

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

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 28, 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: Councilman Robert E. Lowden, Jr., Councilwoman Bernadine Williams, Councilman Riccardo Dale, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Thomas Coleman III, Esq., and City Clerk Caitlin D’Alfonso. Council President Robert H. Bancroft, Mayor Randy H. Miller, and Councilman Mark Schwedes were absent from tonight’s meeting.

Council President Pro-Tempore Lowden 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 Pro-Tempore Lowden 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: November 14, 2023

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

Aye: Lowden, Williams

Nay:

Abstain: Dale

Absent: Bancroft, Schwedes

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 2023-14: Ordinance Amending Chapter XX of the Code of the City of Beverly Entitled “Zoning” as it Relates to Accessory Structures

Council President Pro-Tempore Lowden opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-14.

Hal Robertson, 179 Warren Street, inquired about the purpose of Ordinance 2023-14.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-14. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Ordinance 2023-14. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Williams, Lowden

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bancroft, Schwedes

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-127: Resolution Updating List of Signatories for All Accounts for the City of Beverly

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2023-127. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Williams, Lowden

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bancroft, Schwedes

Resolution 2023-128: Resolution Amending Resolution 2023-121 as it Relates to the Sale of Municipally Owned Property

A motion was offered by Councilman Dale and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to adopt Resolution 2023-128. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Williams, Lowden

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Bancroft, Schwedes

Resolution 2023-129: Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Beverly Authorizing Reimbursement to the Sewerage Authority for Subsequent Sewer Lien Payments for 310 Laurel Street

A motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2023-129. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Williams

Nay:

Abstain: Lowden

Absent: Bancroft, Schwedes

CORRESPONDENCE

Council President Pro-Tempore Lowden noted that a pamphlet was received from the NJMEL regarding community risk management.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilwoman Williams noted the upcoming holiday tree lighting.

Council President Pro-Tempore Lowden noted upcoming events to be hosted by the Riverfront Historical Society.

City Administrator Wolbert stated that New Jersey American Water is preparing to begin its lead line replacement program.

The Endeavor EMS report for October 2023 was reviewed, with Council President Pro-Tempore Lowden noting a decrease in response times for Beverly residents.

The Municipal Court report for October 2023 was reviewed without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Pro-Tempore Lowden opened public comment.

Cynthia Robertson, 179 Warren Street, inquired about when new “no parking” signs will be installed on Walnut Street and Van Kirk Street.

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

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired about Resolution 2023-128.

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 5:46PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: December 12, 2023