

MINUTES

CITY OF BEVERLY

October 28, 2008

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 6, 2008 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. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Arter, Mr. Schwedes, Mr. Bass, Council President Crespo, Mayor Wetherill, Barbara Sheipe, Clerk/Administrator, Jack Vassalo, Solicitor.

ABSENT: Mr. Heifet and Mr. Arter.

MINUTES. Mrs. Arter request a change to correct the spelling of salvable. Mr. Bass made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Arter, Mr. Schwedes, Mr. Bass, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

COORESPONDENCE.

A. Bureau of Fire Prevention. Council President Crespo explained that he met with Mr. Anderson, Fire Marshall concerning the requested changes to the ordinance for Burning Prohibited. There is a concern about the small chimney type containers.

B. Correspondence from CGPH 639 Laurel Street. Mrs. Arter inquired if the attorney had time to review the request? Mr. Vassalo explained that he was filling in for Mr. Reale and did not review the request and that it was a council's decision. Mr. Newsome inquired if it was setting a precedent to approve this for any individual property. Mrs. Sheipe explained that this property was going to be listed for Sheriff's Sale if not sold soon, and that the city could lose out on recapturing any of the funds for the RCA program. Mr. Newsome made a motion to approve the \$10,000 offer owed to the program, Dr. Cook second the motion. Mr. Schwedes discussed that he would prefer to have the attorney review the request. Mr. Newsome amended his motion to approve the request with the stipulations that it received attorney approval. Dr. Cook second the amended motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Arter, Mr. Schwedes, Mr. Bass, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

C. Letter from COAH. Mayor Wetherill announced that the Burlington County Bridge Commission and the Burlington County Freeholders will help the city prepare the amendment to the City's Third Round of COAH requirements. Mayor Wetherill discussed that COAH is requesting signed escrow agreements from the City concerning any escrow agreements with developers for COAH units. At the current time the City does not have a developer's fee ordinance in place.

D. Presentation-Council President Crespo and Councilman Newsome present. George Mickle and Shawn Mickle with plaques. Mr. Newsome explained that the plaque to George Mickle was for his employment to the city as the housing inspector. Council President Crespo present Shawn Mickle with a plaque for outstanding performance as a police officer.

Mrs. Arter inquired if a motion was needed to allow a letter to be sent to COAH concerning the escrow agreements? Mrs. Sheipe explained that a motion would allow the Mayor to send a letter on behalf of the city council. Mrs. Arter made a motion to send the letter to COAH on the escrow agreements, Mr. Schwedes second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Arter, Mr. Schwedes, Mr. Bass, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

OLD BUSINESS.

Mrs. Arter inquired about the clothing bin for the DARE program and if any more information was available on the program? Council President Crespo discussed that the city would receive \$350. per year for the bin. Mrs. Arter inquired if a location had been decided on for the bin? Council President Crespo explained that one bin would be in front of city hall and another one maybe place in the city's parking lot off of Cooper Street. Mr. Schwedes discussed that if the location does not work out are the bins easy to move to another location. Officer Davison explained that she would have to call the company and that they would move the bin to another location within a week. Officer Davison explained that if the bin is full that the company will come and empty it so that it does not become an eyesore. Dr. Cook inquired if the bins become a problem can the program be stopped immediately. Officer Davison explained that the bins would be removed if the city requests them to be. Council President Crespo discussed that there is a soda machine available and that the DARE program would receive about \$250. per year from the machines. Council President Crespo discussed that a soda machine could be located in the school. Mr. Schwedes recommend checking on the availability of a soda machine inside a school. Officer Davison explained that there is a soda machine inside of the teachers' lounge and that this machine could replace that. Mrs. Arter inquired if the contract for the bins had already been signed. Council President Crespo explained that Director Morton will review the agreement for the bins with Officer Davison upon his return. Mrs. Sheipe discussed that the city's insurance company should be consulted about possible risk. Office Davison explained that the clothing bin company carries its own insurance. Mayor Wetherill discussed that city hall would not make a good location for the bin; it would look like a dump. Mrs. Arter and Dr. Cook discussed that there is more feedback needed from the JIF and that the attorney should review the contract. Officer Davison will forward the contract and the insurance information to the city clerk after review with Director Morton. Mrs. Arter thanked Officer Davison for work with the DARE program.

