

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

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2023 – 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., Councilman Riccardo Dale, 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 Mark Schwedes 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 2023-1, was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in City Hall, published in The Burlington County Times on January 6, 2023, transmitted to the Camden Courier Post, filed with the Municipal Clerk, and was mailed to all persons requesting and paying for 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 Dale to close public comments on agenda items only. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: January 24, 2023

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden 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, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Schwedes

BILL LIST

Bill List for February 14, 2023

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to approve the bill list. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-29: Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Services Agreement with the Burlington County Soil Conservation District for Stormwater Facility Inspections

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-29. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2023-30: Resolution Accepting Resignation of Thomas Schoenleber as Crossing Guard

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-30. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2023-31: Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Pioneer General Contracting for 2021 Road Improvement Project

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-31. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2023-32: Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Pioneer General Contracting for 2022 Road Improvement Project

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2023-32. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Schwedes

Resolution 2023-33: Resolution Designating a Hearing Officer Pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:48-2.12p(b)

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-33. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Schwedes

Resolution 2023-34: Resolution Authorizing Release of Escrow Funds to 125 Magnolia Associates, LLC Relating to a Land Use Board Application for 125 Magnolia Street (Block 521, Lot 4)

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-34. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Schwedes

Resolution 2023-35: Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Portable Radios for the Police Department through New Jersey State Contract #83909

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2023-35. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Schwedes

Resolution 2023-36: Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Remote Radio Microphones for the Police Department through New Jersey State Contract #20-TELE-00910

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2023-36. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Schwedes

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Miller asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Councilman Lowden noted that between the PSEG pipe replacement project and the 2021 and 2022 Road Improvement Programs, most of the City will be repaved by the end of the year.

Councilwoman Williams stated that the previous Community Events Committee was productive, and that dates have been set for this year's public events.

City Administrator Wolbert thanked the Council for its support of the Police Department; updated Council on the PSEG pipe replacement project; and gave an overview of the upcoming road programs.

The Municipal Court Report for January 2023 was reviewed without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Ron Paice, 527 Broad Street, noted an upcoming Memorial Day service at St. Stephen's Church.

Jeff Weisinger, 44 Pine Street, inquired about how EMS services are contracted for the City. Additionally, Mr. Weisinger expressed that the Zoning Code should be changed to permit Bed and Breakfasts in various zoning districts.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, stated that the Haaf Family Arts Foundation was awarded a grant through the County to host another Blues Festival, tentatively scheduled for October 7th. Additionally, Mr. Haaf presented a sample little free library.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to close public comment. 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 5:53PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: February 28, 2023