

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

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 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, Councilman Riccardo Dale, 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 Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to close public comments on agenda items only. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: July 25, 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: Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Dale

Absent:

BILL LIST

Bill List for August 8, 2023

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: 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 2023-11: An Ordinance of the City of Beverly, in the County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey, Restricting Parking on Specific Streets (Walnut Street)

Councilman Lowden inquired if there are other areas in the City that would benefit from similar parking restrictions.

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to introduce Ordinance 2023-11. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-75: Resolution Authorizing Partial Payment to Jacmel Construction for Small Cities Grant Improvements for 65 Railroad Ave

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-75. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2023-76: Resolution Approving Change Order #2 for the 2021 Road Improvement Program

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2023-76. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2023-77: Resolution Approving Pay Estimate #2 for the 2021 Road Improvement Project

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2023-77. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2023-78: Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Yvonne Bullock as CFO, Treasurer, and QPA for the City of Beverly

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-78. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2023-79: Resolution Appointing Ryan Hofmann as Provisional Fire Subcode Official

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-79. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2023-80: Resolution Authorizing Payment to 440 Cooper Street, LLC in Relation to Regional Contribution Agreement Credits Issued to Property Located at 440 Cooper Street (Block 1168, Lot 4)

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-80. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Mayor Miller arrived to the meeting at 5:38PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilman Schwedes thanked Ms. Bullock for her service to the City through the years.

Councilman Lowden stated that the City should consider replacing worn-out traffic control signs.

Councilwoman Williams noted that the Community Events Committee will be hosting Movie Night this upcoming weekend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Joe Heether, 603 Wheatley Ave, inquired about mosquito control spraying and the purpose of regional contribution agreements for affordable housing.

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 5:43PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: August 22, 2023