale explained that we would take a secondary position under other mortgages. The City usually gets nothing in the instance of a foreclosure It is just something the

City has to do. The economic development committee might want to discuss the policy of awarding multiple RCA mortgages to one property. It is likely a multiple unit.

Bass/Williams

Roll Call:

Newsome – Yes

Bass – Yes

Williams – Yes

Ridgway – Abstain

Robertson - Yes

Perkins - Yes

Desjardins – Yes

Kelly – Yes

Crespo – Yes

Motion Approved

Mr. Crespo brought Council's attention to Mr. Wooter's request for Council to go back out for an RFP for Planning Board Solicitor. Mr. Reale read Mr. Wooter's email which expressed his concern over Long Marmero's hourly rate which he felt could be costly to the city. He mentioned there was only one RFP for Planning Board Solicitor.

Mr. Crespo reminded council of their previous discussion and noted the fact that Long Marmero was actually \$50 an hour cheaper to the City and the applicant. Mr. Reale explained that Council went out for an RFP for the position, received one application. Council's responsibility is to solicit bids and forward them to the Planning Board. It is not Council's responsibility to make the appointment but to find out who is out there and what is out there. It is solely Council's discretion to go back out to see if there are more bids. If Council decides not to go back out for an RFP, the Planning Board must act on what they have which is a \$50 savings to the City and the applicant. Or Council can go back out and see what other bids are out there. Those are the choices.

A procedural discussion took place as to whether a motion was needed to deny the request. It was explained that a motion is not necessary unless someone supports going back out for RFPs. No Council person made a motion. The matter was closed. The Clerk was directed to notify the Planning Board Chair of Council's decision.

SOLICITORS REPORT – No report. He offered Happy New Year

MAYOR'S REMARKS – Looking for volunteers for the Complete Count Committee. She explained the importance of the committee and decided to reach out further into the community. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Crespo asked for a motion to reopen new business. Williams/Bass All In Favor

Motion to Reappoint John Schoen to the Housing Authority: Robertson/Bass

Roll Call:

Newsome – Yes

Bass – Yes

Williams – Yes
Ridgway – Yes
Robertson - Yes
Perkins - Yes
Desjardins – Yes
Kelly – Yes
Crespo – Yes

Motion Approved

**Motion to Reappoint Mr. Bob Bankcroft to the Sewage Authority for five years:
Newsome/Williams**

Roll Call:

Newsome – Yes
Bass – Yes
Williams – Yes
Ridgway – Yes
Robertson - Yes
Perkins - Yes
Desjardins – Yes
Kelly – Yes
Crespo – Yes

Motion Approved

**Motion to appoint Mr. Newsome to the Unexpired term of Walter Gem at the Sewage Authority:
Mr. Williams/Mr. Bass**

Roll Call:

Newsome – Abstain
Bass – Yes
Williams – Yes
Ridgway – Yes
Robertson - Yes
Perkins - Yes
Desjardins – Yes
Kelly – Yes
Crespo – Yes

Motion Approved

COUNCIL REPORTS - None

PUBLIC SESSION AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

This provides the public an opportunity to ask questions of city council concerning the city or address questions to the Director of Public Safety. Please state your name and address for the record.

There was a question from Mr. Desjardins to the engineer regarding the matter of the School Board request to conduct some tests for geothermal work. Mr. Crespo and Mr. Reale explained that the engineer was asked for some information after the request came in from the school board. Mr. Crespo apologized to Council for not having the letter with him. Mr. Reale recommended the matter be referred to the Engineer and Buildings and Grounds Committee under economic development. The Clerk reported that she received a copy from the engineer and distributed it to Council. Mr. Reale explained some issues with the request and wants a chance to talk to the Clerk and the engineer before it is discussed at council.

No Public Comment

Council President Crespo noted there was no need for an executive session so it was removed.

ADJOURNMENT. 7:53

Respectfully Submitted,

**DawnMarie Human
Registered Municipal Clerk**