

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 25, 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.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired about the resolution certifying the Memorial Day Parade Route.

There being no further 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: April 11, 2023

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:

BILL LIST

Bill List for April 25, 2023

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Dale 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

No new business was presented at this time.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2023-3: Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Beverly Entitled “Administration” Re-Affirming the Position of Code Enforcement Officer

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to introduce Ordinance 2023-3. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-48: Resolution Authorizing the City of Beverly to Execute an Agreement with Burlington County for the Home Investment Partnership Program

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-48. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2023-49: Resolution Authorizing Discharge of Mortgage on 202 Broad Street for Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Grant

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2023-49. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2023-50: Resolution Authorizing Release of Escrow to NJAW for Road Opening Permit

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2023-50. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2023-51: Resolution Certifying the Memorial Day Parade Route

Councilman Lowden noted that the parade route will be shortened this year due to construction activity near the waterfront as a result of PSEG’s pipe replacement project.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Lowden to adopt Resolution 2023-51. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Miller stated that correspondence was received with suggestions for a potential chicken keeping ordinance, and that same will be taken under advisement.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilman Lowden noted upcoming events to be held by the Historical Society.

Councilwoman Williams reminded those in attendance of the upcoming dumpster day event and the next Community Outreach and Events Committee meeting.

City Administrator Wolbert expressed condolences for the passing of Donato Marable, Vice President of the Board of Education, and Mr. Bobby Jackson, a longtime resident of the City. Mr. Wolbert also noted that April 28th is “Pay It Forward Day” in remembrance of resident Domenic Astemborski.

The Endeavor EMS Report for March 2023 was reviewed without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Andy Russell, 608 Manor Road, complained about truck traffic on Manor Road. City Solicitor Coleman noted that, under most circumstances, the City is legally not permitted to regulate truck traffic on residential roads.

Barbara Russell, 608 Manor Road, complained about the lack of traffic enforcement along Manor Road, and inquired about the missing swings at the playground on Broad Street. City Administrator Wolbert noted that the swings, which had to be specifically ordered to comply with the City's insurance requirements, have been on order but are delayed.

Beverly Haaf, 124 Riverbank, noted upcoming events at the Beverly Free Library, and expressed condolences for the passing of Mr. Marable, who was also a trustee of the library.

Jeff Weisinger, 44 Pine Street, thanked the Police Department for their quick response in regards unpermitted solicitors.

Ana Coleman, 41 Pine Street, noted that the tractor trailer trucks parked along Railroad Ave are impeding visibility at the intersection of Bentley Ave.

Joe Heether, 603 Wheatley Ave, inquired about the shredding event on May 11th.

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

Karen Weisinger, 44 Pine Street, inquired about the public auction for 20 Pine Street.

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 Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:08PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: May 9, 2023