

**City of Beverly  
Burlington County  
November 24, 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 via conference call on the aforementioned date with the following in attendance: Mayor Randy H. Miller, Council President Robert H. Bancroft, Councilman Riccardo Dale, Councilman Robert E. Lowden, Jr., Councilman Mark Schwedes, Councilwoman Bernadine Williams, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Tom Coleman, Esq., 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 November 19, 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 and Roll Call.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

No members of the public were in attendance at tonight’s meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Regular Session: November 10, 2020**
- **Executive Session: November 10, 2020**

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to approve the above listed sets of minutes, with a spelling error correction for regular session. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was presented.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Tree Lighting:* City Administrator Wolbert inquired if the Common Council would be interested in holding a tree lighting ceremony. Given the continued safety concerns with the ongoing pandemic, it was determined by the Common Council to forgo a public tree lighting this year.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2020-100: Resolution in the City of Beverly, in the County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Developer’s Agreement with Beverly Revitalization Group, LLC for 217 Cooper Street**

Mayor Miller inquired about the purpose of the aforementioned resolution. City Administrator Wolbert clarified same.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2020-100. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

## **CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2020-101: Resolution of the City of Beverly, in the County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, Approving Affordable Housing Agreements with Kenneth O’Neill and Authorizing Execution of Documents Related to Same for 217 Cooper Street**

**Resolution 2020-102: Resolution in the City of Beverly, in the County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, Authorizing a Developer’s Agreement with Beverly Revitalization Group, LLC for 432 Wilmerton Street**

**Resolution 2020-103: Resolution of the City of Beverly, in the County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, Approving Affordable Housing Agreements with Kenneth O’Neill and Authorizing Execution of Documents Related to Same for 432 Wilmerton Street**

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

City Administrator Wolbert stated that with the approval of the above Regional Contribution Agreements, there will be six RCA units remaining.

### **BILL LIST**

*Bill List for November 24, 2020*

Councilman Schwedes inquired as to the payment for Servpro. City Administrator Wolbert clarified same.

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to approve the Bill List of November 24, 2020. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Miller notified the Common Council that correspondence was received from the NJDOT regarding the City's application for state aid for improvements to Jennings Street, Perkins Street, Church Street, and Parker Street. The City was awarded \$240,000 in state aid for said projects.

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

Mayor Miller thanked Senator Troy Singleton, the County Freeholders, and the municipal employees that organized and participated in the successful contactless, pop-up food pantry held at the riverfront.

Councilman Dale stated that he'd like to move forward in establishing the previously discussed ad hoc community outreach committee and gauging public interest in participating in same. City Administrator Wolbert stated that the City will need to prepare guidelines for members of the public wishing to participate in said committee.

Councilman Lowden and Councilman Schwedes wished all a Happy Thanksgiving, and commented positively on the aforementioned NJDOT grant.

Councilwoman Williams inquired if the roads that were opened during New Jersey American Water's pipe replacement project will be repaved. City Administrator Wolbert noted that the City Engineer is working with NJAW to schedule same.

The Municipal Court report for October 2020 was reviewed without comment.

The Endeavour EMS report for October 2020 was reviewed without comment.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:32PM.

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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

Approved: December 8, 2020