Mrs. Arter inquired if the stop sign on Laurel Street that was brought up by a resident at the last meeting was addressed. Mr. Robertson explained that the stop sign was corrected and that PSE & G are updating the wattage on the lights.

Mr. Bass inquired about the changes for the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Council President Crespo explained that Mr. Desjardins will be reporting back to city council on the plan.

NEW BUSINESS.

A. Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Arter discussed that she was under the impression that the police other expenses line item was short. Mrs. Sheipe explained that it will be short by the end of November and that council will have to do a transfer resolution. Mr. Newsome made a motion to approve the report, Mr. Bass second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Arter, Mr. Schwedes, Mr. Bass, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

B. Payment of Bills. Mr. Newsome made a motion to approve the bills, Dr. Cook second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Arter, Mr. Schwedes, Mr. Bass, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

C. Other New Business.

WORKSHOP.

a. Escrow Fees. Dr. Cook explained that other escrow fees ordinance were obtained from surrounding towns. Mrs. Sheipe explained the Chairman Wooters of the planning board had present an excel sheet to the planning board at the October meeting. The planning board reviewed the request increases with the professional. The planning board is recommending the increases to cover costs. Dr. Cook made a motion to have the solicitor make the changes to the fee ordinance, Mr. Newsome second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Arter, Mr. Schwedes, Mr. Bass, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

B. Redevelopment Designation- Block 1, Lots 1.01 and 1.02. Mrs. Sheipe explained that Environmental Resolutions, William Kirchner submitted a review of the zoning for the area that city council had requested at the last meeting. City Council had discussed removing the lots from the redevelopment area. Mrs. Arter inquired if it was a resolution or an ordinance? Mrs. Sheipe explained that Mr. Asselta will do the required paperwork to remove it from the redevelopment plan for the next meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

MAYOR'S REPORT. Mayor Wetherill discussed that with the upcoming election it is valuable to the residents to listen to both parties.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mrs. Arter discussed that the finance committee had reviewed paying the bills once a month to allow the treasurer more time. Mr. Newsome discussed that the vendors would be paid once a month and that he does not see a problem with it. Mrs. Arter discussed that the treasurer would schedule the bills that need to be paid so that the city does not incur late fees or interest charges. Dr. Cook made a motion to pay the bills once a month, Mrs. Arter second the motion. At the call of the roll, the vote was:

AYES: Mr. Newsome, Dr. Cook, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Arter, Mr. Schwedes, Mr. Bass, Council President Crespo.

NAYES: None.

Council President Crespo urged all residents to look into the candidates before voting. DYFS was called to his home with a concern about the safety of his children. His wife had taken food to a PTA meeting and brought home what was not used. There were also reports of his children not using shoes. Council President Crespo discussed that he is aware that it was a member of the school board and that he is not the only Democrat in the city.

PUBLIC SESSION AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Mrs. Vaughn-Laurel Street discussed that she cannot read and request that her husband read her all of the political material that comes to the house. Mrs. Vaughn discussed that she and her husband walk around town and need benches to sit down on. They are unable to walk long distances and have to make frequent stops. Council President Crespo discussed that he will look into the benches and insurance concerns. Mrs. Vaughn discussed that when she was taken to the hospital, someone removed her dog from her yard and she has been unable to get it back. Dr. Cook discussed that she will look into the removal of the dog.

Mr. Borden-Riverbank inquired as to what lots were being discussed for the redevelopment plan. Council President Crespo explained that it was for Block 1 the area known as the Dunes. Mr. Borden discussed that if the city pays bills once a month, will they lose any discounts for paying early. Mr. Newsome discussed that they will review the bills for discounts and attempt to work with those vendors.

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

ADJOURNMENT.

Dr. Cook made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Newsome seconded the motion. All members presented vote in favor.