

**MINUTES**  
**BEVERLY CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 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
<b>x</b>		<b>Luis Crespo-President</b>
<b>x</b>		<b>John Newsome-Pro-Tem President</b>
<b>x</b>	Arrived late	<b>Martin Bass</b>
	X	<b>Scott Williams</b>
<b>x</b>		<b>Harold Robertson</b>
<b>x</b>		<b>Brian Perkins</b>
<b>x</b>		<b>Alfred Desjardins</b>
<b>x</b>		<b>Barbara Kelly</b>
<b>x</b>		<b>Dr. Gail Cook, Mayor</b>
<b>x</b>		<b>Trudi Desjardins, Acting City Clerk</b>
<b>x</b>		<b>Samuel Reale, Solicitor</b>
	X	<b>William H. Kirchner, Engineer</b>

**COORESPONDENCE:** Mayor Cook announced that all Council members now have a copy of the Governor’s Ethics Task Force report.

President Crespo informed everyone that Hal Robertson has resigned from his Council seat. The President explained that, due to lack of attendance of Rebecca Ridgway-Boettger, Council must do a resolution making her seat vacant. According to Title 19, when an official misses eight meetings in a row, their seat becomes vacant. The eighth meeting for Ms. Boettger was on November 9, 2010. Mr. Perkins made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-436, creating a vacant seat with an unexpired term. President Crespo read the letter from the Democratic Committee, suggesting three names for appointment to the vacant seat; Hal Robertson, Nancy Richards and William Elliott, Jr. Mr. Desjardins made a motion to accept the resignation of Hal Robertson. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion. All members present were in favor of accepting Mr. Robertson’s resignation. Mr. Desjardins made a motion to adopt resolution 2010-437; Appointing Hal Robertson to the unexpired term. John Newsome seconded the motion and the roll call showed the following:

**Resolution 2010-437**

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

All members present were in favor. Solicitor Skip Reale administered the Oath of Office to Hal Robertson.

**CORRESPONDENCE con't:** The Mayor read a message to Council from Donna Snyder, Planning Board Secretary, stating that Ordinance 2010-8 will be reviewed on December 14, 2010. Mayor Cook also announced that there will be orientation for elected officials.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Desjardins made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 9, 2010 meeting. Ms. Kelly seconded the motion and all members present were in favor.

**Minutes**

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** President Crespo opened the meeting to the public for the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2010-9; the Salary Ordinance for non-union Employees. Mr. Robertson stated that he does not like the format. Mr. Newsome stated that they do not like the salary ranges. President Crespo stated that the ordinance can be tabled. Mr. Newsome made a motion to table the Salary Ordinance. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. The roll call vote showed the following:

**Ordinance 2010-9**

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

<b>x</b>			<b>Barbara Kelly</b>
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**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Newsome made a motion to adopt the following from the Consent Agenda:

**Resolution 2010-429:** Subordination Agreement, 615 Walton Avenue

**Resolution 2010-432:** Authorizing the Sell-Back of Accumulated Vacation Time

**Resolution 2010-433:** Authorizing the Sell-Back of Accumulated Vacation Time

**Resolution 2010-434:** Authorizing the Sell-Back of Accumulated Vacation Time

Ms. Kelly seconded the motion and the roll call showed the following results:

**Consent Agenda**

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

Ms. Kelly made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2010-435, memorializing the Hiring of Donna Snyder as Planning Board Secretary**. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion And the roll call show the following member voting in favor:

**Resolution 2010-435**

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

Mr. Robertson made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2010-430: Resolution for Approval of Property / Casualty Policies (JIF)**. Mr. Desjardins seconded the motion with a correction of the date. The roll call results are as follows:

**Resolution 2010-430**

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

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** Has a matter for Executive Session.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** The Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Robert Germer. Mayor Cook spoke about the lovely Veterans Day service and the proclamation. Mayor Cook thanked Ryan and Stacy Atkinson for their work with Sustainable New Jersey.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:** Kenneth Gerber stated that he attended the Police Roundtable. Director Gerber added that he finished the Employee Handbook and gave a copy to the Solicitor and the Clerk. The Director stated that there are three videos in the Mayor’s Office for all of the employees and the Officials to watch. Director Gerber stated that there are a lot of repairs to do in the playgrounds.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**Barbara Kelly** – Has a request for help with the Holiday celebration on December 10, 2010. She needs cupcakes, cookies and hot cocoa.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** President Crespo opened the meeting to the Public at 7:43 p.m. Hearing nothing from the Public, the session was closed at 7:43 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Ms. Kelly made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2010-431, closing the Meeting to the Public for matters of Contractual, Personnel or Possible Litigation.** Mr. Perkins seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. The roll call vote is as follows:

**Executive Session, Resolution 2010-431**

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

After discussion, the President opened the meeting into Regular Session. Mr. Robertson made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2010-439, to hire Donna Snyder as the Deputy City Clerk,** combined with the Planning Board Secretary title. Her wage will be \$22.50 per hour, at 30 hours per week. Mr. Newsome

seconded the motion and the roll call is as follows:

**Resolution 2010-439**

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. Desjardins made a motion to extend the term of the Acting Administrator Mr. Gerber to January 4, 2011. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion and the roll call is as follows:

**Resolution 2010-440**

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 voted in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Desjardins made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion and all members present were in favor. The meeting was ended at 8:52 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Trudi W. Desjardins  
Acting Municipal Clerk**