

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 24, 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

No members of the public were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 10, 2021

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes 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 August 24, 2021

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:

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

Ordinance 2021-9: Ordinance Appropriating \$295,000 for the Completion of Various Road Improvement Projects

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to introduce Ordinance 2021-9. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Ordinance 2021-10: Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Completion of Various Road Improvements in the Amount of \$114,950

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to introduce Ordinance 2021-10. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Ordinance 2021-11: Bond Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Capital Equipment in the Amount of \$177,745

City Administrator Wolbert stated that the purpose of Ordinance 2021-11 is to provide funding for a new police vehicle, body worn cameras and related equipment, video redacting software, a new DPW trailer, safety lights for the new DPW truck, new computer software, and codification.

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to introduce Ordinance 2021-11. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021-80: Resolution Appointing Kevin J. Richards as Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Beverly

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-80. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2021-81: Resolution Awarding a Contract to CGP&H for the Preparation and Submission of a NJDCA FY2022 Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Grant Application

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-81. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2021-82: Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of New Truck Bed for the Department of Public Works from A&K Equipment Company, Inc.

Councilman Schwedes inquired about the aforementioned purchase. City Administrator Wolbert stated that the purchase includes a new steel truck bed, hydraulic system, salt spreader, safety lights, vibratory unit, back-up alarm, trailer wiring, and a new chassis.

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-82. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilman Schwedes thanked Mr. Wolbert for his efforts in upgrading the DPW truck, noted that the farmer's market is still ongoing, and stated that the legion will be having a yard sale and breakfast event on September 11th.

Councilman Lowden stated that the Land Use Board approved use variance applications for 440 and 444 Cooper Street.

Councilwoman Williams stated that the Community Events Committee will be hosting a movie night at the school on September 25th in which prepackaged snacks will be served. Additionally, the committee is planning a fishing derby on October 23rd. Finally, Ms. Williams asked that Council consider going through the process to have the concession stand at the school registered with the Burlington County Board of Health so prepared foods can be served for future community events.

City Administrator Wolbert updated Council on the following matters: the Haaf Family Arts Foundation will be hosting an art show with various activities on October 15th and 16th at the Beverly Housing Authority office; the emergency repairs of the sluice at the riverfront have been completed; the Laurel Street road improvement project is being finalized; and the one-way signs on Bentley Ave will be installed shortly.

The Endeavor EMS Report and the Municipal Court Report for July 2021 were reviewed without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There being no members of the public at tonight's meeting, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale 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 5:31PM.

Caitlin Midgette, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: September 14, 2021