

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

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
MAY 24, 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, City Solicitor Thomas J. Coleman III, 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

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired about Ordinance 2022-2. City Administrator Wolbert stated that the purpose of the ordinance is to update the City’s fees for services, licenses, and permits. Additionally, regarding Ordinance 2022-3, Mr. Haaf inquired about the location of Block 1280 and Block 1587. Mr. Wolbert clarified same.

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, wished Councilwoman Williams a happy birthday.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: May 10, 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: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Dale

Absent: Schwedes

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Outreach Survey: Councilman Dale stated that the Community Outreach Committee has formulated a resident outreach survey in order to get a better understanding of the community's wants and needs. The Council approved the issuance of the survey to the public.

BILL LIST

- Bill List for May 24, 2022

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams 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

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2022-2: Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter XXI of the Code of the City of Beverly Entitled “Schedule of Fees”

Councilman Lowden inquired if the above schedule of fees are determined by the State. City Administrator Wolbert explained that certain fees are either mandated or recommended by the State, and others are implemented at the discretion of the City.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to introduce Ordinance 2022-2. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Schwedes

Ordinance 2022-3: Ordinance Amending Redevelopment Plan for Block 1280 and Block 1587 in the City of Beverly

City Solicitor Coleman stated that the redevelopment plan amendment will need to be reviewed by the Land Use Board prior to final adoption by Council.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to introduce Ordinance 2022-3. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-51: Resolution Waiving Parking Requirements on Melbourne Ave for Election Day

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-51. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2022-52: Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the Beverly Housing Authority for Information Sharing Services

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-52. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2022-53: Resolution Establishing a “No Trespass” Area on Certain Property Along Second Street

City Administrator Wolbert explained that the purpose of the aforesaid resolution is to help deter criminal activity in the area, and that the Police Department will be able to enforce same.

Councilman Lowden asked if the area extends into the roadway. Mr. Wolbert stated that the “no trespass” area only includes the grassy median between Second Street and John’s Court.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-53. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2022-54: Resolution Amending Resolution 2022-36 Approving Quote from CM3 to Provide for HVAC Repair Services

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-54. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Schwedes

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Miller asked that the victims of today's mass shooting in Texas be remembered, and noted that gun violence is becoming a significant problem.

Councilman Dale stated that he looked forward to receiving the results from the resident outreach survey.

Councilman Lowden noted the significance of Memorial Day, and stated that the Memorial Day Parade commences at 1:00PM on May 30th.

Councilwoman Williams noted that the Fishing Derby will be held on June 4th.

The Municipal Court Report for April 2022 was reviewed without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Weisinger, 44 Pine Street, asked for information regarding 20 Pine Street. City Administrator Wolbert stated that the City foreclosed on this property, and that the same will be going to public auction later in the year.

Karen Weisinger, 44 Pine Street, noted that the property at 20 Pine Street is no longer boarded up, and that the property contains wild animals. Mr. Wolbert stated that these concerns will be addressed.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, stated that he received a timely and adequate response to his complaints at the previous Council Meeting.

City Administrator Wolbert noted that at the previous Council Meeting, the question of how government operates was posed. In response, an article was drafted by Council President Bancroft, which will be published in the next edition of the Beverly Bee and incorporated into the School District's civic lessons.

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 Councilwoman Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:57PM.

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

Approved: June 14, 2022