

**CITY OF BEVERLY  
BURLINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
  
COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2022 – 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, Councilman Riccardo Dale, Mayor Randy H. Miller, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Thomas Coleman, Esq., and Municipal Clerk Caitlin D’Alfonso.

Council President Bancroft called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

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 2022-1, was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in City Hall, published in The Burlington County Times on January 9, 2022, 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 and Roll Call.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, noted that it was International Women’s Day.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to close this portion of the meeting. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regular Session: February 22, 2022*

*Executive Session: February 22, 2022*

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Schwedes

Absent:

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was presented at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was presented.

## **BILL LIST**

- Bill List for March 8, 2022

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale 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 2022-1: Ordinance of the City of Beverly Cancelling Certain Unfunded Appropriation Balances**

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-1. There being no comments from the public, a motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Ordinance 2022-1. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution 2022-38: Resolution Appointing James A. Nevins as Full-Time Police Officer for the City of Beverly**

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2022-38. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follow:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Mr. Nevins thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve the City of Beverly.

### **Resolution 2022-39: Resolution Authorizing the Donation of Bicycles to the Boys and Girls Club of Mercer County (The Bike Exchange)**

City Administrator Wolbert stated that the Police Department has collected a large amount of bicycles as found property that are unclaimed. The collection totals over 100 bicycles. Typically, public entities will auction off such equipment; however, the Council may elect to zero-value the bicycles in order to donate them. The above resolution authorizes the donation of said bicycles to the Boys and Girls Club of Mercer County to help the organization's mission in serving and supporting underprivileged communities.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2022-39. 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**

Mayor Miller noted the vast amount of individuals lost to the COVID-19 pandemic, and asked for a moment of silence for Ukrainian refugees. A moment of silence was held.

The Council welcomed Officer Nevins to the City of Beverly.

Councilman Lowden stated that the Historical Society has received a large amount of donations, a grant was received to electronically categorize the organization's historic items, and that the Historical Society continues to hold private tours outside of scheduled open house hours.

Councilwoman Williams stated that the Community Events Committee is preparing for a free fishing day on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

City Administrator Wolbert updated the Council on the following matters: the public visioning session for the Centers of Place designation was a success, and the County will be taking the ideas presented at the meeting and transform them into a workable planning document to submit to the State for endorsement; contract negotiations with the American Legion, Post 115 and Endeavor Emergency Squad are still underway; DPW is in the process of removing trees around the American Legion's property on Melbourne Ave; the oil tank at City Hall will be removed shortly; the FY2022 NJDOT Road Improvement Project for Jennings St. will need to be reconfigured as not enough grant funds were received to complete the initial project scope; PSEG has almost completed the first phase of the City-wide pipe replacement project; and the administration is still working with the City Solicitor's office for the sale of municipal-owned properties.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, stated that the Beverly Free Library continues to host its Arts of Living program. Additionally, Ms. Snively inquired if the City will be holding a Memorial Day Parade.

City Administrator Wolbert stated that Beverly City and Edgewater Park Township are planning a parade as what was done in previous years.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, asked about the previously discussed proclamation for the late Domenic Astemborski. Mr. Wolbert stated that the goal is to have a proclamation prepared for next meeting.

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 Councilman Dale to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:57PM.

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

Approved: March 22, 2022