

## MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

July 24, 2007

### 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 5, 2007 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. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Germer, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Esaia, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Arter, Dr. Cook, Council President Arter, Mayor Wetherill, Barbara Sheipe, Administrator/Clerk, Mr. Baxter, Solicitor and Director of Public Safety Michael Morton.

**ABSENT:** None.

**MINUTES:** Council President Arter requested a correction on page 6 for the word statue to statutes. Mr. Germer made a motion to approve the minutes for June 26, 2007, Mr. Newsome second the motion. All members present voted in favor.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

A. Letter from Masonic Home. Council President Arter summaries the letter, which discussed a concern about a towing incident during the Memorial Day Parade. Director Morton explained that the trolley for the Masonic Home had broken down and that the Officer discussed with Mrs. Abdill that the trolley would have to be moved since it was blocking the street and causing a safety issue. When the Officer did not receive a time frame of when a tow company would be arriving, the Officer called Central Communications to dispatch a tow operator. Lenny's Towing was the next company on the list and had already responded to the scene when the Officer was informed that Masonic Hall's tow company was on its way and that they had an arrangement with Johnson's Towing. Lenny's Towing had the trolley already hooked up, so they agreed to pull it to the side of the road, and Johnson's took over the tow. Dr. Cook discussed that it was the right thing to do for public safety and to not hold up the parade. Director Morton explained that it was creating a hazardous condition. Mr. Germer inquired if Lenny's had removed the vehicle from the street? Director Morton explained that they had moved it to the side and that it was not impounded. Director Morton also explained that the driver of the Lenny's tow truck does not accept credit cards from any customers. Mr. Bancroft inquired if the Masonic Home was charged for the tow bill. Director Morton explained that Lenny's Towing deducted \$150. From the tow bill and they are asking the city to pay the rest. Mr. Esaia inquired if Mrs. Abdill informed the officers

as to when the trolley would be towed and by whom? Director Morton explained that Mrs. Abdill informed the officer after Lenny's towing was already in the city. Mr. Baxter discussed that on page 2 of the letter in regards to the reference to N.J.S.A. 27:12BO5.2, this was repealed in 2003. Also that the Assembly stated in the letter is actually for criminal background checks not credit cards. Mr. Wooters, Van Kirk Street discussed from the audience that Mrs. Abdill is a very reasonable and educate person. Mr. Crespo inquired if the parade committee could reimburse half of the bill? Mrs. Sheipe explained that the committee including Edgewater Park would have to vote on taking the money out of the fund. Dr. Cook explained that the parade committee is a joint venture between Beverly and Edgewater Park and that no one is saying anything negative about the Mrs. Abdill or the Masonic Home, council is attempting to understand the circumstances. Mr. Arter discussed that there are valid points in the letter about needing procedures for the parade in regards to a vehicle breaking down. Mr. Arter discussed that he felt that there was miscommunication between the officer and Mrs. Abdill and that Mrs. Abdill is a long time residents. Mr. Arter discussed that the charge to hook up and drop the vehicle was \$370. And that it should be encumbered upon Lenny's Towing to satisfy the person since he is doing business in the city. Director Morton explained that they had not received a time frame on the tow from Mrs. Abdill. Mr. Newsome discussed that Lenny's Towing was already on site when the other company showed up. Director Morton explained that Lenny's was on the scene and had responded from Cinnaminson 20 minutes before the other company responded. Mr. Newsome inquired if a special truck was needed for the trolley. Director Morton discussed that due to the size and style of the trolley an extra large flat bed was needed. Mr. Newsome discussed that \$200 for a holiday responded is not unreasonable, but he does realize that there is a concern for the Masonic Home. The police made the proper decision in calling central to have them dispatched the next towing company on the list. Mr. Arter discussed that it took 27 minutes for Masonic's Home company to arrive from Burlington. Director Morton explained that due to the traffic and safety issues time was a factor in the decision. Mr. Esaia discussed that when a vehicle in disabled on a public roadway, the police call for a tow from central communications. Mr. Newsome discussed that the offer for the city to pay half is difficult and that taxpayers money should not be spent on the reimbursement. Mayor Wetherill discussed that she will write a letter to Mrs. Abdill about councils decision. Mr. Crespo made a motion to pay half of the amount out of buildings and grounds, Mr. Newsome second the motion. Mr. Arter discussed that the money should come out of the parade committee if possible. Dr. Cook discussed that Director Morton made the correct decision in calling to have the vehicle towed and that she will discuss with Edgewater Park about the parade committee paying for half of the tow. Mr. Arter recommends that the committee look at the towing procedures for the parade vehicles. Dr. Cook will recommend to the parade committee to have the towing section added to the contracts for the parade. Mr. Arter discussed that the job of the officers on duty are to protect the public and that he thinks that the Mayor should send the letter to the Masonic Home. Mr. Arter inquired as to what will happen if Edgewater Park says no to the tow bill. Dr. Cook discussed that the Mayor write the letter and that she will contact Edgewater Park and report back to council at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting on their decision. Mr. Crespo amended his motion to have the money withdrawn from the parade fund if Edgewater Park agrees, Mr. Newsome second the amendment. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Robertson, Mr. Esaia, Mr. Arter, Dr. Cook and Council President Arter.

