

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

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2024 – 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, Councilmember Robert E. Lowden, Jr., Councilmember Bernadine Williams, Mayor Randy H. Miller, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Thomas Coleman III, Esq., and City Clerk Caitlin D’Alfonso. Councilmember Snively and Councilmember Dale 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 2024-1, was posted on the Official Bulletin Board in City Hall, published in The Burlington County Times on January 7, 2024, 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.

OATH OF OFFICE

Solicitor Coleman administered the oath of office to Bryan Singleton and Za’Quis Tillman as police recruits.

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 Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to close public comments on agenda items only. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: January 23, 2024

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

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

BILL LIST

Bill List: February 13, 2024

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

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

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 2024-1: An Ordinance Determining Wage and Salary Ranges for Employees of the City of Beverly

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-1. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Lowden and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Ordinance 2024-1. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2024-2: Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 283 of the Code of the City of Beverly Entitled “Fire Prevention”

Captain Lee Park, Fire Marshal, and Paul Bent, Chair of the Board of Fire Commissioners, were present to discuss the aforesaid ordinance and answer any questions from the City Council and the public on same. Slight discussion ensued.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Lowden and seconded by Councilmember Williams to introduce Ordinance 2024-2. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

Ordinance 2024-3: An Ordinance Amending Chapter XXI of the Code of the City of Beverly Entitled “Schedule of Fees” (Housing Office, Fire Prevention)

A motion was offered by Councilmember Lowden and seconded by Councilmember Williams to introduce Ordinance 2024-3. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

Ordinance 2024-4: Ordinance Amending Chapter XX of the Code of the City of Beverly Entitled “Zoning” to Create Additional Permitted Uses in the C-2 Zoning District

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to introduce Ordinance 2024-4. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

Ordinance 2024-5: Ordinance Amending the 2007 Redevelopment Plan as it relates to Section 2 of the Land Use Element Entitled “R-3 Single and Multifamily Residential District”

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to introduce Ordinance 2024-5. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-34: Resolution Amending Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Beverly and the Beverly Police Association

A motion was offered by Councilmember Lowden and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Resolution 2024-34. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

Resolution 2024-35: Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for Public Safety Equipment

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to adopt Resolution 2024-35. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

Resolution 2024-36: Resolution Authorizing the City of Beverly to Enter Into an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Burlington County Soil Conservation District for Stormwater Management Facility Inspection and Other Related Services

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to adopt Resolution 2024-36. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

Resolution 2024-37: Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to American Pipe Services, LLC for the Sanitary Sewer CCTV Project in the City of Beverly

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to adopt Resolution 2024-37. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

Resolution 2024-38: Resolution Authorizing the Submission of Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the FY 2024 Local Recreation Improvement Grant (LRIG)

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to adopt Resolution 2024-38. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

Resolution 2024-39: Resolution Refunding Overpaid Taxes on 520 Broad Street (Block 1273, Lot 9)

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to adopt Resolution 2024-39. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale, Snively

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Lowden thanked Captain Park and Chairman Bent for attending tonight's meeting.

The Municipal Court Report for January 2024 was reviewed without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Paul Bent, 130 Warren Street, thanked Councilmember Lowden for attending the meetings of the Board of Fire Commissioners as liaison to the City Council.

Deborah Johnson, 231 Broad Street, made a complaint about certain rental properties on Broad Street.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:14PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: February 27, 2024