

**CITY OF BEVERLY  
BURLINGTON COUNTY  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
  
COMMON COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
AUGUST 22, 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.

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, inquired about the purpose of the redevelopment plan amendment.

Cynthia Robertson, 179 Warren Street, thanked the Council for its consideration of Ordinance 2023-11.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, noted that parking on the west side of Walnut Street is an issue when vehicles are parked too close to the intersection.

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: August 8, 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 August 22, 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: Dale (P.O #2023-00466)  
Absent:

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

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-9.

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, asked for clarification on the purpose of the plan amendment and expressed concern about parking for any potential development.

Jeff Weisinger, 44 Pine Street, inquired about the area specified in the plan and stated that any new development should only be approved if it benefits the City.

Hal Robertson, 179 Warren Street, inquired about parking requirements for any development that may stem from the plan amendment, if the City has an interested developer, if a PILOT will be considered, and if any new development will have to meet certain aesthetic criteria.

Cynthia Robertson, 179 Warren Street, expressed concern with the proposed density.

Lauren Smith, 214 Magnolia Street, asked if the plan included the opportunity for commercial development and if new development of any kind will generate additional tax revenue.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired about the Land Use Board's involvement in any proposed development related to the plan, asked if Council is considering a PILOT agreement with a potential developer for the site, and encouraged Council to consider the impact on the City's infrastructure and services as a result of new development.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-9. Motion carried.

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

**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)**

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-10.

There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-10. Motion carried.

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

**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)**

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-11.

There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-11. Motion carried.

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution 2023-81: Resolution Authorizing the 2023 Municipal Budget to be Read by title Only**

A motion was offered by Councilman Lowden and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2023-81. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

### **Resolution 2023-82: Resolution Adopting the 2023 Municipal Budget**

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on the 2023 Municipal Budget.

There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close the public hearing on the 2023 Municipal Budget. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-82. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

### **Resolution 2023-83: Resolution Establishing Employee Salaries for the Calendar Year 2023**

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Schwedes to adopt Resolution 2023-83. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Schwedes, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

### **Resolution 2023-84: Resolution Approving Change Order #3 for the 2021 Road Improvement Project**

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2023-84. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

**Resolution 2023-85: Resolution Authorizing Pay Estimate #3 for the 2021 Road Improvement Project**

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-85. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

**Resolution 2023-86: Resolution Approving Change Order #1 for the 2022 Road Improvement Project**

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2023-86. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

**Resolution 2023-87: Resolution Authorizing Pay Estimate #1 for the 2022 Road Improvement Project**

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2023-87. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence was presented at this time.

**MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

Councilman Schwedes thanked the staff for their efforts in preparing the 2023 Municipal Budget.

Councilman Lowden stated that outdated traffic control signs in the City should be replaced, and noted that the City should hire an additional employee for the DPW. Additionally, Mr. Lowden

expressed that the Council considers all aspects of potential new development and how same will impact the City.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Kelsey Snively, 132 Riverbank, noted that trash was not collected at Farnum Park, and stated that a traffic light at Warren St. and Broad St. should be considered to help with truck traffic.

Cynthia Robertson, 179 Warren Street, inquired if the upcoming Circulation Plan Element will address truck traffic.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, thanked the Community Events Committee for a successful Movie Night and Basketball Tournament.

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 6:21PM.

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

Approved: September 12, 2023