

**City of Beverly
Burlington County
December 8, 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

• Regular Session: November 24, 2020

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

2021 Council Committee Assignments: City Administrator Wolbert asked that members of Council submit their requests for committee assignments for next year.

Route 130/Delaware River Corridor Strategic Plan Endorsement: City Administrator Wolbert stated that the City was given the Centers of Place designation by the State of New Jersey in the late 1990s, the same of which provides the City with special consideration for grant funds and project assistance from various departments at the state. This endorsement has expired, and the state is requesting that the City redo the endorsement process in order to maintain the designation. The requirements of the process were explained. The Council agreed to pursue the Centers of Place designation.

Review of 2021 Professional RFPs: City Administrator Wolbert stated that proposals for 2021 professional services were received and noted that the same were available at City Hall for review by members of Council.

JIF 2021 Optional Coverages: City Administrator Wolbert stated that the JIF has provided the City with optional insurance plans that can be purchased. After discussion, it was determined that certain changes in insurance coverage will be selected.

BILL LIST

Bill List for December 8, 2020

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to approve the Bill List of December 8, 2020. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent: Lowden (briefly disconnected from call)

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020-104: Resolution Authorizing Payment to the Beverly Free Library

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2020-104. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft
Nay:
Abstain:
Absent:

Resolution 2020-105: Resolution Authorizing Payment to the Beverly Bee Newspaper

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2020-105. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2020-106: Resolution Authorizing Transfer of 2020 Budget Appropriations

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2020-106. 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 Memorial Ave, Manor Road, and Cherry Street. No state aid will be provided for said project, but the application can be resubmitted next year. City Administrator Wolbert stated that though this application was denied for funding, the City's second application for Jennings Street, Church Street, Perkins Street, and Parker Street was approved in the amount of \$240,000.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Miller encouraged the public to continue to take safety precautions as the pandemic is still ongoing and vaccines for the general public have yet to be made available.

Councilman Schwedes noted that the Beverly Bee Newspaper and the Beverly Free Library are positive organizations that benefit the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no 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 Councilwoman Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:32PM.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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

Approved: December 22, 2020