

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

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 9, 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 Robert E. Lowden, Jr., 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..

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.

Joseph Heether, 603 Wheatley Ave, inquired about the purpose of Resolution 2024-60, project details pertaining to Resolution 2024-65, and the landing location of emergency medical helicopters pursuant to Resolution 2024-63.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: March 26, 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: Lowden

Absent:

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

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-7.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired if the aforesaid ordinance indicates that additional staff will be hired to fulfill the newly established roles.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Snively to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-7. Motion carried.

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

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

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-8. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Snively to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-8. Motion carried.

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-59: Resolution Authorizing the City of Beverly to Enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Camden County Educational Services Commission

Resolution 2024-60: Resolution Appointing James Bernard as Certified Recycling Professional for the City of Beverly

Resolution 2024-61: Resolution Authorizing the Haaf Family Arts Foundation, Inc. to Install a Temporary Banner at 323 Broad Street

Resolution 2024-62: Resolution Authorizing the Lease of Copiers and Related Services from Xerox through New Jersey State Contract

Resolution 2024-63: Resolution Adopting the Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Beverly

Resolution 2024-64: Resolution Accepting the Resignation of William Romero as Police Officer

Resolution 2024-65: Resolution Supporting the Submission of an Application for the FY2024 Community Project Funding Grant Program for the Installation of a Parking Lot at the Beverly City Elementary School

A motion was offered by Councilmember Lowden and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolution 2024-59 through Resolution 2024-65). Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Snively (Resolution 2024-61)

Absent:

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Snively stated that the City received over 100 survey responses regarding the Circulation Plan Element, and noted the upcoming date for the next Community Events/Outreach meeting.

Councilmember Lowden inquired about the next steps for the Circulation Plan Element.

Councilmember Williams reminded the public that the City will be hosting a free dumpster day, e-waste recycling, and shredding event for residents of Beverly on April 20th. The City-wide yard sale will also be held on the same day.

City Administrator Wolbert noted that the DPW staff has been training on the newly acquired street sweeper; bids will be advertised for an additional CCTV storm sewer project for infrastructure under County roadways; and that further grant applications have been submitted to Congressman Andy Kim and Senator Troy Singleton for future project funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Cindy Robertson, 179 Warren Street, stated that the debris issue at the Family Dollar site has significantly improved due to the efforts of the Code Enforcement Officer. Additionally, Ms. Robertson expressed appreciation that several beneficial projects are being undertaken and funded by grants as it benefits the taxpayers.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, updated Council on the “Living Library” events held at the Beverly Free Library.

Hal Robertson, 179 Warren Street, stated that he is satisfied with the police presence on Warren Street, as it is helping to slow traffic.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilmember Dale and seconded by Councilmember Snively to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:51PM.

Caitlin D’Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: April 23, 2024