

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2013
7:00PM

M I N U T E S

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was Called to Order at 7PM by Council President Bancroft.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

Mr. Bancroft read the following statement into the Minutes: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, this is to announce that Adequate Notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: On January 8, 2013, advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in the City Hall, was emailed to THE BURLINGTON COUNTY TIMES for publication and emailed to the CAMDEN COURIER POST for advise, was filed with the Municipal Clerk, and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice. The proceedings of all meetings are electronically and manually recorded, and the Minutes will be on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Bancroft led those present in the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: Randy H. Miller

Council President: Robert H. Bancroft

Council Members:

Lawrence F. Carlbon

Luis M. Crespo

Robert E. Lowden, Jr.

Robert D. Thibault

Administrator/Director of Public Safety: Richard Wolbert

Solicitor: Brian Guest

Engineer: William H. Kirchner (Attendance not required.)

Municipal Clerk: Donna F. Snyder, RMC/CMR/CPM

MINUTES

Regular Council Meetings: 5/28/13.

Motion to Approve 5/28/13 Regular Council Minutes by Crespo; Second by Carlbon. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Executive Session Meetings: 5/14/13 and 5/28/13.

These Minutes will be held for Approval until after Executive Session.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2013-109A - CONSENT AGENDA FOR RESOLUTIONS 2013-109, 110, 111, 114, 115:

Consent Agenda items are not individually discussed. A Resolution approving the "Consent Agenda" (which may or may not include the reading of the list of items appearing on the Consent Agenda) is Moved, Seconded, and Voted upon as one item by the Governing Body. If any discussion is requested on same, it is removed from the "Consent Agenda" to the Regular Agenda. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda by Lowden; Second by Thibault. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-109

A Resolution authorizing entrance into a joint contract to provide for the formation of a joint meeting for the joint procurement of natural gas, electricity, and other forms of energy as permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:65-14 et seq.

RESOLUTION 2013-110

A Resolution approving Alcoholic Beverage Club License #0302-31-008-001 Renewal for the 2013-2014 licensing year to W.A. Cortright, Jr. Post 115, 700 Melbourne Avenue, Beverly, NJ 08010 conditioned upon all paperwork being in order, and all Local and State fees being paid.

RESOLUTION 2013-111

A Resolution authorizing Discharge of Mortgage for 466 Cooper Street, Beverly, NJ 08010, all paperwork being in order.

RESOLUTION 2013-114

A Resolution setting the Tax Sale Date for the City of Beverly.

RESOLUTION 2013-115

A Resolution authorizing entry into a Subordination Agreement with respect to Block 1381/Lot 20, the property also known as 171 Warren Street, Beverly, NJ 08010, initially a 2008 Evesham II RCA Housing Rehabilitation Program property loan in the amount of \$17,600 for the purpose of Property Owner refinancing.

Motion to Approve Resolutions 2013-109, 110, 111, 114, and 115 made by Crespo; Second by Thibault. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-112

A Resolution appointing Beverly City Regular Police Officer Michael Megara (see Resolution 2012-169) to a Regular Full-Time, Officer at the current Beverly City Police Contract Step 2 Salary of \$45,000 per year, with benefits, effective immediately, and based on Certification of Funds by the CFO. Motion to Approve by Crespo; Second by Thibault. Roll Call Vote. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-113

A Resolution adjusting current Salary for Beverly City Part-time, Class II, Special Police Officer Jessie F. Lackraj, from \$9.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour, in accordance with the terms of his hiring Resolution 2012-221 (see attached), retroactive to said Officer's Police Academy Graduation date, May 23, 2013, and based on Certification of Funds by the CFO. Motion to Approve by Thibault; Second by Crespo. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

~ Law and Ordinance Committee Update.

This Committee will be meeting Thursday, June 20, at 7PM in the Mayor's office. Discussion for this meeting will involve Court approved Fines and Fees.

~ Alcoholic Beverage Control/Person-To-Person Transfer - Bryson Incorporated, T/A F&M Liquors, To Satyam Shivam, Inc., T/A/ F&M Liquors. Paperwork submitted for Transfer. The Clerk advised that follow-up is being done both with the applicant's attorney and the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

~ Mr. Thibault asked the status of settlement on the Waterfront property. Mr. Wolbert advised that all is going according to schedule and is being handled by Mark Asselta's office at Brown & Connery (Redevelopment Attorney).

NEW BUSINESS:

~ 98th Annual League of Municipalities 2013 Conference-November 19-21. The Clerk advised that initial paperwork has been received from the League and that Council should check the League website regarding the League educational sessions that will be available. The City covers Registration only (\$65); attendees are responsible for their own hotel payments. Reservations will be made through the Clerk's Office. She reminded all that requests for permission to attend along with selected classes for CEUs must be submitted to the Administrator prior to the end of September. Ms. Snyder will update Council when additional info becomes available.

