

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

**COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Solicitor Douglas Heinold, 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.

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: August 27, 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: Lowden, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain: Dale

Absent:

BILL LIST

Bill List: September 10, 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, 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 2024-16: An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank for the 2024 Calendar Year (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-16. There being no comments, a motion was offered by Councilmember Dale and seconded by Councilmember Snively to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-16. Motion carried.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Ordinance 2024-16. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-122: Resolution Authorizing the 2024 Municipal Budget to be Read by Title Only

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Dale to adopt Resolution 2024-122. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-123: Resolution Authorizing the Local Examination of the 2024 Municipal Budget

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Resolution 2024-123. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-124: Resolution Adopting the 2024 Municipal Budget

Council President Bancroft opened the public hearing on the 2024 Municipal Budget.

Cindy Robertson, 179 Warren Street, inquired about certain increases in the budget.

Joseph Heether, 603 Wheatley Ave, asked about the grant items in the budget and their purposes.

Councilmember Snively inquired about training expenses for Council, the appropriation for park and playground maintenance, and library aid.

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

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Lowden to adopt Resolution 2024-124. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-125: Resolution Establishing Employee Salaries for Calendar Year 2024

A motion was offered by Councilmember Lowden and seconded by Councilmember Snively to adopt Resolution 2024-125. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-126: Resolution Extending Grace Period for 3rd Quarter Taxes

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Resolution 2024-126. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

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

Resolution 2024-127: Resolution Updating List of Signatories for All Accounts for the City of Beverly

A motion was offered by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Dale to adopt Resolution 2024-127. Motion carried on a Roll Call Vote, as follows:

Aye: Dale, Lowden, Snively, Williams, Bancroft

Nay:

Abstain:

Absent:

Resolution 2024-128: Resolution Authorizing Facility Use Agreement with Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish for Community Event

A motion was offered by Councilmember Snively and seconded by Councilmember Williams to adopt Resolution 2024-128. 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

Mayor Miller encouraged the public to register to vote.

Councilmember Snively and Councilmember Lowden stated that they are looking forward to upcoming community events.

Councilmember Williams noted the dates and times of Movie Night and Trunk-or-Treat.

City Administrator Wolbert acknowledged the passing of longtime resident Nancy Richards, and commended her service to the community. Additionally, Mr. Wolbert stated that the City underwent a successful inspection by POSHA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bancroft opened public comment.

Cindy Robertson, 179 Warren Street, inquired if snacks will be available at Movie Night. Additionally, Ms. Robertson inquired about a recent police incident on Magnolia Street.

Alice Jester, 622 Spruce Street, thanked the City for the new traffic control improvements by the elementary school, and noted that children are walking to school on paths without crossing guards.

Mark Robertson, 614 Erhardt Ave, complained about property maintenance issues. Mr. Wolbert explained the code enforcement process as it relates to same.

Gary Centinaro, 503 Cooper Street, thanked Mr. Wolbert for his explanation of the code enforcement process, as it is beneficial for the public to understand the proper legal procedures of same.

John Haaf, 124 Riverbank, thanked the City staff for their efforts and inquired about the extended grace period for the 3rd quarter taxes.

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 6:10PM.

Caitlin D'Alfonso, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Approved: September 24, 2024