

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 27, 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 Riccardo Dale, Councilman Mark Schwedes, Councilwoman Bernadine Williams, 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. was absent from tonight’s meeting.

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 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.

OATH OF OFFICE

Council President Bancroft asked for a motion to amend the agenda to move Resolution 2022-121 to the beginning of the meeting. A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to amend the agenda. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-121: Resolution Promoting Patrolman Charles Zeigler to the Position of Sergeant for the Beverly City Police Department

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-121. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

City Solicitor Coleman administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Zeigler.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Session: December 13, 2022

Executive Session: December 13, 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: Schwedes, Bancroft
Nay:
Abstain: Williams
Absent: Dale, Lowden

BILL LIST

- Bill List for December 27, 2022

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes 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

Trash Collection Ordinance Revisions: City Administrator Wolbert noted that this issue still needs to be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented at this time.

Councilman Riccardo Dale arrived to the meeting at 5:39PM.

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2022-11: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2020-1 Establishing Fees for Off-Duty and Outside Employment for Police Officers and Use of Police Vehicles

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-11. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-11. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Ordinance 2022-11. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Lowden

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2022-122: Resolution Authorizing Shared Services Agreement with the County of Burlington to Perform Certain Services and Repairs

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-122. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Lowden

Resolution 2022-123: Resolution Authorizing Refund of Escrow to Lantier Construction Company

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2022-123. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Lowden

Resolution 2022-124: Resolution Refunding Overpaid Taxes on 651 Walton Ave

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2022-124. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Lowden

Resolution 2022-125: Resolution Amending Resolution 2022-110 Authorizing Transfer of 2022 Budget Appropriations

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2022-125. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2022-126: Resolution Authorizing Transfer of 2022 Budget Appropriations

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2022-126. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2022-127: Resolution Certifying Receipt of Audit for the Year 2021

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2022-127. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Miller wished all a healthy and safe New Year.

Councilman Schwedes stated that the City has made a lot of progress this year, and thanked the staff for their efforts.

Council President Bancroft noted that in the draft calendar of meetings for 2023, the second meeting in December falls on a holiday. He inquired if Council would be amenable in moving the meeting to the following day on a Wednesday. Council agreed.

City Administrator Wolbert summarized the audit review, and thanked the Mayor and Council for their support.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired if there will be two Council Meetings in January in addition to the Reorganization Meeting. Council President Bancroft explained that there will be only one meeting in January after the reorganization.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:52PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: January 3, 2023