

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY

DECEMBER 8, 2015

7:00PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:07PM 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 9, 2015 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

Present:

Mayor: Randy H. Miller

Council President: Robert H. Bancroft

Council Members:

Robert E. Lowden, Jr.

Mark A. Schwedes

Robert D. Thibault

Engineer: William H. Kirchner (Attendance not required)

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

Solicitor: Brian M. Guest, Parker McCay

Absent:

Council Member: Lawrence F. Carlbon

Administrator/Director of Public Safety: Richard A. Wolbert

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 24, 2015 Regular Session Minutes.

There was no Executive Session. Motion to Approve as submitted by Schwedes; Second by Thibault. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Please state your name and address clearly for the record.

There was no Public Comment at this time.

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:

ORDINANCE 2015-14 - INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2014-13 AND CHAPTER XXI OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF FEES".

Said Ordinance will come before Council for Second Reading, Public Hearing, and Adoption at their meeting to be held on December 22, 2015 at 7PM at Beverly City Hall, 446 Broad Street, Beverly, NJ 08010, at which time all those wishing to be heard on same will be so heard. Copies of said Ordinance are available for review at the Office of the Municipal Clerk at the aforementioned address during regular business hours, M-F, 9AM-5PM.

Motion to Approve on Introduction/First Reading by Schwedes; Second by Thibault. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-169

A Resolution authorizing Beverly City's membership application to "Downtown New Jersey" in the amount of \$295. "Downtown New Jersey" membership includes commercial district management professionals, business operators, public officials, community volunteers, and real estate, architectural and planning professionals. All share a common interest in improving the health and vitality of their business districts. DNJ strives to be a strong resource for information and support of downtown initiatives in New Jersey.

Motion to Approve by Lowden; Second by Schwedes. Roll Call Vote- All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-170

A Resolution re-appointing John Newsome to a five-year term as a member of the Beverly Sewerage Authority, per the attached letter of request from the Beverly Sewerage Authority.

Motion to Approve by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-171

A Resolution approving Change Order #3 submitted by ERI for Curb Con, Inc. relative to the Northwest Roads Improvement Project Phase II/III with a net change of \$0.00 but accounts for the deletion of a Type "B" Inlet on Wheatley Avenue and the addition of an item for Utility Conflicts Resolution for the same location.

Motion to Approve by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2015-172

A Resolution approving Pay Estimate Number 3 in the amount of \$19,845.00 due at this time to Curb Con, Inc. for the Northwest Roads Improvement Project Phase II/III.

Motion to Approve by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Thibault presented a design incorporating Dunk's Ferry for the new Logo for the City. The Solicitor suggested that no decision be made at this meeting, but perhaps the topic could be brought up at Council's next meeting when the Administrator would be present and all could review same. All were in favor.

BILL LIST

Approval of the December 8, 2015 Bill List.

Motion to Approve the Bill List as submitted by Thibault; Second by Lowden. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - *(Note that all Correspondence will be handled/filed by and in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.)*
The Mayor advised that there was no additional Correspondence.

COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor

Mayor Miller advised that there was a great turnout for the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and that a little girl named "Lily" helped turn the lights on! He further congratulated Mary Ellen Knudson and all Volunteers for a job well done.

Council

Mr. Thibault reported that the Tree Lighting Ceremony along with Santa was great fun. He said that this truly was a group effort and thanked everyone involved. He reminded everyone that the House Decorating Contest is next with three prizes to be awarded. He reiterated that it was a very good year for Community Events.

Mr. Schwedes also stated that the Tree Lighting was a lot of fun. He added that Mr. Thibault and Ms. Knudson worked incredibly hard on the Sleigh. He said that it was nice to see everyone out there, and gave kudos to Mr. Haaf for the Tractor.

Mr. Lowden said that he had no comment other than that he had spoken to the Administrator regarding updates relative to economic development, but that he would wait for the Administrator to be present. Relative to Family Dollar, he stated that PSE&G should be moving their poles shortly. Additionally, the Burlington County Board of Health 2014 Report was received and is in the Clerk's Office if anyone wishes to review same. He also said that the Burlington County Board of Health working with the Camden and Gloucester County Boards of Health really watch over us well.

Professionals

Solicitor Guest had nothing further at this time.

City Engineer Bill Kirchner updated Council on the following: American Water jack hammering on Wheatley Saturday morning, as one of their valves was buried 1 ½ feet under the pavement, this even though Bill has been meeting with them since 2012 making them aware of what roads in Beverly were being paved. When he meets with them in 2016, the Fire Hydrant people will be included.

Clarification was given relative to the bids received for the Municipal Building Boiler Replacement Project (see letter attached). Note that said bid will be rejected by Resolution at Council's December 22, 2015 meeting.

Park Grant information will be forthcoming after the Freeholders reorganize in January 2016.

For the record, Mr. Lowden advised Mr. Kirchner that his driveway on Detwiler has more of a slope than the other driveways on his street, and he asked how the slope could be changed. Mr. Kirchner advised that AASHTO Standards have to be held to, and that the problem being seen is due to how cars are built now much

lower to the ground; curbs are at a bit of an angle /tilt so you can snow plow.

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Mayor Miller asked Mr. Kirchner about light bulbs on Cooper Street and at Bottom Dollar. Mr. Kirchner advised that PSE&G could not talk to the contractor until the County signed off on the plan.

Mr. Kirchner wished everyone Happy Holidays and hoped to see more of everyone in the coming year!

Municipal Clerk - Nothing further at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Please state your name and address clearly for the record.

Ron Paice received clarification on the Downtown New Jersey Membership fee. He thanked the St. Stephen's Choir to attendance at the City's Tree Lighting Ceremony. He further updated everyone saying that Mirella's business is doing well and there has been no one hanging out on the corners. He asked if there was any new business going in at the Five-Points as one of the buildings on the corner was being fixed up. He was advised that the City has not been advised of anything new at this point.

Cathy Morgan of 525 Bentley thanked Council for paving saying that the test will be when it rains! She further advised that last Friday she had to move her car several time so as not to be blocked in by Curb-Con, having to park her Honda at 600 Bentley at what she felt was a good distance from the STOP sign. She received a ticket for not being 50' from the STOP sign stating that she was about 30' from same. She advised that there were cars parked today on Bentley in the same area that she was parked last Friday and these vehicles were not ticketed. She clarified that being wrong she does not question receiving the ticket, but that the other vehicles in violation should also be ticketed as well. Mr. Morgan also advised that the house on the corner of Pine and Cooper has part of a window hanging loose and the brickwork is shaky looking. She was advised that all will be looked into.

Mary Ellen Knudson extended a thank you to Mr. Haaf and all Community Events Volunteers for their participation and hard work this year.

John Haaf stated that the Community Events Volunteers have all done a great job for the entire year. They do a lot of work to put Beverly City on the face of the map. Kudos!

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NONE

RESOLUTION 2015-_____

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:

- Attorney Client Privilege**
- Contractual Matters**
- Current and/or Possible Litigation**
- Personnel Matters**
- Review of Executive Session Minutes**

ACTION TAKEN AFTER EXECUTIVE: Yes _____ No _____ N/A X _____

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion to Adjourn at 7:55PM was made by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. All in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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