

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 28, 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., Councilwoman Bernadine Williams, Councilman Mark Schwedes, Mayor Randy H. Miller, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Stephen Raymond, Jr., Esq., and Municipal Clerk Caitlin D’Alfonso. Councilman Riccardo Dale was absent from tonight’s meeting.

Council President Bancroft called the meeting to order at 7:34PM.

The following opening statement was read by City Clerk D’Alfonso:

“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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Session: December 14, 2021
- Executive Session: December 14, 2021

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

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

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 December 28, 2021

Councilman Schwedes requested that payment on PO#21-00662 be held until further information can be obtained.

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

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2021-122: Resolution Authorizing Transfer of 2021 Budget Appropriations

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-122. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

Resolution 2021-123: Resolution Authorizing Emergency Appropriations for Storm Sewer Pipe Repair

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-123. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

Resolution 2021-124: Resolution Approving Quote from Light Works Electric, LLC to Provide Electrical Services for the Emergency Squad Building

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2021-124. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Schwedes

Absent: Dale

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Miller read aloud correspondence received from the Small Town America Civic Volunteer Award recognizing Alyssa De La Pena, nurse for the Beverly School District, for her efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic in helping to keep the students safe and healthy.

City Administrator Wolbert spoke very highly of Ms. De La Pena and her service to the Beverly community.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Miller thanked Ms. De La Pena for her service to the School District, and wished all a Happy New Year.

Councilman Schwedes and Councilwoman Williams wished all a Happy New Year.

Councilman Lowden stated that the City accomplished many goals in 2021, and looks forward to a successful 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired about a letter the Beverly Free Library received from New Jersey American Water regarding the mandatory installation of a backflow preventer. City Administrator Wolbert stated that the water company has the ability to mandate the installation per BPU rules to prevent water system contamination, and that the City unfortunately has no control over same.

There being no further comments, 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 8:08PM.

**Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk**

Approved: January 4, 2022