

**City of Beverly
Burlington County
October 13, 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 with the following in attendance: Mayor Randy H. Miller, 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 Robert H. Bancroft was absent from tonight's meeting.

Council President Pro-Tem Heron called the meeting to order at 5:02PM.

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 in-person at 5:00PM was published in The Burlington County Times on September 11, 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 preliminary comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to close same. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• Regular Session: September 22, 2020

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to approve the above listed set of minutes. Motion carried.

• Executive Session: September 22, 2020

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to approve the above listed set of minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

City Administrator Wolbert stated that the CDC has released guidelines for trick-or-treating and suggested that the City allow for same. However, those wishing to participate will be doing so at

their own risk and should follow said recommended guidelines and certain time constraints. The Council agreed with same.

Mayor Miller arrived to the meeting at 5:07PM.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020-88: Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Beverly for the Certification of Annual Audit

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2020-88. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Heron

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bancroft

Resolution 2020-89: Resolution Authorizing Correction of Tax Assessment and Issuance of Tax Refund for 28 Church Street (Block 1486, Lot 10)

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2020-89. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Heron

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bancroft

Resolution 2020-90: Resolution Authorizing the Award of Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Carlton 1712 Apache Drum Chipper with Hydraulic Winch Option for the City of Beverly through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System (65MCESCCPS)

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2020-90. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Heron

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bancroft

BILL LIST

Bill List for October 13, 2020

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to approve the Bill List of October 13, 2020. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Heron

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bancroft

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Miller stated that he received email correspondence from the State of New Jersey regarding COVID-19 financial assistance in which the City may be eligible to receive.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Miller thanked Council President Pro-Tem Heron for her years of service.

Councilman Lowden wished Ms. Heron the best of luck in her future endeavors. Additionally, Mr. Lowden noted that the Riverfront Historical Society received an award from the County for its preservation efforts of the chapel at the historic Monument Cemetery, and thanked the City staff for the success of the 2019 audit.

Councilman Schwedes thanked Ms. Heron for her service, thanked the staff for the success of the audit, and thanked the Public Safety Director and Police Department for their pursuit of bolawrap equipment and training.

Councilwoman Williams, City Solicitor Coleman, and City Clerk Midgette wished Ms. Heron the best of luck.

City Administrator Wolbert explained the purpose of the bolawrap to the public, and noted that the City has the only police officers in Burlington County to be certified trainers for the device. Mr. Wolbert thanked Council for its approval of the chipper purchase, and noted that the purchase of a dump truck will be before Council's consideration in the near future.

The Municipal Court report for September 2020 was reviewed without comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Russell, 608 Manor Road, thanked City Administrator Wolbert for his help after a traffic incident involving a tractor trailer on Manor Road. Additionally, Ms. Russell inquired about the City's policy on open burning and fireworks, and inquired if the Police Department has a plan to address speeding throughout the City. City Administrator Wolbert responded to Ms. Russell's concerns.

Andy Russell, 608 Manor Road, reflected Ms. Russell's above comments, and inquired if there is a more efficient way to direct tractor trailer traffic through more appropriate routes.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, thanked Council President Pro-Tem Heron for her service. Additionally, Mr. Haaf reflected Councilman Lowden's comments regarding the award received

by the Riverfront Historical Society from the County for restoration work completed on the chapel at Monument Cemetery.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:56PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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

Approved: October 27, 2020