

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JULY 12, 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, Councilman Riccardo Dale, Mayor Randy H. Miller, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Thomas Coleman III, Esq., and Municipal Clerk Caitlin D’Alfonso.

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

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired about Ordinance 2022-5. Council President Bancroft explained that said ordinance amends and supplements the permitted uses in the C2 zoning district, and that same will be referred to the Joint Land Use Board for review prior to Council’s final adoption. Additionally, Mr. Haaf inquired if Ordinance 2022-6 will provide for significant changes to the City’s policies on vacant and abandoned properties. City Administrator Wolbert stated that the changes are required by State law.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: June 28, 2022

Executive Session: June 28, 2022

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

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

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 July 12, 2022

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

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

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION/FIRST READING

Ordinance 2022-4: Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to introduce Ordinance 2022-4. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Ordinance 2022-5: An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Beverly, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Amending and Supplementing Section 20-27 of Chapter XX Entitled “Zoning” of the Code of the City of Beverly to Create Additional Permitted Uses in the C2 Downtown Commercial District

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to introduce Ordinance 2022-5. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Ordinance 2022-6: Ordinance Establishing Provisions for Vacant and Abandoned Property and Rescinding Prior Ordinances Related to Same

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to introduce Ordinance 2022-6. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-70: Resolution to Introduce the 2022 Municipal Budget by Title

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2022-70. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2022-71: Resolution to Authorize the Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2022-71. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2022-72: Resolution Authorizing Payment to General Code for Codification Services

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-72. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2022-73: Resolution Authorizing Change Order #3 for the 2019/2020 Road Improvement Project

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-73. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2022-74: Resolution Authorizing Approval of Pay Estimate #7 for the 2019/2020 Road Improvement Program

A resolution was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2022-74. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Miller noted that Senator Troy Singleton will be hosting a hoagie giveaway at the elementary school this coming Friday.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilman Schwedes thanked City Administrator Wolbert for his efforts in the budget preparation.

Councilman Lowden inquired as to when PSEG will begin to repave the roadways effected by the City-wide gas replacement project. Mr. Wolbert confirmed that the utility's tentative plan is to have the roadways paved by the end of summer.

Councilman Dale noted that the Community Events Committee will be hosting a basketball tournament this weekend.

The Municipal Court report for June 2022 was reviewed without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, thanked the police department for their assistance during a particular incident.

Larry Williams, 22 Cypress Lane in Willingboro, thanked Mr. Wolbert and the Council Members that attended the meeting at the Macedonia Baptist Church to discuss a potential community event to be hosted by the church.

Karen Weisinger, 44 Pine Street, inquired if there has been an update as to when the City will auction off its foreclosed properties. Mr. Wolbert explained that there are several properties with meets and bounds issues, and that once same is resolved, the auction can be scheduled.

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 2022-75: 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 (Contract Negotiations & 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 Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2022-75 and convene into Executive Session. Motion carried.

Councilman Schwedes left the meeting at 5:53PM.

The Mayor, Council, and support staff entered Executive Session at 5:54PM, and returned to the public portion of the meeting at 6:20PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: July 26, 2022