

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

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JULY 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 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 Riccardo Dale 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, Moment of Silence for the Lowden family, and Roll Call.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Council President Bancroft opened public comment for agenda items only.

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, inquired about the requirement for electric vehicle parking spaces.

There being no further 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: July 11, 2023

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Lowden to approve the above listed set of minutes. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

BILL LIST

Bill List for July 25, 2023

Councilman Schwedes inquired about the payment to the JIF.

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

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this time

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented at this time.

ORDINANCE – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2023-8: An Ordinance Authorizing Electric Vehicle Supply/Service Equipment and Make-Ready Parking Space

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-8. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Ordinance 2023-8. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2023-9: An Ordinance Amending the Redevelopment Plan for Block 1280 in the City of Beverly

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to introduce Ordinance 2023-9. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

Ordinance 2023-10: An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank for the 2023 Calendar Year (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to introduce Ordinance 2023-10. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-71: Resolution Authorizing the Discharge of Mortgage on 312 Broad Street for Small Cities Funds

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2023-71. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

Resolution 2023-72: Resolution Authorizing the Discharge of Mortgage on 312 Broad Street for Regional Contribution Agreement Funds

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-72. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

Resolution 2023-73: Resolution Accepting the Resignation of David Muñoz as Fire Subcode Official for the City of Beverly

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2023-73. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

Resolution 2023-74: Resolution Introducing the 2023 Municipal Budget by Title

City Administrator Wolbert summarized the budget as presented.

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-74. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilman Lowden thanked everyone for their support, and inquired about the status of the auction of City-owned properties.

Councilwoman Williams reminded the public of the upcoming movie night event sponsored by the Community Events Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, inquired about the redevelopment plan specified in Ordinance 2023-9.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, stated that he believes the City needs to be more assertive in addressing code enforcement issues.

Cindy Robertson, 179 Warren Street, complained of grass overgrowth on certain properties and inquired about the missing “no parking” signs on Walnut Street.

Hal Robertson, 179 Warren Street, complained of grass/weed overgrowth in certain areas of the City and expressed that the abatement process is too lengthy.

Joe Heether, 603 Wheatley Ave, inquired about the prioritization of road programs and asked if there exists an ordinance against squatting.

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 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: August 8, 2023