

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 26, 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, Mayor Randy H. Miller, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Thomas Coleman III, Esq., and City Clerk Caitlin D’Alfonso. Councilmember Lowden was 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.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: March 12, 2024

Executive Session: March 12, 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 26, 2024

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

Aye: Dale, Snively, 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.

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2024-7: Ordinance Amending Chapter V of the Code of the City of Beverly Entitled “Administration of Government”

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Snively to introduce Ordinance 2024-7. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Lowden

Ordinance 2024-8: Ordinance Determining Wage and Salary Ranges for Employees of the City of Beverly

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Dale to introduce Ordinance 2024-8. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Lowden

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-52: Resolution Authorizing Release of Escrow Funds to Loona Cadely Jeanty for the Public Auction Purchase of 20 Pine Street, 522 Third Street, and 215 Locust Street

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Resolution 2024-52. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-53: Resolution Authorizing Release of Escrow Funds to Adriano Silva for the Public Auction Purchase of 526 Second Street

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Dale to adopt Resolution 2024-53. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-54: Resolution Reappointing Cynthia Miller to the Beverly Housing Authority Commission

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Resolution 2024-54. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-55: Resolution Reappointing Hal Robertson to the Beverly Housing Authority Commission

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Dale to adopt Resolution 2024-55. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-56: Resolution Appointing Edward J. Pfeifer as Substitute Crossing Guard

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Snively to adopt Resolution 2024-56. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-57: Resolution Authorizing the City of Beverly to Enter into a Small Cities Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program Agreement with the Property Owner of 303 Pine Street (Block 1274, Lot 9)

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Dale to adopt Resolution 2024-57. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-58: Resolution Authorizing Final Payment to A-Plus Construction, Inc. for Small Cities Grant Agreement for 616 Erhardt Ave

A motion was offered by Councilmember Dale and seconded by Councilmember Snively to adopt Resolution 2024-58. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Miller noted that correspondence was received from Senator Andy Kim's office requesting the submission of projects for possible grant funding opportunities.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Snively encouraged the public to complete the survey for the Circulation Plan Element. Additionally, Councilmember Snively recommended that Council introduce changes to the City's Zoning Code as it relates the installation of signs and banners.

Councilmember Williams noted that the Community Events Committee held a successful fundraiser for Community Day, and stated that the City will be hosting a free dumpster day, e-waste recycling, and shredding event for residents of Beverly on April 20th.

City Administrator Wolbert explained that the City will need to order a dumpster to dispose of debris collected by the street sweeper to be purchased through a shared service agreement with Delanco Township, and that the CCTV Sanitary Sewer Project is now underway.

The Endeavor EMS report for February 2024 was reviewed without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Cindy Robertson, 179 Warren Street, asked about the public event to be held on April 20th, and inquired if Beverly was aware of any plans by neighboring municipalities to address the flooding issues around the Delanco-Palmyra bridge.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, on behalf of the Haaf Family Arts Foundation, requested permission from the Council to install a temporary banner on property located at 323 Broad Street displaying upcoming public events. Additionally, Mr. Haaf noted further incidents of vandalism of the Little Free Libraries, and stated that the Haaf Family Arts Foundation has purchased custom buttons to disseminate to members of the public to encourage public participation.

Gary Centinaro, 503 Cooper Street, thanked the DPW staff for their efforts during the winter season.

Luis Crespo, 623 Broad Street, inquired if municipal websites are required to keep its information up-to-date, inquired about the public comment section of meetings, and asked how Land Use Board application and escrow fees were determined.

Joe Heether, 603 Wheatley Ave, inquired about the street sweeping process and how residents will be notified to move their vehicles.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilmember Dale and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: April 9, 2024