

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 23, 2021 – 7:30PM**

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: Council President Robert H. Bancroft, Councilman Robert E. Lowden, Jr., Councilman Mark Schwedes, Councilwoman Bernadine Williams, Councilman Riccardo Dale, Mayor Randy H. Miller, 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 7:30PM.

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 7:30PM was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in City Hall, published in The Burlington County Times on October 29, 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

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired if there will now be three employees within the Department of Public Works with the adoption of Resolution 2021-113. City Administrator Wolbert confirmed same.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to close the public comments on agenda items only. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Session: November 9, 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 November 23, 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 – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2021-14: Ordinance Amending Chapter XX of the Code of the City of Beverly Entitled “Zoning” to Establish Section 20-22.1 “Little Free Libraries”

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2021-14.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, thanked Council for their consideration.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2021-14. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Ordinance 2021-14. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021-113: Resolution Appointing Anthony H. Leary as Full-Time Laborer 1 for the Department of Public Works

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2021-113. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2021-114: Resolution Approving Compensation for the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 for the City of Beverly

Mayor Miller inquired about the compensation amount. City Clerk D'Alfonso stated that the commissioners will receive \$750.00 annually. Councilman Schwedes asked if this is the same amount the commissioners were receiving prior. City Administrator Wolbert confirmed same.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2021-114. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Miller stated that correspondence was received from the Burlington County Bridge Commission that the City's next step in pursuing the Centers of Place designation is to hold a visioning session for the City's future growth and development. City Administrator Wolbert noted that Ed Fox, City Planner, will be helping the City prepare the necessary documents for same.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

The Council wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Schwedes thanked Councilwoman Williams for her efforts in preparing for the holiday tree lighting event.

Councilman Lowden noted the success of the Veteran's Day ceremony, and stated that he is thankful that the City is heading in the right direction.

Councilwoman Williams stated that the holiday tree lighting will take place on December 11th at the Municipal Building, and that the next Community Outreach Committee meeting is scheduled for December 2nd.

City Administrator Wolbert updated Council on the following matters: the old DPW truck is undergoing repairs; a meeting will be held tomorrow morning with another potential redeveloper; the leaf machine is undergoing repairs; and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission had its first meeting regarding the potential establishment of a ferry service at the waterfront, in which City officials are taking an active role in pursuing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, asked if employees of the DPW can be assigned to frequently empty trash cans at Farnum Park and the basketball court. City Administrator Wolbert stated that he will address same with the staff.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: December 14, 2021