

**CITY OF BEVERLY
BURLINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 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.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, inquired about the stipends to be paid to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting: August 13, 2024

Executive Session: August 13, 2024

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

Aye: Lowden, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

BILL LIST

Bill List: August 27, 2024

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

Aye: Lowden, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

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 2024-14: Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Beverly Amending Ordinance 2021-2 Establishing Stormwater Management Requirements

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-14. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-14. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Ordinance 2024-14. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

Ordinance 2024-15: Ordinance Establishing an All-Way Stop Sign Controlled Intersection at Bentley Avenue and Cherry Street Pursuant to the Authority of N.J.S.A. 39:4-197

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-15. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Snively to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-15. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to adopt Ordinance 2024-15. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent: Dale

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-115: Resolution Approving Compensation for the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the City of Beverly

Resolution 2024-116: Resolution Approving Change Order #4 for the 2021 Road Program

Resolution 2024-117: Resolution Authorizing Pay Estimate #6 for the 2021 Road Program

Resolution 2024-118: Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Movie License from Swank Motion Pictures, Inc. for Community Event

Resolution 2024-119: Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Movie Package from Premiere Outdoor Movies for Community Event

Resolution 2024-120: Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Municipally Owned Property (212 Laurel Street)

Resolution 2024-121: Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Two (2) 2023 Ford Utility Police Interceptors and Related Vehicle Equipment through New Jersey State Contract #20-Fleet-01189

Councilmember Snively inquired about Resolution 2024-121 and the status of previous orders for police vehicles.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to adopt the Consent Agenda (Resolution 2024-115 through Resolution 2024-121). Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Lowden, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Lowden (Resolution 2024-115)

Absent: Dale

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was presented at this time.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Councilmember Snively inquired about the status of the purchase of replacement swings for municipal playgrounds, thanked the DPW for installing “no parking” signs along Van Kirk Street, and noted the upcoming Movie Night to be hosted by the Community Events Committee.

Councilmember Lowden noted the passing of former employee and long-time resident George Mickle and commended his many years of community service. Additionally, Mr. Lowden stated that he received a property maintenance complaint.

Councilmember Williams thanked the staff and volunteers that assisted with Community Day, and stated that the Community Events Committee is preparing for a Trunk-or-Treat in October.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilmember Riccardo Dale arrived to the meeting at 5:43PM.

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Cynthia Robertson, 179 Warren Street, spoke highly of the City’s Community Day and the Blues Festival that was sponsored by the Haaf Family Arts Foundation.

Hal Robertson, 179 Warren Street, noted the lack of volunteerism in the community and asked about the purpose of Council subcommittees.

Alice Jester, 622 Spruce Street, asked if the discussion regarding chicken keeping will be placed on the agenda in the future and inquired about a helmet giveaway for children.

After slight discussion, it was determined by a majority of Council to remit the previously tabled chicken keeping ordinance back to the appropriate subcommittee for reconsideration and recommendations.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, expressed his support for chicken keeping.

Gary Centinaro, 503 Cooper Street, stated that he does not believe that permitting the keeping of chickens will benefit the City.

Officer Larry Welch of the Beverly City Police Department thanked Council for its approval of the purchase of two additional police vehicles.

There being no further comments, a motion was offered by Councilmember Dale 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 6:09PM.

Caitlin D’Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: September 10, 2024