BILLS LIST

A Motion to Approve the June 10, 2013 Bills List and correct line item draw from "Community Fund" to "Parade" Line Item: Ck. #1106 \$995.78 and Ck.#1105 \$250.00, made by Thibault; Second by Lowden. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence at this time.

COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor - Nothing at this time.

Council

All Council Members commented on how well the Memorial Day Parade went and what a great time everyone had picnicking at the Beverly Waterfront. Plans will be underway shortly for next year's Parade.

Mr. Carlbon advised that the Fishing Derby was all ready for Saturday, 8AM-Noon with food, prizes, and giveaways. Additionally, the Community Garden is set up at the Waterfront and all are welcome to plant.

Mr. Crespo reminded everyone that school is out, and asked whether or not there will be Crossing Guards stationed for the extended school year. Mr. Wolbert advised that there will be two Guards, one stationed at Warren, and one at Broad.

Mr. Lowden stated that Transitional Aid is still in limbo at this point. Additionally, the Riverfront Historical Society did an excellent job for the 125th event and they deserve a public "Thank You".

Administrator/Public Safety Director

Administrator Wolbert advised of information relative to Soliciting and permits for same. There have been non- registered individuals walking through town soliciting re Energy subs. They have been brought into City Hall and advised re Ordinance requirements. This Ordinance is being reviewed by the Law and Ordinance Committee for update.

Mr. Wolbert also updated re flooding issues at Manor and Railroad re draining ditches being taken care of. At Putnam and Locust there was a blockage due to a tree growing into the storm sewer. He and the City Engineer inspected same. Mr. Wolbert will call the County re opening the line back up.

Administrator Wolbert advised that application for the Small Cities Matching Grant will be held until 2015 due to budgetary restrictions.

Additionally, the City's BANS went out for bid today. Response was a good rate at 1.4%; Parker McCay (our Bond Counsel) did an excellent job.

Mr. Wolbert spoke re the need for a 4-Way Stop at Bentley and Melbourne on Pine. The consensus was to pursue same with our Engineer.

Relative to the Police Department, Mr. Wolbert reported that we have 8 candidates for Police Officer. They're all very good, some with up to 16 years of experience. These will all be reviewed. At this point, we have the Sheriff's Department coming in during power shifts.

Sadly, Mr. Wolbert reported that our current Court Administrator has accepted a full-time position for the Palmyra Court. Contacts are being made at this time both for a replacement and for holding Court.

Lastly, Mr. Wolbert advised that the WIPP online payment method should be up and running within the next two weeks.

Professionals - Nothing at this time.

Clerk - Nothing at this time.

Tax Collector's Reports: 2012 Current Tax Levy
Schedule of Delinquent Taxes/Tax title Liens
March 1, 2013
May 1, 2013

Mr. Wolbert advised that our Tax Collector has advised that our Collection Rate is at 92% at this time; we're down to 19 properties on the Tax Sale List. Motion to Approve Reports of March 1 and May 1, 2013 made by Crespo; Second by Lowden. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - 7:25PM

Please state your name and address clearly for the record.

Public Comment was had by Mary Ellen Knudson, Ron Paice, Nancy Richards, and Loy Ellsworth. Topics discussed included Clarification on Bids and BANS; Office Copier status; Curbing on Detwiler; Clarification on Tax Liens and Tax Sales; Pondering on Pine and Cooper.

There being no further Public Comment, Motion to close same and move into Executive Session made at 7:40PM by Crespo; Second by Lowden. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 7:41PM

Resolution 2013-116:

A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Beverly to hold Executive Session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, permitting the exclusion of the Public from a meeting in certain circumstances which the Governing Body deem now exist:

_____ **CONTRACTUAL**

_____ **LITIGATION**

_____ **POSSIBLE LITIGATION**

_____ **PERSONNEL**

 x Review of Executive Session Minutes

ACTION TAKEN AFTER EXECUTIVE: x YES _____ NO

After review in Executive Session, Motion to Approve Council's 5/24/13 Executive Session Minutes as amended (to include that relative to the Cooper Street Revitalization Project that 7 units are New; current plan only allows 4 Rehab)and also under same Motion to Approve as submitted Council's 5/28/13 Executive Session Minutes made by Crespo; Second by Carlbon. Roll Call Vote - All in Favor. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion to Adjourn at 7:45PM was made by Crespo; Second by Thibault. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna F. Snyder, RMC/CMR/CPM
Municipal Clerk

Date

APPROVED:

Randy H. Miller, Mayor

Date