

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

JANUARY 6, 2009

CALL TO ORDER. The reorganization meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beverly was called to order at 7pm, by Mrs. Sheipe on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 under the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act c. 231 P.C. "Sunshine Law". Notice of this meeting was published in the Burlington County Times and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. All members present saluted the flag of the United States of America.

OPENING PRAYER. Pastor David Yun from the Beverly Methodist Church offered the opening prayer.

OATH OF OFFICE. Assemblyman Conway administered the oath of office to Dr. Gail Cook as Mayor for a three-year term.

OATH OF OFFICE. Assemblyman Conway administered the oath of office to Alfred Desjardins and Brian Perkins for a three-year term. Assemblyman Connors administered the oath of office to Scott Williams for a three-year term.

ROLL CALL.

PRESENT: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo and Mayor Cook.

ABSENT: Mr. Arter and Mr. J. Williams.

PRESIDENTS ADDRESS:

Council President Crespo thanked outgoing and incoming council members for their support. Council President Crespo thanked the city's professionals for their time and effort.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Mr. Newsome made a motion to appoint Luis Crespo as council president, Mr. Robertson second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT, PRO-TEM.

Mr. Robertson made a motion to appoint Mr. Newsome as pro-tem for council president. Mr. Williams second the motion. At the call of the roll the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo

NAYES: None.

WELCOMING OF GUESTS. Mayor Cook welcomed everyone to the 2009 reorganization of city council. Mayor Cook thanked the residents for coming and also thanked Assemblyman Conway and Assemblyman Connors for their attendance. Mayor

Cook welcomed all of the present and past council members from the City of Beverly and the surrounding areas.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-1, Resolution Appointing City Solicitor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Newsome made a motion to appoint Samuel Reale as the city solicitor from the law firm of Kearns, Reale and Kearns. Mr. Bass second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo
NAYES: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-2, Resolution Appointing City Municipal Prosecutor and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Robertson made a motion to appoint Dean Buono and Lou Gallagher as the municipal prosecutor's for the court, Mr. William second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo
NAYES: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-3, Resolution Appointing City Public Defender and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Bass made a motion to appoint Neal Rosenberg as the public defender. Mr. Robertson second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins.
NAYES: None.
ABSTAIN: Council President Crespo.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-4, Resolution Appointing City Auditor And Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Williams made a motion to appoint Robert Stewart of Inverso and Stewart as the city auditors. Mr. Bass second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo.
NAYES: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-5, Resolution Appointing A City Engineer and Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Williams made a motion to appoint William Kirchner, Environmental Resolutions, Mr. Bass second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo.
NAYES: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-6, Resolution Appointing A Risk Management Consultant And Authorizing An Agreement For Professional Services. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Bass made a motion to appoint James Tunney of Tunney Insurance, Mr. Robertson second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo

NAYES: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-7, Resolution Appointing A Redevelopment Attorney. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Robertson made a motion to appoint Brown and Connery, Mark Asselta as the city's redevelopment attorney. Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-8, Resolution Appointing A Fund Commissioner For The JIF. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Williams made a motion to appoint Hal Robertson as fund commissioner, Mr. Desjardins second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo

NAYES: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-9, Resolution Providing For The Designation Of An Official Newspaper. The resolution was read by title. This resolution will designate the Burlington County Times as the official newspaper. 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. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10, Resolution Designating Dates And Times For City Of Beverly Council Meetings. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Perkins made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Robertson second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11, Resolution Authorizing Agreements For Professional Services. The resolution was read by title Mr. Bass made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Robertson second the motion. the solicitor needed to be included in the resolution. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

ABSTAIN: Council President Crespo from the award for the public defender

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-12, Resolution Appointing A Chief Financial Officer. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Newsome made a motion to hold the resolution for further discussion, Mr. Bass second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the resolution.

PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT OF COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

Council President Crespo read the list of Committees and their members. The list is attached as part of the minutes.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO ROUTE 130 CORRIDOR. Mr. Williams made a motion to appoint Council President Crespo and Mr. Newsome, Mr. Desjardins second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

Council Appointments. – Mr. Newsome made a motion to appoint:

Trudi Desjardins-Deputy City Clerk and Registrar, Municipal Improvement Search.

Barbara Sheipe-Deputy Registrar

Victoria Boras-Tax Search Clerk.

Alfred Desjardins-Emergency Management Coordinator.

Kathleen Elliott, Linda Lewis-Police Matron

School Crossing Guards-Catherine Marter, Wayne Boyte, Sarah Murphy, Harold Link, substitute guard-Kathleen Elliott.

Edward Gitto-court attendant.

Beneficial Bank as the depository.

Mr. Robertson second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

REPRESENTATIVE TO PLANNING BOARD, Mr. Bass made a motion to appoint Hal Robertson as council representative to the planning board. Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Mr. Bass, Mr. S. Williams, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Perkins, Mr. Desjardins, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

MAYORS APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING BOARD. Mayor Cook swore in Lawrence Carlbon to a four year term to the planning board, Scott Hitchner as Alternate #1 for a one year term and Fred Rapagna as Alternate #2 for a one year term to the planning board.

MAYORS ADDRESS. Mayor Cook wished everyone a Happy, Healthy and Joyous New Year. Mayor Cook's address is attached and made part of the minutes.

Mayor Cook presented Beverly Haaf of the Beverly Library with a Resolution from City Council and a Resolution from Assemblyman Connors and Assemblyman Conway for the Library's 100th Birthday.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS.

Council President Crespo thanked everyone for attending and announced that refreshments would be served at the Caribbean Passion Restaurant and that everyone is invited.

Mr. Newsome thanked everyone for coming and the residents are the reasons that council is here. Mr. Newsome discussed that it is difficult times and that it can be a new beginning. Mr. Newsome thanked everyone for the confidence in their voting.

Mr. Bass discussed that it is amazing times and encouraged everyone to remember that all of council and the employees want to make Beverly the best city around. Mr. Bass discussed that different opinions are good and everyone will work things out. The council members have the same goals with different ways to achieve them.

Mr. Williams discussed the Governor's budget and the challenges and opportunities. Mr. Williams discussed that council will have to sharpen their pencils with the budget.

Mr. Robertson thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Robertson wished good luck to the new members of city council.

Mr. Perkins thanked everyone for voting for him and that he is hoping to make positive changes. Mr. Perkins discussed that his children are proud of him and that they are one reason for his serving on council to improve the City.

Mr. Desjardins thanked everyone for their help and also his family for their support. Mr. Desjardins discussed that everyone in the audience needs to keep attending the council meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

CLOSING PRAYER. Pastor David Yun, Beverly Methodist Church gave the closing prayer.

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

Submitted by,
Barbara A. Sheipe RMC
Municipal Clerk