

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

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 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 Bancroft, Councilwoman Bernadine Williams, Councilman Mark Schwedes, Councilman Riccardo Dale, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Thomas Coleman III, Esq., and City Clerk Caitlin D’Alfonso. Councilman Robert E. Lowden, Jr. and Mayor Randy H. Miller were 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 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 Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to close public comments on agenda items only. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: November 28, 2023

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

Aye: Dale, Williams

Nay:

Abstain: Bancroft, Schwedes

Absent: Lowden

BILL LIST

Bill List: December 12, 2023

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this time

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2023-130: Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Property Taxes on Property Qualifying for a Veterans Property Tax Exemption (217 Laurel Street)

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to adopt Resolution 2023-130. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilwoman Williams noted that the holiday tree lighting was a successful event.

Council President Bancroft thanked those involved in planning and preparing for the tree lighting.

City Administrator Wolbert noted that the NJDEP is preparing to start the Climate Change Hazard Vulnerability Assessment plan, and the DVRCP is set to begin the Circulation Plan Element for the City through the TCDI grant.

The Municipal Court Report for November 2023 was reviewed without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Cynthia Robertson, 179 Warren Street, spoke highly of the tree lighting event and inquired about the sale of 2 Walnut Street.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, commended City Administrator Wolbert for the time and effort he dedicates to the City of Beverly.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilwoman Williams to close public comment. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilman Schwedes and seconded by Councilman Dale to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:38PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: December 27, 2023