

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 22, 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, Councilwoman Bernadine Williams, Councilman Mark Schwedes, Mayor Randy H. Miller, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Thomas Coleman III, Esq., and Municipal Clerk Caitlin D’Alfonso. Councilman Robert Lowden, Jr. and Councilman Riccardo Dale were absent from tonight’s meeting.

Council President Bancroft called the meeting to order at 5:31PM.

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 Roll Call.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There being no 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: November 8, 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: Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Lowden

BILL LIST

- Bill List for November 22, 2022

Councilman Schwedes inquired about the payment to Galls. City Administrator Wolbert clarified same.

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: Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Lowden

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Trash Collection Ordinance Revisions: City Administrator Wolbert explained that the City's current ordinance governing solid waste collection is in need of updating, specifically as it relates to house cleanouts. Currently, the ordinance reads that the limit for each trash collection day is no more than six containers weighing a maximum of 40lbs each, and for excessive amounts left at the curb, the procedure is to have code enforcement address the issue with violation notices. However, this process does take time to cure. Discussion ensued on various options that will allow the City to address large cleanouts in a more expedient manner.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-110: Resolution Authorizing Transfer of 2022 Budget Appropriations

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-110. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Lowden

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

The Mayor and Council wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Williams noted that the Tree Lighting is scheduled for December 10th at 6:00PM.

City Administrator Wolbert inquired if the Community Outreach Committee would like to renew its Zoom account for possible virtual meetings. Councilwoman Williams confirmed same. Additionally, Mr. Wolbert notified the Mayor and Council that the City's appointed architect is drafting plans for a roof replacement and the installation of fire safety doors at City Hall. Finally,

the City Engineer has finalized the plans for the 2022 Road Improvement Project and will submit same to NJDOT for review and approval.

The Endeavor EMS report and Municipal Court report for October 2022 were reviewed without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, in regards to the trash ordinance discussion, suggested that Council find a way to shorten the abatement process. Additionally, Mr. Haaf commented on the Fire Marshal's requirements for churches, and that same will prove to be costly enough that most churches will not be able to comply. Mr. Wolbert noted that the appointment of the Fire Marshal is strictly in the jurisdiction of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Additionally, the requirements of the Fire Marshal are mandated by state regulations, not local ordinances.

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2022-111: Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Common Council, and Support Staff to Meet in Executive Session for Matters Involving Personnel, Attorney-Client Privilege, and Property Acquisitions

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2022-111 and convene into Executive Session. Motion carried. The Mayor, Council, and support staff entered same at 6:08PM, and returned to the public portion of the meeting at 6:24PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:24PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: December 13, 2022