

# THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY

October 8, 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.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:**

Mayor: Randy H. Miller

Council Members:

Robert H. Bancroft

Robert E. Lowden, Jr.

Mark A. Schwedes

Robert D. Thibault

Administrator/Public Safety Director: Richard Wolbert

Thomas Coleman, Esq.

Municipal Clerk: Sheri L Medina

**Absent:** Grace M. Heron

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 24, 2019 Regular Session and Executive Session.

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to approve the Regular minutes and Executive Session as presented, Second by Councilman Schwedes with corrections.**

**Ayes –Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault, and Bancroft. Nays –None,**

**Absent- Heron. Abstained - None.**

**\*\* Councilman Schwedes abstained from the Executive Session minutes.**

**Motion passed**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

John Haaf- Beverly Housing Authority

Councilman Thibault made a motion to appoint Mr. Haaf to the Housing Authority, Seconded by Councilman Lowden.

## **DISCUSSION**

Meeting dates for December 2020.

Mr. Wolbert explained the Clerk is working on the meeting dates resolution for Re-Organization and a decision on whether to have one or two meetings has to be discussed.

Council agreed to one meeting for December 2020. The meeting will be held on December 15, 2020.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None

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

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

## **ORDINANCES**

### **ORDINANCE 2019-11- PUBLIC HEARING- AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY, ESTABLISHING CURB AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS REGULATION**

#### **Open to the Public:**

**1. Ronald Paice, 527 Broad Street,** stated over the past few days there have been crosswalks painted on Cooper Street, is this the Ordinance 2019-11 is about.  
Mr. Wolbert stated that Cooper Street is a County Road, this Ordinance will allow painting the streets for the municipal roads.

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

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

**Councilman Lowden made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-11 as presented, Second by Councilman Thibault.**  
**Ayes –Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault and Bancroft. Nays – none, Absent- Heron. Abstained -none.**

### **ORDINANCE 2019-12 PUBLIC HEARING-AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY, AMENDING CHAPTER XIII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY ENTITLED "FIRE SAFETY".**

#### **Open to the Public:**

**1. Beverly Haaf, 124 Riverbank,** stated she had a conversation with Joe Robinson, Fire Administrator, he informed her there is information on the Beverly Fire website.

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

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

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-12 as presented, Second by Councilman Schwedes.  
Ayes –Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault and Bancroft. Nays – None, Absent- Heron.  
Abstained - None.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **RESOLUTION 2019-103-RESOLUTION REFUNDING OVERPAID TAXES 117 LAUREL STREET.**

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-103 as presented, Second by Councilman Lowden.  
Ayes –Lowden, Schwedes, and Bancroft. Nays – Thibault, Absent- Heron.  
Abstained - None.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Community Camera Incentive Program**

Mr. Wolbert explained possibly implementing a program that would give landlords a discounted rate on rental registration fees if cameras are installed on their property. These cameras would not be pointed towards the homes or in the yards. The cameras would point towards the streets. The police would be granted access to the recordings should an incident occur. The landlords can allow live streaming to the police department if requested.

Mr. Wolbert stated he has had conversations with some of the landlords and they said they would participate. He also stated that the City has obtained numerous videos from homeowners in the past.

The police would need to do yearly inspections to assure the cameras are in working order.

Mr. Coleman, City Solicitor stated North Jersey offers this type of program. Councilman Thibault stated these cameras would be helpful but what would the incentive be. Mr. Wolbert stated the fee could be reduced by 50 % per unit.

Mr. Wolbert will work with Mr. Coleman to prepare information for the next Council meeting.

## **BILL LIST**

Bill list for October 8, 2019

**Councilman Schwedes made a motion to approve the bills lists, Second by Councilman Thibault.  
Ayes –Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault, and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent- Heron.  
Abstained - None.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### COMMENTS

#### Mayor

**Mayor Miller** stated he had nothing for the good of the order.

#### Council

**Councilman Schwedes** stated he was glad to see fall arrive.

**Councilman Lowden** stated the camera incentive program is a good idea. Also there is only one week left to register to vote.

**Councilman Thibault** welcomed fall with the leaves changing. Community events are working on the sleigh for Santa and the parade. Councilman Thibault thanked the public for coming out to the meeting.

#### Administrator/Public Safety Director

**Mr. Wolbert** stated the City received a letter from NJ Transit, request for expressions of interest are being done as they are looking to develop along the river line.

The Magnolia Street project is progressing should be completed in about three weeks.

The Public Works Department will start repairing storm water inlets.

Roof repair on the Municipal building will begin next week.

The locks on the Emergency Squad building were changes.

#### Professionals

**Tom Coleman** stated he had nothing at this time.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. **Ronald Paice**, 527 Broad Street, mentioned a rummage sale being held at St Stephens's church on Saturday and Sunday.
2. **John Haaf**, 124 Riverbank, asked if permits will be needed for the cameras for rentals. Mr. Wolbert stated no because they are low voltage.
3. **Nancy McGee**, Bentley Ave., Ms. McGee stated at the last meeting she had mentioned a school bus and a white jeep that are parking too close to intersections but they have been moved. Now the white jeep parks on the other corner too close to the intersection at Cherry Street. Also when will there be a new crossing guard for Cherry Street?
4. **Amy Bent**, Cooper Street, Mrs. Bent questioned who to speak to about a street light being out. Mr. Wolbert stated a call can be made directly to PSE&G or call the City office and a call will be made.

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

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

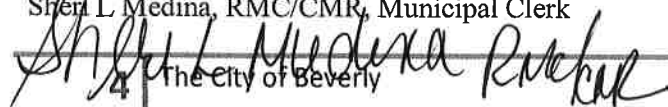
### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM, Seconded by Councilman Lowden.**

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

Respectfully Submitted

Sheri L Medina, RMC/CMR, Municipal Clerk

  
The City of Beverly