

**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY**  
**NOVEMBER 7, 2016**  
**7:00PM**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Bancroft called the meeting to order at 7PM.

**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 6, 2016 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 (published on January 11, 2016) and transmitted to the CAMDEN COURIER POST, was filed with the Municipal Clerk, and was mailed to all persons who requested and paid for such notice.*

**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

Solicitor: Thomas J. Coleman, III

Raymond/Coleman/Heinold/Norman, LLP

Engineer: William Kirchner, Environmental Resolutions, Inc.

(Attendance not required)

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

**Absent:**

Administrator/Director of Public Safety: Richard A. Wolbert

Council Member: Lawrence F. Carlbon

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 25, 2016 - Regular and Executive Session Minutes for approval. Regular and Executive Session Minutes for 10/25/16 were approved as submitted with a Motion by Lowden; Second by Thibault. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes, except Carlbon-Absent. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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Clarification was given to Ron Paice on Resolutions 2016-155 and 2016-156 advising him that the original Bids came in too high and had to be rejected and re-Bid.

There being no further comment on Agenda Items, this portion of the meeting was closed.

**RESOLUTION 2016-152**

A Resolution approving Waiver of Medical/Dental Insurance to Beverly City Municipal Clerk/Registrar Donna F. Snyder and authorizing the Beverly City CFO to issue payment of \$1,040.50 to Ms. Snyder, all required documentation of personal coverage having been submitted, and in accordance with the Beverly City Employee Handbook and the current CWA Contract.

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

**RESOLUTION 2016-153**

A Resolution approving a Discharge of Mortgage for Beverly City property known as Block 1057/Lot 13 (formerly Block 57/Lot 13A), a/k/a/, 251 Warren Street (formerly 245 Warren Street), pursuant to a Moorestown Regional Contribution Agreement per the attached documentation.

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

**RESOLUTION 2016-154A - CONSENT AGENDA**

A Resolution authorizing a Consent Agenda for Resolutions 2016-154 through and including 2016-157 with a Motion by Lowden; Second by Thibault. All in Favor, except Carlbon-Absent. Motion Carried.

**RESOLUTION 2016-154**

A Resolution authorizing entry into a Shared Service Agreement between the City of Beverly and Willingboro Township, as the Lead Agency, for Animal Control Services for the 2017 Calendar Year in accordance with the attached documentation, and with Certification of Funds by the Beverly City CMFO.

**RESOLUTION 2016-155**

A Resolution authorizing Award of Contract to Suburban Propane in the amount of \$1,349.20 for temporary propane equipment(leased)/services at the Municipal Building, per the attached documentation, and with Certification of Funds by the Beverly City CMFO.

**RESOLUTION 2016-156**

A Resolution authorizing Award of Contract to Priority Rental in the amount of \$4,014.88 to provide temporary heating services at the Municipal Building, per the attached documentation, and with Certification of Funds by the Beverly City CMFO.

**RESOLUTION 2016-157**

A Resolution authorizing the Beverly City Tax Collector to release funds to the Beverly City CMFO/Treasurer to deposit Premium Lien Money to the Miscellaneous Revenue Not Anticipated Account in the amount of \$15,800.

Motion to Approve Resolutions 2016-154 through and including 2016-157 made by Thibault; Second by Lowden. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes, except Carlbon-Absent. Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Update on Manor Road Traffic Counts.

In Administrator Wolbert's absence, Clerk Snyder read into the Minutes (see attached) Mr. Wolbert's Report for Council, which included an update on the Manor Road Traffic Counts.

2. Mr. Thibault asked for input from the Solicitor regarding an update on the Waterfront no-parking signage issue. Solicitor Coleman summarized for those present Mr. Thibault's concerns relative to amending our No Parking Ordinance to prohibit cars at certain times. Dusk to Dawn Ordinances are no longer enforceable due to Eastern Standard Time and Daylight Savings Time. Mr. Thibault advised that the area in questions would include the north side of Third Street from Cooper to Broad. No residences would be impacted. Solicitor Coleman stated that he would put something together for Council's next meeting.

3. Mr. Schwedes spoke about our Fences/Walls Ordinance for update. The Solicitor advised that our Ordinance is actually similar in regulation to most towns.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business at this time.

**BILL LIST - November 7, 2016**

Motion to Approve the November 7, 2016 Bill List was made by Lowden; Second by Thibault. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes, except Carbon-Absent. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*(Note that all Correspondence will be handled/filed by and in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.)*

There was no additional Correspondence at this time.

**COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Mayor - Nothing additional at this time.

Council

Mr. Thibault advised that the Tree Lighting is the City's next big event. He reminded everyone that tomorrow was Election Day so be sure to get out and vote.

Mr. Lowden stated that the only signs needed at the Waterfront are "For Sale" signs! He reminded everyone that even though we have no local races tomorrow, to still be sure to get out and vote. Additionally and importantly, Friday, November 11 is Veteran's Day.

Administrator/Public Safety Director

As Administrator Wolbert was not present due to illness, Clerk Snyder read his "Report to Council" into the Minutes (see attached).

Professionals

Solicitor Coleman advised that he continues to work with Administration on issues relative to moving the City forward.

Municipal Clerk

Clerk Snyder advised also that tomorrow, November 8 is Election Day. The Polls are open from 6AM-08PM, and the voting location for all three Beverly City Districts is at the Beverly School on Bentley Avenue, so be sure to get out and exercise your right to vote.

She further advised that 11/15-11/17 is League of Municipalities educational conferencing. Registered for attendance are herself, Elaine Kennedy, Donna Wojculewski, and Dan Schoen. She stated that should anyone from Council be able to attend, they can register at the Conference the day of attendance and return the receipt to the Clerk's Office for reimbursement.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**Bernadine Williams - 215 Laurel; Ralph Rockhill - 216 Laurel; and Renee Smith - 126 Laurel** were in attendance to voice once again their serious concerns regarding street problems in the area of their homes relative to ongoing noise, gambling in the streets, foul language, lack of respect for residents, the Police and anyone/thing else that these groups of individuals come upon. A lengthy discussion took place about the resident's frustration and their not being able to enjoy the peace and quiet of their own homes. It was stated that the Police have advised concerned residents that they don't have the equipment they need to handle the problem (cars, computers, spotlights, cell phones). Ms. Williams further stated that she has spoken and given updates to the Administrator who has advised that something will be done. It was felt that the Police Department are not doing their job.

These three residents stated that they don't feel safe in their own homes, with shootings and drugs being prevalent. They can't even sit on their front porches and are afraid to have their grandchildren over. They stated that on Saturdays and Sundays there are relatively no Officers in the area. Whenever there are problems, they are always called in immediately.

The residents stated that they need answers now. They can't even move because they can't sell their homes! Mr. Thibault stated that he has seen these happenings as well. These types of incidents are unconscionable on the part of the Police Department.

Mr. Bancroft stated that he will talk to the Administrator about a meeting with the Police and we will also follow-up on whether or not a "Meet and Greet" can be done with residents and the Officers.

Ron Paice also advised that when coming out of Mirella's he can't turn left on Second Street because of all the vehicles, people hanging out, and parking around. Mr. Lowden advised that Council appreciated the residents coming out to voice their concerns.

Follow-up will be given to the residents regarding their concerns this evening.

There being no further comments, this portion of the meeting was closed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - RESOLUTION 2016- NO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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 8:15PM was made by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. All in Favor, except Carlbom-Absent. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Date