

**CITY OF BEVERLY  
BURLINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
JULY 26, 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**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Regular Session: July 12, 2022*

*Executive Session: July 12, 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, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Schwedes (Executive Session minutes)

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 26, 2022

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams 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 2022-5: 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**

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-5. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt 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**

Councilman Dale asked for clarification on Ordinance 2022-6. City Administrator Wolbert provided same.

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-6. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Lowden to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

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

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

**ORDINANCE – FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION**

**Ordinance 2022-7: Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance 2016-6 Establishing a Green Team Advisory Committee**

City Administrator Wolbert noted that the above ordinance does not remove the possibility of a Green Team, but removes the regulations and restrictions placed on same.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and Seconded by Councilwoman Williams to introduce Ordinance 2022-7. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follow:

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2022-76: Resolution Opposing Proposed Increase to State Health Benefits Rates**

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-76. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

**Resolution 2022-77: Resolution Authorizing the City of Beverly to Execute First Lease Agreement Modification with W.A Cortright, American Legion Post 115**

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2022-77. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was presented at this time.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

Councilman Dale stated that there was a good turnout at last weekend’s basketball tournament.

City Administrator Wolbert noted that he attended a virtual meeting with the Burlington County Partnership for Youth Success regarding the Play Streets Initiative.

The Endeavor EMS reports for May and June 2022 were reviewed without comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, stated that the Haaf Family Arts Foundation advertised for the Blues Festival to be held in September at the Burlington County Farm Fair. Mr. Haaf noted the bands that are scheduled to perform, and stated that the Burlington City ROTC will be assisting with parking at the event.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:51PM.

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

Approved: August 9, 2022