**NYAES:** None.

**B. Request from Habitat for Humanity.** Council President Arter welcomed Habitat to the meeting and thanked them for coming to answer councils concerns. Reverend Legnani introduced Mathis McQuire the new executive director for Habitat and John Powell from Habitat. Reverend

Legnani explained that the HOME Grant money would be used for expense for removing the homes, for construction and to reimburse the fund for expenses. Reverend Legnain explained that even though there does not look to be any physical work at the site, they are doing preparation for the homes with plans, permits and funding opportunities. Habitat is currently working on homes in Burlington City and when those homes are complete they will start construction in Beverly. The property at 222 Cooper Street is not owned by Habitat, they hold the mortgage on the home just like a bank. The litter and property maintenance issues of the property should be addressed with the homeowner. The family is sent to classes to help with the learning process of owning a home and can request support from Habitat if they need it. Mr. Wooters-Van Kirk Street discussed that he appreciates Reverend Legnani's comments about Habitat, but that the planning board was informed that Habitat controls their properties for as long as they hold the mortgage and that they help with issues about the homeowners. The end of Broad Street is looking for high end townhomes and that Broad Street is the gateway into the riverfront. Mr. Germer inquired of Mr. Wooters if Habitat had stated that they would start the homes in Beverly right away. Reverend Legnani explained that they already have started with filing the new deeds and getting the process started. Mr. Wooters inquired as to what Habitats policy was now in staying involved with the owners after they purchased the home. Ms. McQuire explained that Habitat has no control over the property after the family purchases the home. Mr. Germer discussed that the planning board was told that they would receive future planning and guidance. Dr. Cook discussed that it is the city's responsibility to make sure that the property is maintain through the code enforcement. Dr. Cook inquired as to how long they thought they would be in Burlington City? Ms. McGuire explained that Burlington Cit is being done in stages and it depends on the volunteer's time. Council President Arter inquired if Habitat was going to wait until all of the homes in Burlington were completed before starting in Beverly City. Ms. McGuire explained that the homes in Burlington are in process and that she is not aware of a timeframe for starting Beverly. Dr. Cook discussed that Habitat has no responsibility after the homeowner purchases the home and that perhaps Habitat should provide extra training on maintaining the property. Mr. Arter inquired if tax abatements are used for the Habitat Homes? Ms. McGuire explained that she has only been with Habitat in Burlington County for a month and is not aware of all of the programs. Mr. Arter inquired if the homes were taxed at a reduced rate? Ms. McGuire explained that the homes are taxed the same as any other property. Mr. Arter discussed that he has a major problem with giving the letter of support. There is a triplex on Broad and Second Street owned by Habitat that has five men sitting on the porch the majority of the time. Also one of the homes was occupied by a sex offender last year. Mr. Arter discussed that Habitat is not a good neighbor in Beverly and that there is a problem in who is being qualified for the homes. Habitat is bringing intercity people with problems into Beverly. Mr. Arter would like to see Beverly residents have the homes. Mr. Crespo discussed that the city's redeveloper would be interested in talking to Habitat with some options for their property. Reverend Legnani explained that the redeveloper would have to address the board at Habitat. Reverend Legnani also discussed COAH is being reviewed by the courts and that the city was going to use the Habitat homes to help meet the COAH requirements. Mr. Crespo explained that he is not saying the Habitat should not be in the city, but perhaps in a different location. Council President Arter inquired if all of the lots were empty. Reverend Legnani explained that there are no structures on the lots that Habitat wishes to build on. Council President Arter inquired if the plans for the lots were approved by the planning board. Mr. Wooters explained that the planning board had given approval for two multiple level homes on Broad Street and a rancher on Locust. Council President Arter discussed that the rancher is not consistence with the Master Plan and will the homes be single family or two families. Mr. Germer explained that the homes will be used for single family only. Mr. Arter inquired if a variance was needed for the homes? Mr. Germer explained that Habitats original proposal was for four homes and that the board denied the application. Habitat returned to the planning board for two homes on Broad Street and a rancher on Locust due to the size and shape of the lot. Bulk variances were granted for

