

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
JULY 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 Robert E. Lowden, Jr., Councilmember Bernadine Williams, 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.

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 hiring status for a new Tax Collector per Resolution 2024-95 and the purpose of Ordinance 2024-13.

Hal Robertson, 179 Warren Street, inquired about Ordinance 2024-13 and if same will allow for an increase in routine patrols and the purchase of additional police vehicles.

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: June 25, 2024

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Snively, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Williams

Absent:

BILL LIST

Bill List: July 9, 2024

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

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

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 2024-10: Ordinance Establishing Flood Damage Prevention Regulations

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-10. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Snively to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-10. Motion carried.

Councilmember Snively inquired how the above ordinance will effect new construction and pool installations in flood hazard areas.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Lowden and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Ordinance 2024-10. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

ORDINANCE – FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

Ordinance 2024-12: Ordinance Establishing Provisions to Further Define the Enforcement Authority of the City’s Code Enforcement Officers for Cease and Desist Orders

Councilmember Snively inquired about how the aforesaid ordinance will strengthen the City’s current code enforcement procedures. City Administrator Wolbert clarified same.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Lowden and seconded by Councilmember Williams to introduce Ordinance 2024-12. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Ordinance 2024-13: Ordinance Amending Chapter 75 of the Code of the City of Beverly Entitled “Police Department” to Re-establish Staffing Levels in the Beverly City Police Department

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to introduce Ordinance 2024-13. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-94: Resolution Authorizing Final Payment to Buggy Construction, LLC for Small Cities Grant Program (1040 Warren Street)

Resolution 2024-95: Resolution Accepting the Resignation of Dawn McClain as Tax Collector

Resolution 2024-96: Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Replacement Playground Swings from GameTime for Farnum Park and Broad Street Park

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Dale to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolution 2024-94 through Resolution 2024-96). Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Snively reminded the public of the upcoming Basketball Tournament on July 27th and Community Day on August 17th.

Councilmember Lowden expressed his disappointment at the cost of the replacement playground swings, and suggested that grants be pursued in the future to replace the parks in their entirety since it has proved difficult to source proper replacement parts.

Councilmember Williams noted the upcoming Community Events/Outreach meeting.

The Tax Collector Report for May 2024 was review without comment.

The Municipal Court Report for June 2024 was review without comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Hal Robertson, 179 Warren Street, inquired about the purchase of the replacement playground swings. Additionally, Mr. Robertson commended the Code Enforcement Officer for their efforts in enforcing the property maintenance code as it relates to overgrown grass and brush.

Cindy Robertson, 179 Warren Street, noted that the trees and shrubs at the Family Dollar are dying and should be replaced.

Joseph Heether, 603 Wheatley Ave, inquired if the City has an ordinance against private property owners renting their pools for private parties.

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:52PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: July 23, 2024