

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

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 12, 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 Riccardo Dale, Councilmember Kelsey Snively, Councilmember Bernadine Williams, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Thomas Coleman III, Esq., and City Clerk Caitlin D’Alfonso. Councilmember Lowden 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 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Council President Bancroft opened public comment for agenda items only.

Hal Robertson, 179 Warren Street, inquired about Ordinance 2024-4 and Ordinance 2024-5.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired about the resolution related to the proposed shared services agreement for street sweeping.

Joseph Heether, 603 Wheatley Ave, asked about the duties and responsibilities of the City’s appointed animal control company related to the payment on tonight’s bill list.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Dale to close public comments on agenda items only. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Joe Henry – Hardenbergh Insurance: Mr. Henry, as part of the BURLCOJIF’s Safety Incentive Program, provided a required safety presentation to the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: February 27, 2024

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

Aye: Dale, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Lowden

BILL LIST

Bill List: March 12, 2024

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

Aye: Dale, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Snively (PO #2024-00108)

Absent: Lowden

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 2024-4: 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

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-4.

Hal Robertson, 179 Warren Street, asked for a summary of the aforesaid ordinance.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilmember Dale and seconded by Councilmember Snively to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-4. Motion carried.

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

Aye: Dale, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Lowden

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”

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-5.

Hal Robertson, 179 Warren Street, asked for a summary of the aforesaid ordinance.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilmember Dale and seconded by Councilmember Snively to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-5. Motion carried.

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

Aye: Dale, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Lowden

Ordinance 2024-6: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 444 Entitled “Rental Property” to Establish Article III Regarding Lead-Based Paint Inspections and Article IV Regarding Liability Insurance

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-6.

Hal Robertson, 179 Warren Street, inquired about the lead testing procedure.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, stated that he believes these State mandated requirements for rental properties do not serve to further the State’s affordable housing measures, as the requirements increase costs for both landlords and tenants.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilwoman Williams and seconded by Councilmember Dale to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-6. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Ordinance 2024-6. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Lowden

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-45: Resolution Amending Resolution 2024-40 Authorizing Transfer of 2023 Appropriation Reserves

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Dale to adopt Resolution 2024-45. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-46: Resolution Authorizing the Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Resolution 2024-46. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-47: Resolution Authorizing the Implementation of Flexible Spending Accounts and Colonial Life Voluntary Benefits for Employees of the City of Beverly

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Snively to adopt Resolution 2024-47. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-48: Resolution Approving Partial Payment to A-Plus Construction, Inc. for Small Cities Grant Agreement for 616 Erhardt Ave

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Resolution 2024-48. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-49: Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with the Beverly Police Association Consistent with the Approved Memorandum of Agreement

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Dale to adopt Resolution 2024-49. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-50: Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Delanco for the Purchase of Street Sweeper

Council President Bancroft stated that action will be taken on the aforesaid resolution after the Council convenes into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations.

Denise Napper, 401 Broad Street, inquired if the purchase of a street sweeper will increase taxes.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Snively noted that the public information session held for the upcoming Circulation Plan Element was well attended, and stated that the Community Events/Outreach Committee will be meeting the following Thursday.

Councilmember Williams noted that the Community Events Committee is hosting a fundraiser to raise funds for Community Day.

The Municipal Court Report for February 2024 was reviewed without comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Cindy Robertson, 179 Warren Street, complained about debris at the Family Dollar site.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, noted upcoming Haaf Family Arts Foundation events.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 2024-51: Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, Common Council, and Support Staff to Enter into Executive Session for Contract Negotiations and Personnel Matters

City Administrator Wolbert noted that formal action will be taken at the conclusion of Executive Session.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Resolution 2024-51 and convene into Executive Session. Motion carried. The Common Council and support staff convened into Executive Session at 5:58PM and returned to the public portion of the meeting at 6:14PM.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2024-50: Resolution Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the Township of Delanco for the Purchase of Street Sweeper

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Dale to adopt Resolution 2024-50. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Lowden

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:17PM.

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

Approved: March 26, 2024