the homes due to the current zoning requiring the homes to be placed further back off the street and the board agreed to allow the homes to move closer to the street to keep in line with the other homes. Mr. Crespo made a motion to table the letter for one month and setting up a meeting with the redeveloper and Habitat. Mr. Newsome second the motion. Mr. Bancroft discussed that he agrees with holding off approval to give the new director a chance to learn the answers to councils concerns. Council President Arter inquired if approval of the letter was a necessity for receiving the HOME funds grant. Mr. Powell explained that the grant requires a letter of support from the municipality and that they will not process the application without the letter. The funding is delayed. Mr. Germer inquired if Habitat would be able to proceed if they do not receive the funds through the grant. Mr. Powell explained that without the funds it would length the time of the project. Reverend Legnani inquired as what the council is requiring of Habitat to receive a letter of support? Mrs. Thompson-Wheatley Avenue inquired if it is the normal procedure or just for this application to have a meeting with the redeveloper? Mrs. Sheipe explained that this is the first year of the HOME grant for Beverly. Mr. Baxter explained that there is no legal precedent or impact set by having the meeting. Mr. Crespo explained that he was thinking of the meeting with the redeveloper before Habitat spent any grant money on the project, because normally grant money has to be returned if the project does not follow through. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Esaia and Council President Arter.

**NAYES:** Mr. Arter and Dr. Cook.

**ABSTAIN:** Mr. Germer.

#### **ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING.**

**A. Ordinance No. 2007-11, An Ordinance To Amend The Redevelopment Plan of the City of Beverly.** The ordinance was read by title. Mr. Baxter explained that this was part of the process for redevelopment. The planning board had approved the plan on July 18, 2007 and return it to council for their approval. Council President Arter opened the ordinance for a public hearing.

Mr. Borden-Riverbank inquired what different zoning zones are in the city? Mrs. Sheipe explained that there are seven zoning zones in Beverly. There are three residential zones, two commercial zones, a waterfront development zone and an industrial zone. Mr. Borden inquired as to why no light industrial zone and why lock in the area of Broad and Railroad to residential. Mr. Germer explained that there is no viable use for industry along that lot and that he does not want people to see an industrial zone as part of entering the city. The requirements of the industrial cannot be met on that lot. Mr. Borden discussed that it is hard to believe that nothing but residential can be done on the lot. Mr. Borden inquired if the decision was TOD driven. Mr. Crespo explained that the TOD plan actually showed a grocery store on the lot. Mr. Crespo also discussed that maybe A.E. Litho maybe interested in the lot. Council President Arter explained that Litho is looking for a larger property. Council President Arter explained that when talking to different developers the lot is too far from the train station to support commercial. Mr. Borden discussed that he understands that industry has changed from 50 years ago, but that incubators are thriving. Council President Arter explained that they need a certain type of environment for incubators. Mr. Thibault-Wheatley Avenue discussed that it was an abandon building until it fell down and that no one has taken any interest in the site for commercial or industry. Mr. Bancroft explained that the redevelopment plan does not eliminate the industrial use of the lot. No one else from the public wished to be heard, the public portion was closed. Mr. Crespo made a motion to adopt the

ordinance on second and final reading, Mr. Germer second the ordinance. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Esaia, Mr. Arter and Council President Arter.

