**THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY**

**September 10, 2019**

**7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

*“*The Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting, Resolution 2019-1, was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in City Hall, published in The Burlington County Times on January 9, 2019, emailed to the Camden Courier Post, filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 9, 2019 and was mailed to all persons requesting and paying for same*.”*

Read by Council President Bancroft.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Council President Bancroft led in the Flag Salute.

Council President Bancroft asked for a Moment of Silence for Patriots Day in remembrance of all the first responders for September 11th.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Mayor: Randy H. Miller

Council Members:

Robert H. Bancroft

Grace M. Heron

Robert E. Lowden, Jr.

Mark A. Schwedes

Robert D. Thibault

**Absent:** None

Administrator/Public Safety Director: Richard Wolbert

Thomas Coleman, Esq.

Municipal Clerk: Sheri L Medina

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENT**

**Mary Wolbert – Beverly Sewerage Authority** – expirering Feb. 2024.

\*\*Unexpired term of George Hahn

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to appoint Mary Wolbert to the Beverly Sewerage Authority, Seconded by Councilwomen Heron.**

**Ayes – Heron, Schwedes and Thibault. Nays –None, Absent- None. Abstained – Lowden and Bancroft.**

**Motion passed**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 27, 2019

**Councilman Schwedes made a motion to approve the regular minutes as presented, Second by Councilman Thibault.**

**Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault, and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent- None. Abstained - None.**

**Motion passed**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

No comment

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to close public comment, Second by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE 2019-10-RE- INTRODUCTION-AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY, CHAPTER XX, ZONING**

Mr. Wolbert stated this ordinance was presented to the Planning Board for consideration. Ed Fox from Environmental Resolution was present. Mr. Fox gave many suggestions so that the Ordinance would cover most situations that may arise. The Board felt since there were many significant changes further discussion was needed. This Ordinance is now being re introduced with recommendations and will be present to the Planning Board on September 25th for master Plan consistency review.

**Councilman Schwedes made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-10 as presented, Second by Councilman Thibault.**

**Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, and Bancroft. Nays – Thibault, Absent- none. Abstained - None.**

**ORDINANCE #2019-08 - PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDING SECTION 20-14 OF CHAPTER XX ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION AND CONFIGURATION OF OFF STREET PARKING**

**Open to the Public:**

**1. Kevin Mickle, 807 Third Street,** There are many people parking on front yards, unimproved surfaces. More so people who are parking in the driveways tend to cross the sidewalk which is prohibited. Mr. Wolbert explained this ordinance would regulate homeowners to only be able to have 25% of the parcel dedicated to off street parking.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to close public comment, Second by Councilwoman Heron.**

**Councilman Lowden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-08 as presented, Second by Councilman Schwedes**

**Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault, and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent- none. Abstained - None.**

**Motion passed**

**ORDINANCE 2019-09 – PUBLIC HEARING- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY, CHAPTER XX, SECTION 20-13 ENTITLED *FENCES AND WALLS.***

**Open to the Public:**

None

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to close public comment, Second by Councilwoman Heron.**

**Councilman Lowden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-09 as presented, Second by Councilman Thibault.**

**Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault, and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent- None. Abstained - None.**

**Motion passed**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION 2019-97- RESOLUTION APPOINTING THOMAS SCHOENLEBER AS BEVERLY CITY SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARD.**

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-97 as presented, Second by Councilwoman Heron.**

**Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault, and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent- None. Abstained - None.**

**Motion passed**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussions

1**. One - way, Bentley Ave.**

Beverly Police Department is requesting Council to explore the idea of making Bentley Ave one- way. Traffic gets backed up during school hours, pick up and drop off. There were a few suggestions from making the street one way to two way during school hours. After a short discussion the decision is to have the City Engineer attend the meeting Council meeting and discuss the options.

2. **Transform N.J.**

Mr. Wolbert stated he had a conversation with Dale Thompson in regard to a presentation being held at the Burlington County Library by Eric Estrada, “County Foundation of New Jersey”. The presentation will be held on September 20th. Five representatives from the city are

Required to be able to participate in the program.

This program gives the Municipalities access to $100,000.00 to create foundations. The presentation explains the process in setting up the foundations.

**BILL LIST**

Bill list for September 10, 2019

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to approve the bills lists, Second by Councilwoman Heron.**

**Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault, and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent-. Abstained - None.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**COMMENTS**

**Mayor Miller** stated unfortunately today is Suicide Remembrance Day. This seems to be a growing problem among people between the ages of 16 and 36. We all need to extend ourselves to one another.

**Councilwoman Heron** stated she agreed with the comments of Mayor Miller and also the remembrance of September 11th.

**Councilman Schwedes** also stated we need to remember September 11th.

**Councilman Lowden** reminded everyone to vote. There will be a planning Board meeting on September 25th. Councilman Lowden spoke about his remembrances of September 11th and how it was a terrible day and how it turned the Country upside down. Hope that never happens again.

Councilman Thibault spoke about National Suicide Day and it’s a shame of what this country has come to. Hard to believe that the tragic happenings on September 11th has been 18 years ago. It’s important to remember that day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Kevin Mickll, 807 Third Street, spoke about a few properties with property maintenance issues.

2. John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, stated it is nice to see more residents attending the meeting. Mr. Haaf attended the open house for the school and it was a fantastic event. The school looked great and everyone should be proud. The medina center and music have recently been added.

3. Nancy McGee, 600 Bentley Ave, spoke about the speeding around the school .

4. Bernice McGee, 410 Laurel Street, stated concerns about drivers speeding on Bridge Street and with the many potholes.

5. Ron Paice, 526 Broad Street, Mentioned the presentation of Spoon River by the Library Board members. This presentation will be the second Sunday in November 10th at 2:00pm.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to close public comment, Second by Councilman Lowden.**

**Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

Council President Bancroft called for executive session at 8:30pm.

**RESOLUTION 2019 –99 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**

**\_\_\_\_\_Acquisition of Real Property**

**\_\_\_\_\_Contractual Matters**

\_\_\_\_\_**Pending or Anticipated Litigation**

\_\_X \_**Personnel Matters**

**\_\_\_\_\_Review of Executive Session Minutes**

Council resumed regular session at 8:40pm.

**RESOLUTION 2019-98 - APPROVING A SALARY INCREASE FOR REGISTERED MUNICIPAL CLERK CERTIFICATION.**

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-98 as presented, Second by Councilman Schwedes.**

**Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault, and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent- None. Abstained - None.**

**Motion passed**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilman Schwedes made a motion to adjourn at 8:41 PM, Seconded by Councilman Thibault.**

**Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully Submitted

Sheri L Medina, RMC/CMR

Municipal Clerk