

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY
SEPTEMBER 27, 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. (In at 7:04PM)

Mark A. Schwedes

Robert D. Thibault

Solicitor: Thomas J. Coleman, III

Raymond/Coleman/Heinold/Norman, LLP

Administrator/Director of Public Safety: Richard A. Wolbert

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

Absent:

Council Member: Lawrence F. Carlbon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 13, 2016 Regular Session Minutes were Approved as corrected on Page 4 under Mr. Wolbert's comments with a Motion by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. There was no Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Please state your name and address clearly for the record.

There was no Public Comment at this time.

(NOTE: Council Member Lowden in attendance at 7:04PM)

ORDINANCE 2016-09: PUBLIC HEARING ~ ADOPTION

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF RENTAL PROPERTIES, REPLACING AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 2008-15.

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Beverly providing for the Registration and Inspection of Rental Properties.

Mr. Bancroft opened the floor to Public Hearing. Mary Ellen Knudson asked what the difference was on the terms "licensing" and "registering". Solicitor Coleman clarified same relative to use of revenue from both and offsetting inspection costs. There being no further comments, Motion to Adopt by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-136 (Inadvertently omitted from Council's 9-13-16 meeting)

AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO REFUND OVERPAID TAXES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$174.59 TO WELLS FARGO HOME LOAN. Motion to Approve by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. Roll Call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-141

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY VEHICLES, PER THE ATTACHED QUOTES, UNDER STATE CONTRACT #88728, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 WITH CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS BY THE BEVERLY CITY CFO. Motion to Approve by Thibault; Second by Lowden. Roll call Vote - All Ayes. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-142

APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE MUNICIPAL EXCESS LIABILITY JOINT INSURANCE FUND MODEL EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK FOR THE CITY OF BEVERLY.

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

RESOLUTION 2016-143

APPOINTING THOMAS J. COLEMAN, III, ESQ. AS HEARING OFFICER FOR ALL STANDARDS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LANDLORD HEARINGS PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 2014-10, ATTACHED HERETO.

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

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS - None.

BILL LIST - September 27, 2016

Motion to Approve the September 27, 2016 Bill List by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. 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 Correspondence was read by Mayor Miller.

1. Richard E. Andronici, JMC - 9/24/16 letter re 8/24/16 Municipal Court In-Session Visitation
2. Clean Communities - Meeting Minutes from 8/30/16.

COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor - Nothing additional at this time.

Council

Mr. Thibault thanked everyone on the Community Events Committee, along with the City's Public Works staff for all their work on September 24 to make the "Festival on Broad Street" a nice day for all. He stated that their next event would be the Halloween Party on October 22.

Mr. Thibault also thanked the City for their approval of the two new Police vehicles, enabling us to be in sync with County equipment. He stated that the Police should have what they need to do their jobs well. He thanked Mr. Wolbert for putting everything together to get this done.

Mr. Schwedes also thanked the Community Events Committee and all Volunteers and Vendors. He added that the new Police vehicles were definitely needed.

Mr. Lowden thanked everyone on the Committee and Volunteers as well as those at City Hall for all their hard work for the Festival. Relative to Economic Development, there have been no meetings recently, but Mr. Wolbert can provide updates as they are presented.

Administrator/Public Safety Director

Mr. Wolbert advised that he would hold his comments until after Public Comment.

Professionals

Solicitor Coleman advised that he continues to work with Administration on assigned projects.

Municipal Clerk - Nothing additional at this time.

Municipal Court Administrator:

Acceptance of August 2016 Court Report. Motion to Accept by Lowden; Second by Schwedes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Code Enforcement and Rental Registration Report:

Acceptance of Report as of 9/26/16. Motion to Accept by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

It was also noted that certain clarifications will be made to the form used.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Please state your name and address clearly for the record.

Administrator Wolbert prefaced Public Comment to make a statement relative to the threat against the Beverly School District today. To be safe, the Beverly School was closed for the day to give the Police Department the opportunity to investigate this. As soon as Intel was received, a message went out to all - on both the School and City Websites, via robocall, and by being onsite at the School this morning. It was concluded that a comment from an adult was picked up by kids, and the story grew. While it turned out that there was no threat against the School District, it was felt that the wise choice was to err on the side of caution. It was noted from this incident that not all Emergency Contact Information sheets had been received by the School. This will be corrected. School will be open tomorrow, September 28, with increased Police presence.

Kelly Milliner - Dory Court

Ms. Milliner opened a lengthy discussion stating her concerns for the safety of her two children as well as all the School children. She wanted to know what the School District was going to do to change security measures to protect the kids.

Mr. Wolbert stated that he would have a conversation re same with the School Superintendent regarding continued safety in the future. He reviewed the various measures that are in place now at the School, as well as the training that takes place with both staff and students relative to these situations. The School District decides how these occurrences are handled and there is continual dialogue as to how to grow and improve.

Mr. Thibault recommended Ms. Milliner take this discussion up with the School Board, advising that all reasonable precautions are in place now. He stated that we cannot live in fear.

Katherine Hawthorne - Wheatley Avenue

Ms. Hawthorne asked if it would be a good idea to utilize metal detectors at the School. The County has them in their buildings. She was advised that on Court days/nights the Police use the hand-held detectors. Ms. Hawthorne also asked what to tell an inquiring five-year old, that it would be good to have some type of pamphlet to read to kids. Mr. Wolbert advised that he would reach out to Kerry Lawler, County Crisis Intervention Team Member at Beverly School, for her input re same.

Ron Paice - Broad Street

Mr. Paice asked if the day off for the School would be taken as one of their "Snow Days". He also felt that it would be a good idea to have a training seminar for parents, grandparents, and residents regarding threats and other security issues.

Mr. Wolbert advised that Thursday is Back-to-School Night.

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 _____

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion to Adjourn at 8PM was made by Thibault; Second by Schwedes. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date