**NAYES:** None. The ordinance was passed on second and final reading and will take effect twenty days after publication according to law.

**ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING.**

**A. Ordinance No. 2007-12, An Ordinance of the City of Beverly To Amend Chapter XI,**

**Traffic Section 11-2.4 Parking Prohibited.** The ordinance was read by title. Mr. Baxter discussed that he made some corrections to the ordinance and added the street location of the lot. Mr. Crespo made a motion to adopt the ordinance, Mr. Germer second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Esaia, Mr. Arter and Council President Arter.

**NAYES:** None. The ordinance will be heard on second and final reading at the council meeting of August 28, 2007 at 7pm.

**B. Ordinance No. 2007-13, An Ordinance Establishing Stormwater Management**

**Requirements.** The ordinance was read by title. Mr. Kirchner of Environmental Resolutions explained that the planning board had approved the plan at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and that the state and county require that city council passed an ordinance adopting the plan. Mr. Germer made a motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading, Mr. Crespo second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Esaia, Mr. Arter and Council President Arter.

**NAYES:** None. The ordinance will be heard on second and final reading at the council meeting of August 28, 2007 at 7pm.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

**A. Resolution No. 2007-71, Resolution of the City of Beverly Authorizing Entry Into A Subordination Agreement With Respect to 614 Manor Road, Beverly NJ.** The resolution was read by title. Mr. Arter made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Esaia second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Esaia, Mr. Arter and Council President Arter.

**NAYES:** None.

**B. Resolution No. 2007-72 Resolution Awarding Bid For Cramer Avenue Road Project.** The resolution was read by title. Mr. Kirchner explained that there was alternatives to the original bid and that there was funds available to do the alternative as well as the original bid. The unit's prices came in lower with the additional work added. Mr. Arter inquired if

they were going to overlay the existing paving or tear up the street? Mr. Kirchner explained that the entire road would be milled and that drainage would be done on both Cramer and Earhart before the final paving. The street would be closed to traffic except the homeowners. Council President Arter inquired if Mr. Kirchner had any experience working with Jersey Construction? Mr. Kirchner explained that he personally had not work with them, but that other engineers in his office worked with them and were satisfied with the results. Mr. Germer inquired as to the start date for the project? Mr. Kirchner explained that they would be starting late August through October. Mr. Germer inquired if the bid cost include the engineering. Mr. Kirchner replied that the engineer cost was separate from the bid. Mr. Bancroft made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Crespo second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Esaia, Mr. Arter and Council President Arter.

NAYES: None.

C. Resolution No. 2007-73. Resolution Awarding Fireworks. Mr. Arter explained that he and Pat Piryllis had met with both companies and was more comfortable with Pyrotecnico presentation. The contract still needs to have some final details worked out and that council needs to hold a special meeting to award the contract due to time restraints. Mr. Germer made a motion to table the resolution and hold a special meeting on August 7, 2007 at 7pm, Mr. Arter second the motion. All Members voted in favor of the special meeting.

D. Resolution No. 2007-74, Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Beverly Designating Certain Blocks and Lots In The City As Areas In Need Of Redevelopment. The resolution was read by title. Mr. Crespo made a motion to approve the resolution, Mr. Germer second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Esaia, Mr. Arter and Council President Arter.

NAYES: None.

