



Borough of Bellevue

Borough Council Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2021, 7:00 pm
Via Zoom Teleconference

Call to Order

President Pennington called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
The call to order was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Present were Ms. Hause, Mr. DiTullio, Ms. Edmondson, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Sloane, Ms. Cerminara, and President Pennington. Mr. Pritchard and Mrs. Pikul were absent. A quorum was established.

Also, in attendance were Junior Councilperson-elect Andrew Beckas, Treasurer Joe Scioscia, Director of Administrative Services Cindy Bahn, DPW Superintendent Jim Kelly, Engineer Bryan Churilla, and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Danielle Graham Robinson, Representative Kinkead's Office: Reported that Representative Kinkead's office is open by appointment from 9 am to 5 pm Mondays through Fridays; it may open fully in June. If residents are receiving unemployment, the system will be shut down for 4 days prior to June 8; with the system down, new claims cannot be filed.
- Jack Davin, 460 Teece Avenue: Stated that the career firefighters have had informal meetings with DAS Bahn regarding their contract, but would like to meet with members of Council.
- Linda Woshner, 137 S. Euclid Avenue: Noted that the pandemic is not over – there were 4 deaths and 62 new cases in the last 24 hours. Stated that the Police Chief cannot close streets for events without Council approval.

Consent Agenda

Items of business and matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and noncontroversial and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by Council Members, that item is to be identified and removed from the Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the Agenda.

- a. Motion to Accept Minutes of the April 6, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the April 6, 2021 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.
- c. Motion to Accept Minutes of the April 6, 2021 Public Safety Committee Meeting.
- d. Motion to Accept Minutes of the April 6, 2021 Public Works Committee Meeting.
- e. Motion to Accept Minutes of the April 13, 2021 Pre-Council Meeting
- f. Motion to Accept Minutes of the April 27, 2021 Council Meeting.
Moved: President Pennington Second: Ms. Cerminara
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the May 25, 2021 Bill List.

Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

- b. Motion to Approve Andrew Beckas as Junior Councilperson
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- c. Motion to Authorize General Code to Update the Borough Code, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$4,320.00 (01.406.318).
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- d. Motion to Adopt Resolution 17-21, Designating Pension Plan Officials
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- e. Motion to Authorize, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$250, Advertisement of Proposed Ordinance 21-03, Amended and Restate Civil Service Rules and Regulations (01.406.341).
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve the Purchase of a Water Fountain for Memorial Park from Most Dependable Fountains, Inc. at a Cost Not to Exceed \$6,000.00 (01.451.530).
Moved: President Pennington Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 16-21, Recognizing Bona Fide Bellevue as a Nonprofit Organization for Purposes of the PA Small Games of Chance Act.

Discussion: Mr. DiTullio moved to table this item, but the motion failed for lack of a second. He stated that this gives the organization the ability to put slot machines in whatever building they want. The Solicitor responded that it does not permit slot machines, only "small games of chance", such as bingo, raffles, etc.

Moved: President Pennington Second: Ms. Cerminara
Aye: Ms. Sloane, Ms. Cerminara, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Hause, Ms. Edmondson, President
Pennington.
Nay: Mr. DiTullio
Motion carried. 6-1 with no abstentions.

- c. Motion to Adopt Resolution 18-21, Hiring a Pool Manager and Part-time Pool Staff
Moved: President Pennington Second: Ms. Hause
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- d. Motion to Adopt Resolution 20-21, Requesting a Greenways, Trail and Recreation Program Grant for Improvements to Memorial Park.
Moved: President Pennington Second: Ms. Cerminara

Discussion: DAS Bahn explained that this grant seeks funding for tennis court restoration and lighting for the Dek Hockey rink. The grant requires a 15% Borough match. Questions were asked and answered about the presence of the adult exercise equipment and the impact of the lighting on nearby properties.

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Public Safety Committee:

There were no items for Council action under this Committee.

Public Works Committee:

a. Update: LED Retrofit for Bellevue Sign

Mr. Kelly reported that he researched previous repairs, and the Borough paid for a retrofit to the 3 "ovals" under the larger "Bellevue" sign; the faces were replaced and the lighting upgraded to LED. He has received 2 quotations. This will be added to the agenda for the June Pre-Council meeting.

b. Motion to Authorize the Payment of the Jet Jack Inc. April 8, 2021 Certified Pay App in the Amount of \$141,836.34 for Dawson Avenue Sewer Lining (08.429.721).

Moved: President Pennington Second: Mr. DiTullio

All voted in favor of the Motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

c. Motion to Authorize the Payment of the M. O'Herron Final Invoice in the Amount of \$17,318.60 for Work on the 2020 Manhole Project (08.429.721).

Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Cerminara

All voted in favor of the Motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

d. Motion to Adopt Resolution 19-21, Hiring Tyler Grey and Travis Nemetz as DPW Season Laborers.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Cerminara

All voted in favor of the Motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

e. Motion to Adopt Resolution 21-21, Requesting a Watershed Restoration and Protection Program Grant in the Amount of \$300,000 for East Bellevue Station.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Cerminara

All voted in favor of the Motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

f. Motion to Adopt Resolution 22-21, Requesting a Watershed Restoration and Protection Program Grant in the Amount of \$161,687 for West Bellevue Station.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Cerminara

All voted in favor of the Motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Ms. Edmonson asked Mr. Kelly about the status of sidewalk restoration on Orchard Avenue; Mr. Kelly responded that it's in process, and he expects the contractor to be there in the next week. Currently, two contractors are doing sidewalk restoration in the Borough. Ms. Sloane stated that residents have been notified that the work will take about 3 weeks.

Ethics Committee (Ad Hoc):

- This will be added to the agenda for the June Pre-Council meeting..

Unfinished Business

a. Motion to Return to In-Person Committee, Pre-Council, and Council Meetings beginning June, 2021.

Moved: President Pennington Second: Mr. Stuncard

Discussion: President Pennington solicited Council's thoughts, noting that he did not know everyone's vaccination and health status, but that the health and safety of everyone attending the meetings is of paramount importance. Ms. Hause stated that while she likes the Zoom meetings, the CDC says that people need to get back to their regular lives. Ms. Cerminara stated that it's reasonable to require participants to wear masks. The Solicitor noted that his municipal clients are all over the board, but that hybrid meetings have not worked all that well. He cautioned Council to be careful limited the number of people attending because of First Amendment concerns.

Aye: Ms. Hause

Nay: Ms. Sloane, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Cerminara, Mr. Stuncard, Mr. DiTullio, President Pennington

Motion failed, 6-1 with no abstentions.

New Business

- a. Discussion: Vacant Property on South Fremont Avenue.
Mr. DiTullio reported that the Borough has an opportunity to purchase land, which might be used to extend bike trails. The Solicitor stated that he would reach out to Northgate School District and the County regarding delinquent taxes.
- b. Mr. DiTullio moved to deny the closure of Hawley Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Bayne Avenue on Saturday June 19, 2021 for an event sponsored by Lincoln Avenue Brewery, but the motion failed for lack of a second.
- c. President Pennington stated that with June looming, he would like to discuss flying the rainbow Pride Flag.
Moved: President Pennington Second: Ms. Cerminara
Public Contribution:
Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Asked about provisions for flying the flags of other groups.
Jeremy Olson, 66 S. Euclid Avenue: Stated that he fully endorses flying the flag.
Diane Hoffman, 3 N. Balph Avenue: Disagrees with flying it, and asked about flying the flags of Ireland, Switzerland, etc.

Aye: Mr. DiTullio, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Sloane, Ms. Cerminara, President Pennington.
Nay: Ms. Hause
Motion carried, 6-1 with no abstentions.
- d. Mr. Kelly requested that Council approve the proposal for street line painting by the company currently lining the sections of Lincoln recently repaved. He noted that the paving contractor is only responsible for lining the streets they paved, but that combining the Lincoln Avenue line painting with the other streets needing it would save the Borough money.

Motion: Authorize the Payment of \$6,750.00 to PCP Company for the Lining of Streets
Approved by the DPW Superintendent (01.438.100)

Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Cerminara
All voted in favor of the Motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

- Diane Hoffman, 33 N. Balph Avenue: Is concerned about Bayne Park because she sees people there after dark.
- Linda Woshner, 137 S. Euclid Avenue: Stated that Lincoln Avenue Brewery's request to close the street should have been made months ago, and that Council is setting a precedent.
- Tom Hrynda, 523 Roosevelt Avenue: Suggested that Council look at the event ordinance the Chief researched from another community. Added that Council did not vote on returning to in-person meetings when 1 member was absent at the Pre-Council meeting, but voted tonight with 2 members absent.
- Wendy Blazier, 532 Highland Place: Stated that she's been told since January of 2020 that when the pool got water, the dog park would as well, and her belief that the CDC will permit 100% occupancy of indoor spaces June 1, 2021.
- Tony (unknown last name), 527 Monroe Avenue: stated that the precedent for Council votes is to discuss at the Pre-Council meeting and vote at the Council meeting; Council members had 2 weeks to review.

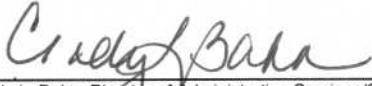
Executive Session

- Council did not adjourn into Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Pennington adjourned the meeting at 9:07 pm.

ATTEST



Cindy L. Bahn, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary



Val Pennington, Council President

