

**City of Beverly
Burlington County
May 12, 2020 – 5:00PM
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 via conference call 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 5:03PM.

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, transmitted 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. Notice that this meeting will be held via conference call at 5:00PM was published in The Burlington County Times on May 3, 2020, transmitted to the Courier Post, posted on the City’s official website, and sent to all persons requesting same.”

The above was followed by the Flag Salute, Moment of Silence, and Roll Call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Regular Session: April 28, 2020**

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

Aye: Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No comments.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of Chicken Keeping

City Administrator Wolbert stated that there have been residents who have requested the ability to keep chickens on their property. After some discussion, it was determined that a draft ordinance will be prepared for Council's consideration.

BILL LIST

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to approve the Bill List for May 12, 2020. 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

Mayor Miller wished everyone well, and Councilwoman Heron stated that she hoped all are staying safe during the public health crisis.

City Administrator Wolbert informed the Common Council that after Memorial Day, office hours will be increased. However, the municipal building will still be closed on Fridays and closed to the public until further notice. The staff will continue to follow the State's direction on social distancing. Though the area has started to see a decrease in COVID-19 cases, gatherings in parks are still prohibited.

Regarding the upcoming budget introduction, Mr. Wolbert stated that the City will need to budget for increased trash collection due to the quarantine, repairs for police vehicles that are no longer covered under warranty, and the purchase of additional public works equipment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Heron and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close public comment. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Heron to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:22PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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

Approved: May 26, 2020