

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 28, 2022 – 5:30PM**

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, 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 5:30PM.

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. Notice that this meeting will be held at 5:30PM was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in City Hall, published in The Burlington County Times on May 27, 2022, transmitted to the Camden Courier Post, and was sent to all persons requesting same.”

The above was followed by the Flag Salute, Moment of Silence, and Roll Call.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Ron Paice, 527 Broad Street, inquired about the purpose of Resolution 2022-65 and Resolution 2022-66. Council President Bancroft clarified same.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, asked if the proposed contract with a new animal control company will provide for any additional services beyond what was provided in the shared services agreement with Willingboro Township for same. City Administrator Wolbert stated that similar services will be provided, but as the new organization is larger, there will be additional employees and resources to serve the City.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: June 14, 2022

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

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft
Nay:
Abstain:
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 June 28, 2022

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

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

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING/ADOPTION

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

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to table the public hearing and adoption of Ordinance 2022-3. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-64: Resolution Authorizing Entry into a Subordination Agreement with Respect to 434 Cooper Street, Beverly, New Jersey 08010

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-64. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2022-65: Resolution Rescinding Resolution 2022-26 Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Willingboro for Animal Control Services

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-65. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2022-66: Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to New Jersey Animal Control, LLC to Provide for Animal Control Services

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2022-66. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2022-67: Resolution to Reimburse the Community Events Parade Account for Memorial Day Parade Insurance and Authorizing Payment to Hardenbergh Insurance Group for Single-Day Event Coverage

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-67. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2022-68: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 2023 City of Beverly Road Improvement Program for Portions of: Church Street, Parker Street, Perkins Street, Jennings Street, and Laurel Street

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-68. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilman Schwedes thanked the DPW staff and the volunteers from the Community Events Committee for their efforts during the Memorial Day Parade.

Councilman Lowden wished everyone a safe July 4th.

Councilwoman Williams noted that resident outreach surveys have been placed in the Clean Communities reusable bags and will be distributed to residents shortly.

City Administrator Wolbert explained that a sinkhole on Magnolia Street is being repaired by New Jersey American Water. Additionally, the scope of the upcoming road improvement project was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired if the amendment to the Redevelopment Plan will need to be reviewed for a second time by the Joint Land Use Board for changes as the adoption of same was tabled at tonight's meeting. City Administrator Wolbert explained that, depending on the significance of the changes, the plan may need to be re-examined by the Board. Additionally, Mr. Haaf noted that the Farmer's Market has been successful.

Ron Paice, 527 Broad Street, inquired about 531 Broad Street, as the structure is vacant and there is significant debris throughout the property. Mr. Wolbert noted that the Code Enforcement Officer has been in contact with the bank that owns the property, who will be hiring a contractor to remove the debris.

Cynthia Miller, 518 Spruce Street, inquired about the resident outreach surveys. Councilwoman Williams clarified same.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2022-69: Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Common Council, and Support Staff to Meet in Private Session and Authorizing the Exclusion of the Public from that Portion of the Meeting Dealing with Specific Issues Requiring Non-Public Discussions (Attorney-Client Privilege)

City Administrator Wolbert stated that no formal action will be taken at the conclusion of Executive Session.

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-69 and convene into Executive Session. Motion carried.

The Mayor, Council, and support staff entered Executive Session at 5:51PM, and returned to the public portion of the meeting at 6:25PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: July 12, 2022