

**MINUTES**  
**BEVERLY CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF October 12, 2010**  
**7PM**

**CALL TO ORDER-** 7:05 p.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>		<b>Martin Bass – arrived at 8:p.m.</b>
	<b>x</b>	<b>Scott Williams</b>
	<b>x</b>	<b>Rebecca Boettger</b>
<b>x-phone</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>
<b>x</b>		<b>William H. Kirchner, Engineer</b>

**William Kirchner**, the City Engineer, explained about the grant program, which will make improvements to Lauringer Field. Mr. Newsome made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-408 –for the Submission of an Application for Grant Funding. Miss Kelly seconded the motion; the Roll Call vote is as follows:

**Roll Call for Resolution 2010-408**

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

Mayor Cook explained to the public the letter from Chief Justice Rabner, which was about the Municipal Court Consolidation Plan.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Mr. Robertson said to hold Resolution 2010-410. The Solicitor said to hold Resolution 2010-411. Mr. Robertson said to adopt it so we can clean it up and give the RCAs to Beverly Commons and get rid of them. Mr. Desjardins said to hold Resolution 2010-409. Mr. Newsome Made the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Mr. Desjardins seconded the motion. Council agreed to adopt the following:

Resolution 2010-400- Cancelling Taxes Because Property is Tax Exempt

Resolution 2010-401- Authorizing Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

Resolution 2010-402- Allowing Senior Citizen Deductions

Resolution 2010-403 - Setting Tax Sale Date

Rresolution-2010- 404- Fixing Interest Rates on Delinquent Taxes

Resolution-2010-405 –Extending Grace Period for August 2010 Taxes

Resolution 2010-406 – Granting Disabled Deduction

Resolution 2010-407- Extending Grace Period for February 2010 Taxes

Resolution 2010-411 – Resolution Authorizing the City to Amend its RCA Program

Resolution 2010-413 – Authorizing the Re-appointment of the Tax Assessor

Resolution 2010-414 – Resolution Amending the JIF Fund Commissioner

**ROLL CALL FOR Consent Agenda**

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

Ken Gerber, the Public Safety Director, asked about a curfew change for mischief night. President Crespo said it would be done by ordinance. The Solicitor said it could be done on first reading, by title only. Mr. Newsome made a motion to adopt by title only, a Resolution to change the curfew to 9:00 on October 30 and 31. The Public Hearing will be on October 26. The Roll Call shows as follows:

**Roll Call**

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

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** None

President Crespo stated the CFO Dawn Emmons provided a report and a bill list. Mr. Newsome made a motion to

accept the report and bill list. Miss Kelly seconded the motion. The Roll Call is as follows:

**Bill List**

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

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** Mayor Cook stated that there is a program at the school, Lights on After Dark, at 5:30 p.m., on October 21, that is provided by a \$30,000 grant. The Mayor also said that a letter of thanks should be sent to the Burlington City Kiwanis.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** Miss Kelly announced that there is a Halloween party at the basketball court on October 30, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Miss Kelly said they’re accepting help and donations and the new fire truck will be there.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** Robert Germer, 79 Pine Street, stated he submitted an OPRA request in April 2010 and did not receive a response. Mr. Germer stated that the law is 7 days and he will be in the Clerk’s office at 9:00 a.m. in the next morning. Amy Bent asked about sending the RCA’s to the Convent, and President Crespo stated that it is a new project. Mrs. Bent informed Council that there is new Legislation regarding the Delaware River dredging, and asked for the Council’s support. Robin Moodie stated that there is cracked roadway on Warren Street. Andrew Russell said the corner of Warren and Manor should be inspected, also.

Public Session was closed at 7:58 p.m. Mr. Bass arrived at 8:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Newsome made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-412. Allowing Council to go into Executive Session. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. All members were in favor. After discussion, Mr. Newsome made a motion to move into Regular Session. Miss Kelly seconded the motion and all members were in favor. The meeting was opened at 8:44. President Crespo asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-409, authorizing the Termination of the City Clerk and Administrator. Mr. Bass made a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion. Mr. Desjardins stated that he was not notified of the meeting and will abstain from voting. The Roll Call vote is as follows:

**Roll Call vote for Resolution 2010 - 409**

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

Mr. Robertson made a motion to appoint Trudi Desjardins as the Acting City Clerk, Mr. Bass seconded the motion. President Crespo stated the salary for the Acting Clerk would be \$42,000, with a \$5,000 increase upon receiving certification. The Solicitor said the Clerk has one year to receive DCA approval.

**Roll Call for Resolution 2010-410**

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

Mr. Desjardins made a motion to approve placing an ad for Deputy Clerk in the local newspaper. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion and all members were in favor. The roll call vote is as follows:

**Roll Call for Deputy Clerk Ad**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Bass made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Newsome seconded the motion. All members present were in favor.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Trudi W. Desjardins  
Acting Municipal Clerk**