

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 27, 2021 – 5:00PM**

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 Thomas J. Coleman III., Esq., and Municipal Clerk Caitlin Midgette.

Council President Bancroft called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

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 and notice of the electronic format, Resolution 2021-1, was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in City Hall, published in The Burlington County Times on January 8, 2021, transmitted to the Camden Courier Post, filed with the Municipal Clerk, and was mailed to all persons requesting and paying for same.”

The above was followed by the Flag Salute, Moment of Silence, and Roll Call.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There being no members of the public present at tonight’s meeting, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close preliminary public comment. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 13, 2021

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 at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented at this time.

BILL LIST

- Bill List for April 27, 2021

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to approve the bill list. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2021-4: Ordinance of the City of Beverly, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Restricting Parking on Specific Streets (Cherry Street)

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2021-4. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Ordinance 2021-4. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Ordinance 2021-6: An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Beverly, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Imposing a Transfer Tax on the Sale of Cannabis by Licensed Businesses Operating in the City and a User Tax on Concurrent License Holders Operating More Than One Establishment

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2021-6. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Ordinance 2021-6. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2021-5: An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Beverly, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing Section 20-6 and 20-28 of Chapter XX Entitled “Zoning” of the Code of the City of Beverly to Create Additional Permitted Uses in the C3 Waterfront Development District

City Administrator Wolbert explained that the above ordinance needs to be reintroduced due to the substantial changes of same made at the previous meeting.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to introduce Ordinance 2021-5. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021-45: Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement to New Jersey American Water for Road Opening Permit Fees

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-45. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2021-46: Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Chesterfield for Certified Recycling Professional Services

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2021-46. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2021-47: Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate on 225 Railroad Avenue (Formerly Known as Block 91, Lot 1)

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2021-47. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2021-48: Resolution Amending Resolution 2021-4 as Related to Crossing Guard Appointments for the 2021 Calendar Year

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-48. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2021-49: Resolution Appointing Acacia Financial as Financial Advisor for the City of Beverly

City Administrator Wolbert stated that the appointment of a Financial Advisor is necessary to hold a public sale on the City's bond anticipation notes.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2021-49. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2021-50: Resolution of the City Common Council of the City Of Beverly, County of Burlington, New Jersey Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Up to \$933,000 Aggregate Principal Amount of its General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021; Making Certain Covenants to Maintain the Exemption of the Interest on Said Bonds from Federal Income Taxation; and Authorizing Such Further Actions and Making Such Determinations as May be Necessary or Appropriate to Effectuate the Issuance and Sale of the Bonds

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-50. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Miller encouraged use of the COVID-19 vaccination, and asked that all continue to be cautious.

Councilman Lowden stated that the Riverfront Historical Society will be holding a plant sale at the library this coming weekend, and that the museum will also be open to the public. Additionally, the historical society will be holding a Juneteenth program via Zoom.

Councilman Schwedes noted that the annual Farmer's Market will commence in June.

City Administrator Wolbert stated that 42% of Beverly residents have received at least the first COVID-19 vaccination, and that the number of cases appears to be declining.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no members of the public present at tonight's meeting, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to close public comment. 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 5:30PM.

Caitlin Midgette, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: May 11, 2021