

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

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 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: August 23, 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: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

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 September 13, 2022

Councilman Schwedes inquired about the increase in payment to PSEG. City Administrator Wolbert clarified that the utility has initiated a rate increase.

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden 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:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-88: Resolution Approving Compensation for the Board of Fire Commissioners

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2022-88. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2022-89: Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the Beverly Sewerage Authority for the Geo-Location and Mapping of the Sanitation Sewer System

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2022-89. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Schwedes, Williams

Nay:

Abstain: Lowden, Bancroft

Absent:

Resolution 2022-90: Resolution Authorizing Financial Aid to Endeavor Emergency Squad for COVID Relief from the American Rescue Plan Funds

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-90. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Miller thanked those that helped and attended the event at the waterfront park this past weekend. Councilman Dale reflected same.

Councilman Lowden asked for a status update on the new gas meter connections being installed by PSEG, inquired about the weeds growing in the brick sidewalks along Cooper Street, and asked about the delivery of new swings for the City's parks. City Administrator Wolbert clarified Mr. Lowden's inquiries. Additionally, Mr. Lowden noted that the Sewerage Authority has approved an increase of five dollars (\$5.00) per quarter.

Councilwoman Williams thanked those that participated at Movie Night, and noted that the City will be planning a Dumpster Day, Citywide Yard Sale, and a Trunk-or-Treat in October.

City Administrator Wolbert updated Council on the following matters: the City's architect will be addressing the roof at the Municipal Building, redesigning the stairwell, and planning for the installation of a second set of doors per the Fire Marshal's instruction; an additional bay door at the EMS building is in need of repair; and the new modular units at the School District have been installed and are undergoing inspections.

Council President Bancroft inquired about the status of the elevator repair. Mr. Wolbert noted that the contractor needs to finish the exterior work, and that same was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Beverly Haaf, 124 Riverbank, thanked the Council for its support of the Beverly Bee.

Larry Williams, 22 Cypress Lane in Willingboro, thanked those who assisted in planning and organizing his event at the waterfront park on Saturday.

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, noted that the waterfront park does not seem to have an official name. Slight discussion ensued.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, expressed that the aforementioned event went well.

Cynthia Miller, 518 Spruce Street, stated that the event was a success and thanked Councilman Dale for his efforts.

Jeff Weisinger, 44 Pine Street, reported a suspicious person on his street. Additionally, Mr. Weisinger complained of skunks and raccoons. Mr. Wolbert stated that he will contact the City's animal control to see if same will assist in wildlife removal.

Augustina Soso, 529 Warren Street, introduced herself as a new resident to the community.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:09PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: September 27, 2022