

**CITY OF BEVERLY  
BURLINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
  
COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
JULY 13, 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 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, 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. Notice that this meeting will be held in-person at 5:00PM was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in City Hall, published in The Burlington County Times on May 30, 2021, transmitted to the Camden Courier Post, and was 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 Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close preliminary public comment on agenda items only. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- June 22, 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, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Dale, Williams

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 July 13, 2021

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes 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 2021-63: Resolution Authorizing Approval for Submission of Grant Application to NJDOT for Laurel Street Improvements Project**

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-63. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

### **Resolution 2021-64: Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Body-Worn Camera Grant Program**

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2021-64. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

### **Resolution 2021-65: Resolution Authorizing Payment of Pay Estimate #1 for the 2019/2020 Road Improvement Project**

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2021-65. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:  
Absent:

**Resolution 2021-66: Resolution Adding Dawn Gorman as Signatory on the Tax Current Account and Tax Title Lien Account**

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-66. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

**Resolution 2021-67: Resolution Authorizing Internet Service Upgrade for the Municipal Building**

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-67. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

**Resolution 2021-68: Resolution Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment on 1015 Ashton Ave**

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-68. 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**

Councilman Dale stated that the basketball tournament hosted by the Community Events Committee was a success, and thanked those who volunteered and participated.

Councilman Schwedes provided Council with an update on the Farmer's Market, and noted that the Beverly Baptist Church will be holding its annual Breakfast with the Baptists event.

Councilman Lowden thanked emergency services for their efforts during the severe weather the day prior, and thanked City Administrator Wolbert for addressing the sinkhole at Second Street

and Cooper Street. Additionally, Mr. Lowden inquired as to the status of the 2019/2020 Road Improvement Project. Mr. Wolbert noted that pipe work is being completed on Putnum Street, and that work on Laurel Street should begin tomorrow. Finally, Mr. Lowden inquired as to the status of the EMS building. Mr. Wolbert noted that quotes are still being sought for the upgrades.

Councilwoman Williams noted that the Community Events Committee considered holding a Community Day in the fall, but due to time constraints, the event will be planned for next year.

City Administrator Wolbert updated Council on the following matters: the City experienced damage as a result of yesterday's storm, including various sinkholes, sewer line surges, and a foundation collapse, and clean-up from same is still ongoing; the new servers have been received and are waiting to be installed; and the City received its first installment of the American Rescue Plan funds, which will be used to map the sewer and stormwater systems.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, stated that the Coast Guard cleared the heavy brush from around the range light at the riverfront, and noted that there has been difficulty with the post office delivering the Beverly Bee newspaper. Mr. Haaf also commended Councilman Dale on the success of the basketball tournament.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:28PM.

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

Approved: July 27, 2021