

**CITY OF BEVERLY  
BURLINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
MAY 11, 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 5:06PM.

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 27, 2021

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to approve the above listed set of minutes. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

Councilman Dale arrived to the meeting at 5:09PM.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was presented at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Potential In-Rem Foreclosures:* City Administrator Wolbert recommended that the Council consider approval of three additional in-rem foreclosures on properties located on Laurel and Broad Streets. If the City forecloses on said properties, all municipal tax liens will be cleared. After slight discussion, it was determined by the Common Council to authorize the in-rem foreclosure process on 310 Laurel Street, 219 Laurel Street, and 208 Broad Street.

## **BILL LIST**

- Bill List for May 11, 2021

Councilman Schwedes inquired about a certain bill as it relates to the operations of the Police Department. City Administrator Wolbert clarified same.

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution 2021-51: Resolution Authorizing Refund of Overpaid Taxes on 1027 Ashton Ave**

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2021-51. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

### **Resolution 2021-52: Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Pioneer General Contracting Co., Inc. for the 2019/2020 Road Improvement Project**

City Administrator Wolbert summarized the scope of the project, and noted that there are enough grant funds available to include the Base Bid, Alternate #1, and Alternate #2. This project will include the resurfacing of Laurel Street from Oak Street to Putnum Street, the removal of the old pump chamber under Laurel Street, the installation of a new drainage inlet, and improvements to Oak Street.

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2021-52. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

**Resolution 2021-53: Resolution Appointing Dawn Gorman as Part-Time Certified Tax Collector for the City of Beverly**

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2021-53 Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

*Letter from Beverly Free Library:* Mayor Miller read aloud a letter received from the Beverly Free Library, in which it was requested that the City provide financial aid to the organization in the amount of \$2,500.00. City Administrator Wolbert stated that the preliminary budgeted amount for 2021 is \$1,500.00. It was the consensus of the Council to approve financial aid to the Beverly Free Library in the amount of \$1,500.00.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

Councilman Schwedes noted that the annual Farmer's Market will commence on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at which time the Beverly Free Library will dedicate its new mural. Senator Troy Singleton is expected to be present at the event.

City Administrator Wolbert notified Council of the following matters: the Haaf Family Arts Foundation may utilize the Court Room for meetings or small events as needed; the Community Outreach Committee conducted its first meeting; as COVID-19 cases continue to trend downward, the City may want to consider reopening to the public and resume in-person meetings; and the new phone system is planned to be installed within the next few weeks.

City Clerk Midgett noted that the City will be holding a Dumpster Day, E-Waste Recycling, and Shredding Event this coming weekend at the Public Works yard from 9:00AM-2:00PM.

The Endeavor EMS Report for March 2021 was reviewed without comment.

The Municipal Court Report for April 2021 was reviewed without comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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 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 5:40PM.

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

Approved: