

**City of Beverly
Burlington County
February 25, 2020 – 7:30PM
Regular Session**

MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beverly, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey was held on the aforementioned date with the following in attendance: Mayor Randy H. Miller, Council President Robert H. Bancroft, Councilman Robert E. Lowden, Jr., Councilwoman Grace M. Heron, Councilman Mark Schwedes, Councilwoman Bernadine Williams, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Thomas J. Coleman, Esq., and Municipal Clerk Caitlin Midgette.

Council President Bancroft called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

The following opening statement was read by Council President Bancroft:

“The Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting, Resolution 2020-1, was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in City Hall, published in The Burlington County Times on January 12, 2020, emailed to the Camden Courier Post, filed with the Municipal Clerk on January 12, 2020 and was mailed to all persons requesting and paying for same.”

The above was followed by the Flag Salute and Roll Call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 11, 2020

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to approve the above listed minutes. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Heron

Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There being no preliminary public comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Heron and seconded by Councilman Lowden to close same. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2020-2: An Ordinance Amending Chapter XXII of the Code of the City of Beverly Entitled “Towing and Storage”

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2020-2. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Heron to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Ordinance 2020-2. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020-39: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Beverly, Discharge of Mortgages on the Property Known as Block 205, Lot 10, FKA Block 5, AKA 1015 Ashton Avenue

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Heron to adopt Resolution 2020-39. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent:

Resolution 2020-40: Resolution Appointing Paula M. Steere as Housing Secretary, Code Enforcement Officer, and Finance/Tax/Payroll Clerk for the City of Beverly

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2020-40. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent:

Resolution 2020-41: Resolution Appointing Gary Burgin as Fire Subcode Official for the City of Beverly

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Heron and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2020-41. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent:

Resolution 2020-42: Resolution Establishing Fees for Certain Municipal Court Records Request Pursuant to New Jersey Court Rule 1:38

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Heron and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2020-42. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent:

Resolution 2020-43: Resolution Authorizing a Handicap (Restricted) Parking Space for a Resident at 533 Bentley

City Administrator Wolbert noted that approval of the aforementioned parking space would be conditional upon the submission of additional required documentation from the resident.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Heron and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2020-43. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Schwedes inquired as to when the NJ American Water pipeline replacement project would begin. City Administrator Wolbert stated that a specific date for the commencement of same has yet to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

BILL LIST

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Heron to approve the Bill List. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilman Lowden stated that Beverly's Historical Society holds an open house the first Saturday of every month, and that private tours can be given by request.

City Administrator Wolbert informed the Common Council of the following: the new weapons for the Police Department have been received and that officers will undergo training for same; the new street signs have been received and installation of same will shortly commence; the Public Works Department will be re-facing all stop signs; preparation of the budget is underway; all employee computers will be required to be updated; and that the City recently submitted a RFP for banking services.

Councilman Lowden inquired if the County will replace street signs at its intersections. Mr. Wolbert noted that the County is not responsible for street signs, and that all municipalities are responsible for the purchase of same. Additionally, Mr. Lowden inquired about the size of signs designating the miles per hour on County roadways as compared to municipally owned roads. Mr. Wolbert stated that there are factors specified within State law that determine the size of such signs.

MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT – January 2020

The above report was reviewed by the Common Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ronald Paice, 527 Broad Street, inquired about the new employee hire per Resolution 2020-40, and whether the individual positions will be paid separately and if the positions are in conflict. City Administrator Wolbert explained that the employee will be paid for all positions in one annual salary and that the responsibilities of each position are congruent.

Bev Haaf, 124 Riverbank, stated that the Beverly Free Library serves both Beverly City and Edgewater Park, and that the library's information will be in the Beverly Bee this month under Beverly City's section.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired as to the status of the elevator at the Municipal Building. City Administrator Wolbert stated that the check from the insurance company was recently received, which will allow work to commence on the elevator. Mr. Wolbert further noted that the mold remediation has been completed.

Daniel Cannon, 610 Bentley Avenue, questioned the denial of his request for a handicapped parking space in front of his residence at the previous Council Meeting. Additionally, Mr. Cannon inquired about a letter he received regarding turning Bentley Avenue into a one-way street. Mr. Wolbert clarified both matters, and noted that the one-way on Bentley Avenue had previously been approved by the Common Council.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:13PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

**Caitlin Midgette, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk**

Approved: March 10, 2020