E. Treasurers Report. Mr. Arter inquired if the amounts included the new repairs to the truck. Council President Arter inquired as to what was covered under other insurance. Mr. Newsome discussed that he will meet with the treasurer to inquire about councils questions. Council President Arter discussed the line item for police overtime. Mr. Esaia explained that the amounts are combined into the police salary line and are broken down at the end of the year. Mr. Newsome commented that it also looks like police have spent 75% of their other expenses. Mr. Arter made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Esaia, Mr. Arter and Council President Arter.

NAYES: None.

F. Payment of Bills. Mr. Esaia discussed that line # 31 for Home Depot is missing a receipt and that the amount of \$168.54 is not accounted for in the receipts. Mr. Esaia agreed to paying the section of the bill that receipts were shown for and holding the bill for the \$168.54 amount. Council President Arter inquired about line #2 for Verizon Cabs? Director Morton explained that the bill was for the computers in the vehicles. Mr. Crespo requested that a bill for the housing inspector's software be added in the amount of \$3,000. Mr. Crespo also

requested that the bill for ADT on line 334 be held. Mr. Newsome requested that the bill from Colorcraft for the farmers market be added to the list in the amount of \$280.00 Mr. Newsome made a motion to approve the bills with the corrections, Mr. Arter second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

**AYES:** Mr. Bancroft, Mr. Crespo, Mr. Newsome, Mr. Germer, Mr. Esaia, Mr. Arter and Council President Arter.

**NAYES:** None.

**ABSTAIN:** Mr. Newsome abstained from line #61 for Robert Winzinger and Council President Arter abstained from line #25 for Dennis Auto.

### **SOLICITOR REPORT.**

Mr. Baxter discussed that the tax appeal was successful for the city with the Jerusalem Holiness Temple and that they have a certain period of time to appeal the county's ruling.

### **MAYOR'S REMARKS.**

Mayor Wetherill reported that she had thrown out the first ball. Everyone who attend had a great time. The Farmers Market is closed for the season and that next year more volunteers and sellers are needed. Susan Roth did the majority of the work and John Newsome provided tents for the market. The String program at the school is going on and that it will also be on Monday's afterschool. International Day is being held at Saint James Church on August 11, 2007.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

Mr. Crespo reported for the Economic Development Committee that at the last meeting they discussed the property located at 435 Broad Street and the purchase of the lot to move the basketball courts next to the park and free up the current courts for parking.

Mr. Arter reported on Public Affairs Committee that it was nice to use the Light Rail to attend the game and also thanked everyone for their support. There are a few vouchers left for anyone to attend any of the games. The banner for the fireworks will be in place shortly. Charlene Rogers discussed that on September 8 there will be reenactors across the street from city hall and also historic memorable in city hall. There will be various speakers during the day talking about local history and also the civil war hospital. Mr. Arter discussed that the Caribbean Restaurant from Warren Street will be at the September 9 fireworks with food, there will be live music and Ricardo's Pizza at the waterfront.

Mr. Bancroft discussed that the American Legion would like to acquire through a donation the range hood that is located inside of 306 Warren Street. They do not have the funds to purchase one and the range hood inside of the old restaurant would fit. Mr. Arter inquired if the Legion would be willing to barter for the range hood with repairing the windows out front in exchange for the hood. Mr. Bancroft explained that if they had the funds to repair the windows they could buy the range hood, they have limited funds available. They are willing to repair whatever damage occurs as a result of removing the range hood and outside vent. Council President Arter suggested that the Legion come up with a plan for the repairs. Mr. Arter inquired if the city can legally give away something to another nonprofit. Mr. Baxter discussed that he will research the issue but if the city is willing to donate the item instead of selling the item there should be no problem.

Mr. Esaia discussed that the bill for Home Depot should be paid and that the shortage is a credit, so the original amount is ok to pay.

#### **PUBLIC SESSION AND PUBLIC SAFETY.**

Mr. Boutros- 310 Laurel Street discussed that he had been robbed at the corner of Pine and Cooper Street after getting off of the train. The corner is dark and the streetlight is blocked by tree branches. Director Morton discussed that the lighting needs to be increased and the branches cut back. Mr. Boutros inquired about the law for a dog being leashed. There is a dog that is tied up on a leash on Cooper Street and blocks the sidewalk. Director Morton will have the officer take a look and requested that he call the police when it happens.

Mr. Ellsworth- 600 Cooper Street discussed that if the tree is on his property he will cut the tree back from the light.

Mrs. Richards-Broad Street presented Luis Crespo with a bowl with the city seal on it for his work on the renovation of the court room. Mrs. Richards inquired of Mr. Thibault if he knew the tax rate for the school budget. Mr. Thibault explained that the board of education is working with the state and county to get the budget approved. Mrs. Richards discussed that Mr. Arter had made a statement about Habitat for Humanity about them placing bad people in the city and would like to know where he received his information from. Mr. Arter explained that his information was based on facts and that to the best of his knowledge the facts are true. Mr. Arter explained that the sex offender address and case from a Habitat home was published in the newspapers last night. There has been drug dealing reported to him by a constituent that is reliable. Mr. Arter discussed that he cares about what Habitat has done in Beverly. Mrs. Richards discussed that Habitat does have Beverly residents moving into their homes. Mrs. Richards also discussed that she had heard that council members were telling people that Snovers Funeral is closed and that the rumor is not true. Council President Arter explained that city council members had been informed that Snovers is not closing.

Mr. Thibault-Wheatley discussed that the school budget has a \$45,000 deficient and that the budget is being reviewed by the county and state. The board of education is working hard to keep the tax rate down. Council President Arter explained that the problems with the school budget has been years in the making. Mr. Thibault explained that the audit shows no misuse of funds and that there has just been some mismanagement. Mr. Thibault requested that everyone needs to be patient with the board of education and that they are attempting to straighten out years of neglect. Mr. Thibault discussed that the lease with Saint Joseph's church expires in 2008 and that it is difficult to break a lease ahead of time and difficult to remove someone who has tenure. Mrs. Richards inquired if Saint Joseph's was closing as a parish? Mr. Thibault explained that the church would stay open and that they were talking about sharing the services of the priest with other churches. Mr. Thibault discussed that he had gone to the new Caribbean Restaurant and that it was nice and personal, but that a lacking of parking hurts the businesses on Warren Street. Mr. Thibault also discussed that more publicity is needed for the 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, it seems that no one knows about it. Mr. Arter explained that the banner will be hung and that Comcast offers free advertising for events. Ms. Rogers discussed that as part of the Historical Society she is working on getting out the publicity.

Mr. Ellsworth-Cooper Street discussed that he felt that the raising of the housing inspections fees was too high. The council had raised the fee from \$30. to \$50. And now the fee is \$95. if the home fails the inspection there is an additional \$50. fee for a reinspection. Mr. Ellsworth discussed that

this rentals failed the inspection for the same things that had been previously passed. Mr. Germer discussed that there was a lack of code enforcement and that is why the city hired Mr. Thompson. Mr. Germer explained that they raised the fees to cover the salary and expense. Mr. Ellsworth discussed that if the items had been previously approved they should be grandfather in and not fail this year. Mr. Germer explained that a public hearing was held on the ordinance for comments. Council President Arter explained that council is appreciative of the work that Mr. Thompson has completed as the code enforcement and housing inspector. The city is looking better and cleaner.

Mr. Thibault-Wheatley thanked Director Morton for the positive police presence at the school. The school is working on zero tolerance.

Mr. Desjardins- the city's OEM present certificates to the remaining members of council that completed the OEM training requirements, Council President Arter, Mr. Germer, Crespo, Dr. Cook, Mr. Arter, Mr. Esaia and Mr. Robertson.

Mr. Delia-Cramer Ave discussed that Local 336 in Burlington will help provide bands for the fireworks.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Mr. Crespo made a motion to go into executive session for personnel, Mr. Phillip second the motion. All members voted in favor.

**GENERAL SESSION.**

City Council returned to general session.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Mr. Crespo made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Newsome second the motion. All members presented vote in favor.