

**City of Beverly
Burlington County
October 27, 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, Council President Robert H. Bancroft, 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 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.

OATH OF OFFICE

Council Member (Unexpired Term ending December 31, 2021)

A nomination was made by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Lowden to appoint Riccardo Dale to the Common Council to fill the unexpired term of Grace Heron, ending on December 31, 2021. There being no additional nominations, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close nominations.

Resolution 2020-91: Resolution Appointing Riccardo Dale as Council Member for the City of Beverly to Fulfill Unexpired Term

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

City Solicitor Coleman administered the oath of office to Mr. Dale.

A second roll call was performed, with the following members in attendance: *Mayor Randy H. Miller, Council President Robert H. Bancroft, Councilman Riccardo Dale, Councilman Robert E. Lowden, Jr., Councilman Mark A. Schwedes, and Councilwoman Bernadine Williams.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired about the purpose of Resolution 2020-33. City Administrator Wolbert clarified same.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Councilman Lowden requested a correction to the above minutes as it relates to his comments regarding the award given by the County for the reconstruction of the chapel at Monument Cemetery.

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

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Dale

Absent:

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020-92: Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2020-33 for the Purchase of a 2020 Ford Super Duty F-450 through the Sourcewell National Cooperative Pricing System

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2020-92. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Dale

Absent:

Resolution 2020-93: Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for the Purchase of a 2021 Ford Super Duty F-450 through the Sourcewell National Cooperative Pricing System

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2020-93. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2020-94: Resolution Authorizing Refund to Sean McMonagle for the 2020 Farmer's Market Vendor Registration Fee

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2020-94. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2020-95: Resolution Authorizing Entry into a Subordination Agreement with Respect to 438 Cooper Street, Beverly, New Jersey 08010

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2020-95. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Dale

Absent:

BILL LIST

Bill List for October 27, 2020

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to approve the Bill List of October 27, 2020. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Dale

Absent:

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Miller congratulated Councilman Dale for his appointment to the Common Council.

Councilman Lowden welcomed Councilman Dale, and noted that holding public offices comes with many challenges.

Councilman Schwedes congratulated Councilman Dale, and inquired about the demo for the new chipper. City Administrator Wolbert stated that the demo was successful. Finally, Mr. Schwedes encouraged the public to vote at the upcoming election.

Councilwoman Williams, Council President Bancroft, and City Clerk Midgette welcomed Councilman Dale.

Councilman Dale stated that it was an honor to be appointed to the Common Council, and hopes to bring positive changes to the City.

City Administrator Wolbert expressed that he looks forward to working with Mr. Dale. Regarding trick-or-treating, Mr. Wolbert stated that a notice was published on the City's website stating that trick-or-treating can be done at the individual's own risk, and that there will be a curfew of 8:00PM for same.

The Endeavour EMS reports for July, August, and September 2020 were reviewed without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tamara Lowden, 166 Delacove, congratulated Councilman Dale. Ms. Lowden also expressed concern and frustration over the recent fatal shooting that took place at Delacove Homes.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, recommended that the City consider nightly barricades or another solution to prevent the build-up of debris at the riverfront park.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2020-96: Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Common Council, and Support Staff to Meet in Private Session and Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from that Portion of the Meeting Dealing with Specific Issues Requiring Non-Public Discussions

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2020-96 and convene into Executive Session. Motion carried. City Solicitor Coleman stated that no formal action will be taken at the conclusion of Executive Session. The Mayor, Common Council, and support staff entered Executive Session at 5:37PM, and returned to the public portion of the meeting at 6:31PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:33PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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

Approved: November 10, 2020