

**CITY OF BEVERLY  
BURLINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
  
COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
APRIL 11, 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, 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.

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**

Council President Bancroft opened public comment for 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 Meeting: March 28, 2023*

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale 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:

**BILL LIST**

*Bill List for April 11, 2023*

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Lowden to approve the bill list. 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**

*Municipal Building – Energy Audit:* City Administrator Wolbert explained that an energy audit was conducted by PSEG on City Hall, and a quote was subsequently received to upgrade all lighting fixtures to LED. With the improvements, it is projected that the City will save approximately \$213.21 a month. Additionally, these lighting upgrades will serve to complete a step in the City’s Plan Implementation Agreement with the Office of Planning Advocacy for the Centers of Place Designation. Council agreed to move forward with the proposed lighting upgrades to City Hall.

### **ORDINANCE – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **Ordinance 2023-2: Ordinance Establishing Indemnification of Public Officials, Officers, and Employees of the City of Beverly**

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-2.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired about the need for Ordinance 2023-2 if the City and its officials are insured through the Burlington County Joint Insurance Fund. City Administrator Wolbert clarified that said ordinance will provide for additional coverage, except in cases where punitive damages will be assessed.

There being no further comments, a motion as offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-2. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Ordinance 2023-2. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution 2023-47: Resolution Reappointing Sarah Richards to the Beverly City Housing Authority Commission**

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-47. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was presented at this time.

### **MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

Councilman Lowden noted upcoming events to be held by the Historical Society and stated that the Sewerage Authority is also considering energy audit upgrades to its facilities.

Councilwoman Williams reminded those in attendance of the upcoming dumpster day event, the Community Outreach and Events Committee meeting, and the Citywide yard sale.

City Administrator Wolbert provided the Mayor and Council copies of the PSEG road repaving map as it relates to the citywide pipe replacement project. Mr. Wolbert noted that the repaving plan will affect the annual Memorial Day Parade, as the hazardous conditions of some of the roadways as a result of the pipe replacement project may not be cured prior to the scheduled event. Accordingly, as Mr. Wolbert stated that the City's insurance mandates the safety of the parade route be certified, it was recommended that the route be shortened by ½ mile this year. Council agreed to same.

Additionally, Mr. Wolbert noted recent vandalism to Farnum Park.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Ronald Paice, 527 Broad Street, inquired if Jennings Street and Wilmerton Street will be repaved before June.

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, noted upcoming Haaf Family Arts Foundation events.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, expressed concerns over shortening the parade route, and inquired about the status of a potential chicken keeping ordinance.

Jeff and Karen Weisinger, 44 Pine Street, inquired about how to dispose of vines.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to close public comment. 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 6:04PM.

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**Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR**  
**Municipal Clerk**

Approved: April 25, 2023