

**City of Beverly  
Burlington County  
August 11, 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, Councilwoman Grace M. Heron, Councilman Robert E. Lowden, Jr., Councilman Mark Schwedes, Councilwoman Bernadine Williams, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Thomas Coleman, and Municipal Clerk Caitlin Midgette.

Council President Bancroft called the meeting to order at 5:01PM.

The following opening statement was read by City Clerk Midgette:

*“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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to close the preliminary public comment on agenda items only. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**• Regular Session: July 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:

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business presented.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business presented.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution 2020-71: Resolution of the City Of Beverly, in the County Of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, Approving Amendment to Affordable Housing Agreement with 438 Cooper Street, LLC and Authorizing Execution of Documents Related to Same**

City Administrator Wolbert stated that the City currently has an agreement with 438 Cooper Street, LLC for two RCA units, and the developer is now requesting additional funding for a third deed restricted RCA unit at the same property. If the Common Council approves the third unit for same, there will be approximately six credits left in total under the City's RCA program.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Heron and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2020-71. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

### **Resolution 2020-72: Resolution of the City Of Beverly, in the County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey Authorizing Amendment to Developer's Agreement with 438 Cooper Street, LLC**

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Heron and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2020-72. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

## **BILL LIST**

*Bill List for August 11, 2020*

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Heron to approve the Bill List of August 11, 2020. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Heron, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence presented.

## **MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

Mayor Miller expressed condolences to Councilman Lowden and Public Works Supervisor Mike Haws for their recent losses.

Councilwoman Heron expressed her condolences as well, and hoped that all were staying safe and healthy during this time.

Councilman Lowden thanked everyone for their condolences, and stated that his family member passed from complications of COVID-19.

Councilman Schwedes also expressed his condolences, and thanked the Public Works Department for its cleanup efforts in response to the recent storm.

Councilwoman Williams reflected Mr. Schwedes comments, and inquired if the DPW staff can address the major potholes in the City. City Administrator Wolbert stated that DPW will begin to patch the City's potholes and continue chipping storm debris as well. Additionally, Mr. Wolbert stated that the City will be looking to hire a third employee for the DPW, and thanked the Beverly Sewerage Authority for its assistance in the storm cleanup. Mr. Wolbert noted that the Police Department, EMS Squad, and Fire Departments all worked well together during the recent storm, and plan to develop more efficient policies to deal with storm damage in the future.

City Administrator Wolbert updated the Common Council on the following matters: only one bid was received for trash collection services, which will result in a slight price increase if the contract is awarded to the sole bidder; the Police Department will be hiring two new officers to start the police academy in September; the new DPW equipment is on backorder; the County will jet 1,400 feet of storm drains throughout the City; and a claim was submitted to the insurance company for a tree that fell from behind the Municipal Building and damaged the fence of the adjoining property.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilwoman Heron to close the public comment section of the meeting. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:19PM.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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

Approved: August 25, 2020