

# THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY

September 24, 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

Grace M. Heron

Robert E. Lowden, Jr.

Mark A. Schwedes

Robert D. Thibault

**Absent:** None

Administrator/Public Safety Director: Richard Wolbert

Stephen Raymond Jr., Esq.

Municipal Clerk: Sheri L Medina

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 10, 2019 Regular Minutes

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

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

**Motion passed**

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

1. Sheryl Merrill, 615 Melbourne, question the discussion on Bentley Ave.
2. Nancy McGee, 600 Bentley Ave, questioned the discussion on Bentley Ave.
3. Joe Console, 121 Walnut Ave, asked why Council is considering making Bentley Ave one way.

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

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

## **DISCUSSION**

**Making Bentley Ave one way from Pine Street to Cherry Street.**

*Stacey Arcari, P.E, P.P., PTOE, C.M.E.*

Mr. Wolbert explained at the last Council meeting he was asked by the police department to discuss with Council the possibility to make Bentley a one way street between Cherry Street and Pine Street. It was also discussed as to whether to make it permanent one way or only during certain times of the day.

Ms. Arcari, traffic Engineer for Environmental Resolutions, stated Bentley Ave is currently a two way Street with street parking except in front of the school which makes the travel lane narrow. During school drop off and pick up times that area becomes congested along with many children crossing the intersection of Pine and Bentley. It is Ms. Arcari recommendation is that the one way be a permanent change as to not confuse drivers. Also this will be a better traffic flow in case emergency vehicles have to get through.

Ms. Acari stated new signage will be required and that she will supply what will be needed.

Mr. Wolbert explained that a traffic counter can be place on Bentley to see what traffic is at certain times of the day.

Councilman Thibault stated he recommends a permanent one way change for Bentley Ave.

Mr. Wolbert stated he will work with Mrs. Arcari to put together an Ordinance for the next meeting for consideration.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **ORDINANCE 2019-03- REVOTE-BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT.**

**Councilman Schwedes made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-03 as presented, Second by Councilman Thibault.**

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

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

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-11 as presented, Second by Councilman Lowden.**

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

### **ORDINANCE 2019-12 INTRODUCTION-AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY, AMENDING CHAPTER XIII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY ENTITLED “FIRE SAFETY”.**

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

## RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION 2019 – 100- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO A SUBORDINATION AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO 434 COOPER STREET, BEVERLY, NEW JERSEY 08010

Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-100 as presented, Second by Councilwoman Heron.  
Ayes – Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Thibault, and Bancroft. Nays –None, Absent- None.  
Abstained - None.  
Motion passed

### RESOLUTION 2019-101- RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ELAINE KENNEDY.

Councilman Thibault made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-101 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

None

## BILL LIST

Bill list for September 24, 2019

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. Beverly City Fire District will be hosting an open house and fire apparatus display on October 17, 2019, starting at 7:00pm in front of Station # 2 on Broad Street.
2. PSE&G petition for approval of changes in its electric and gas societal benefits charge. Public hearing to be held: October 7, 2019 @4:30PM

Burlington County Administration Building  
49 Rancocas Road Mt. Holly

3. PSE&G petition for approval of the next phase of the gas system modernization program.  
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## COMMENTS

### Mayor

Mayor Miller had nothing for the good of the order.

### Council

Councilwoman Heron had no comment.

Councilman Lowden stated there will be a planning board meeting tomorrow night. Also everyone needs to get out and vote. Registration forms are in the Clerk's Office.

Councilman Schwedes stated it is sad to see Mrs. Kennedy move on.

Councilman Thibault stated he is glad to see Beverly moving ahead with the Ordinance for Bentley Ave. After reading the booklet from the JIF, Beverly's doing a great job being safe and keeping our premiums down. Fall is among us.

### Administrator/Public Safety Director

Mr. Wolbert stated he had nothing at this time.

### Professionals

Stephen Raymond Jr. had noting at this time.

### Municipal Court Report for August 2019

Reviewed

### Endeavor Emergency Squad Monthly Statistics Report for August 2019

Reviewed

## PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Ronald Paice, 528 Broad Street, Mr. Paice spoke about the Beverly Free Library Trustees will be putting on a play in St Stephen's Cemetery on Oak Street on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. Nancy McGee, 600 Bentley Ave, Ms. McGee stated there is a white Jeep that parks too close to the end of the street and causes drivers to have to pull out into the roadway to see around it.
3. Paul Lucca, 52 Cooper street, Mr. Lucca stated the cars that park on both sides of Cooper up by the liquor sore makes it difficult to get down the street. He also spoke about the missing curb in front of his house. Mr. Lucca stated he did not like that the Tax Assessor was on his property without prior notice and wanted to make the Council aware.

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

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

Council went into executive session at 8:47PM.

**RESOLUTION 2019 – 102 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.

**Acquisition of Real Property  
Negotiations  
Possible pending litigation**

Council resumed regular session at 9:24PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilman Thibault made a motion to adjourn at 9:18 PM, Seconded by  
Councilwoman Heron.**

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

Respectfully Submitted

  
Sheri L Medina, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk

