

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 25, 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 Kelsey Snively, Councilmember Riccardo Dale, Mayor Randy H. Miller, City Administrator/Public Safety Director Richard Wolbert, City Solicitor Thomas Coleman III, Esq., and City Clerk Caitlin D’Alfonso. Councilmember Bernadine Williams 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, Moment of Silence for the passing of Dennis Rogers, 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 Dale and seconded by Councilmember Snively to close public comments on agenda items only. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: June 11, 2024

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Snively, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

BILL LIST

Bill List: June 25, 2024

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Snively, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented at this time

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-89: Resolution Authorizing Renewal of a Club Liquor License to the Athletic Club of Beverly, Inc. for the 2024-2025 Licensing Year

Resolution 2024-90: Resolution Authorizing Renewal of a Club Liquor License to the W.A. Cortright Jr, Post 115 for the 2024-2025 Licensing Year

Resolution 2024-91: Resolution Authorizing the Renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption License with Broad C Liquor License to Tulsi Beverly LLC, D/B/A “F&M Liquors” for the 2024-2025 Licensing Year

Resolution 2024-92: Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Beverly, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Sale of Various Municipally Owned Property

Resolution 2024-93: Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Joseph Robinson as Tax Assessor for the City of Beverly

Councilmember Snively inquired if applications have been received for the Tax Assessor position.

Councilmember Lowden inquired about F&M Liquor’s liquor license renewal and if same still includes the Broad C privilege.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Dale to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolution 2024-89 through Resolution 2024-93). Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Snively, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Williams

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Snively and Councilmember Lowden paid tribute to the life of Dennis Rogers, and commended his efforts in preserving the history of Beverly's community.

Councilmember Lowden expressed concern over the use of fireworks over the upcoming July 4th weekend.

Council President Bancroft inquired about the status of the draft tree ordinance mandated by the NJDEP.

City Administrator Wolbert updated Council on the following matters: the second public information session on the Circulation Plan Element was held last week, and the appointed professionals for same will now begin drafting the document; the City will be working with Bordentown Township and Rutgers University on a Municipal Public Access Plan; discussions are ensuing with the County Engineer's Office on ways to improve road safety and flooding concerns through a grant offered by the DVRPC; and new ordinances pertaining to brush collection and cease and desist letters are being drafted for Council's consideration.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Hal Robertson, 179 Warren Street, complained about tall grass in various areas throughout the City, and inquired about the status of curb painting.

Cindy Robertson, 179 Warren Street, noted that there are a few properties that appear to have ceased construction and have been left in disrepair.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, listed upcoming events to be hosted by the Haaf Family Arts Foundation and the Beverly Free Library.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Dale to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:01PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: July 9, 2024