

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 11, 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 5:33PM.

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 and Moment of Silence for the passing of Tim Vierek, EMT for Endeavor Emergency Squad.

Roll Call.

OATH OF OFFICE

Solicitor Coleman administered the oath of office to Police Officer Jaron C. Jackson.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, inquired if Resolution 2022-97 pertained to the tee shirts discussed at the Community Outreach Committee meeting. Councilwoman Williams confirmed same.

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: September 27, 2022

Executive Session: September 27, 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 October 11, 2022

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes 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 2022-3: Ordinance Amending Redevelopment Plan for Block 1280 and Block 1587

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-3. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Ordinance 2022-8: Ordinance Rescinding Ordinance 2014-1 Establishing a Program Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:21.1 Et Seq. for Certain Abatements of Real Property Taxes in Areas in Need of Rehabilitation or Redevelopment

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-8. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Ordinance 2022-8. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-95: Resolution Waiving Facility Use Permit Application Fee for the Parent-Teacher Association

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-95. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2022-96: Resolution Authorizing Tree Removal Services from Rich Tree Service

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-96. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2022-97: Resolution Authorizing Tee Shirt Purchase from Whole Armor Apparel

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2022-97. 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

The Council congratulated Jaron Jackson on his appointment.

Councilwoman Williams reminded the public of the City's upcoming events.

City Administrator Wolbert, regarding the City's pursuit of the Centers of Place designation, distributed to Council a list of requirements (Plan Implementation Agreement, "PIA") that the City would have to agree to meet in order for its application to be approved. Mr. Wolbert noted that NJ Office of Planning and Advocacy needs Council's approval of the PIA in order to present the City's application for endorsement. Slight discussion ensued, with Council approving the City's continuation in the Centers of Place designation process.

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

The Endeavor EMS Report for August 2022 was reviewed without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, noted that the Haaf Family Arts Foundation will be hosting a fall art show this weekend.

Jessica Brown, 1083 Warren Street, inquired if the fee was waived for the PTA's facility use permit application.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, noted that some areas of roadway that PSEG repaved may need to be corrected, that trash was not collected at the Farnum St. Park this week, and that the Housing Authority will be hosting a free COVID-19 booster clinic.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close the public comment portion of the meeting. 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 6:02PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: October 25, 2022