

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 26, 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 Riccardo Dale, Mayor Randy H. Miller, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, Stephen Raymond, Jr., Esq., and Municipal Clerk Caitlin D’Alfonso. Councilman Mark Schwedes was absent from tonight’s meeting.

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, Moment of Silence for Ukraine, and Roll Call.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, inquired about Resolution 2022-49. City Administrator Wolbert stated that same authorizes the purchase of replacement swing seats for both municipal parks.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired about Resolution 2022-48. City Administrator Wolbert stated that same authorizes an agreement with Cross River Fiber to install improvements within the City’s right-of-way to extend fiber optic cable service into the City.

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: April 12, 2022

Executive Session: April 12, 2022

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Sustainable New Jersey: City Administrator Wolbert stated that the City previously registered with Sustainable New Jersey and established a required Green Team for same. The ordinance which establishes the Green Team is restrictive, which may dissuade volunteers from joining. It was recommended that the current Green Team ordinance be repealed and replaced to implement lighter requirements. Council agreed with same.

BILL LIST

- Bill List for April 26, 2022

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilman Lowden to approve the bill list. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-48: Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Cross River Fiber for Right-of-Way Use in the City of Beverly

Councilman Lowden inquired if Cross River Fiber intends to install its fiber optic cables underground or along the utility poles. City Administrator Wolbert stated that there will be a mix of aboveground and underground cables.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2022-48. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2022-49: Resolution Approving Quote from MRC Recreation for Replacement Swing Seats

Councilman Lowden inquired if the City could submit for grant funds or an insurance claim for reimbursement of the aforementioned purchase since same became a necessity due to minor

vandalism. City Administrator Wolbert stated that same are not reimbursable costs through either grant funds or insurance.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-49. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Schwedes

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Miller read aloud correspondence from the Beverly United Methodist Church notifying the City that same will clean and mow Farnum Park as a way to give back to the community.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilman Lowden stated that the Methodist Church has always taken good care of Farnum Park, noted that the Historical Society will be holding an open house and plant sale on May 7th, and expressed that the lease of the Emergency Services Building to Endeavor EMS Squad will be beneficial to the City and surrounding communities.

Councilwoman Williams stated that the Fishing Derby will be held on June 4th, and the Dumpster Day/E-Waste Recycling/Shredding Event will be held on May 7th.

City Administrator Wolbert updated the Council on the following matters: the oil tank behind City Hall has been removed; new improvements have finally been installed on the old DPW truck; and sewer line improvements are being installed at the Elementary School in preparation of the new modular trailers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, stated that the Haaf Family Arts Foundation will be hosting an art show at the Housing Authority this coming Saturday. Additionally, Ms. Snively recommended that the City look into donation funds from Home Depot in order to support park improvements.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, encouraged the public to attend the aforementioned art show.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to close public comment. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: May 10, 2022