



Borough of Bellevue

Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2021, 7:00 pm

Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers

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 Mr. Stuncard, Mr. DiTullio, Ms. Sloane, Ms. Cerminara, Ms. Edmondson, Mrs. Pikul Mr. Pritchard and President Pennington. Ms. Hause was absent. A quorum was established.

Also in attendance were Junior Councilperson Andrew Beckas, Financial Services Administrator Andrea Contes, who served as Secretary Pro Tem, Treasurer Joe Scioscia, Engineer Bryan Churilla, and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Linda Woshner, 137 S. Euclid Avenue: Stated that speakers need to speak up or she will take legal action. She also expressed her opinion about proceedings related to the advertisement and adoption of ordinances, and her concerns about the Special Events Ordinance.
- Amanda Sloane, 151 N. Sprague Avenue: Wanted to publicly thank Jim Scisciani for a great Labor Day display and a moving memorial for 09/11.

Reports

Mayor's Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Treasurer's Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Financial Report (Budget, Tax and Services reports were included with Council packet)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Code Enforcement Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- Mr. Wissner noted that a short-term rental application was submitted for 517 Highland Place; the Zoning Hearing Board has not set a date for the hearing.

Library Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- Ms. Goodman had nothing to add to her written report.

Public Works Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- Mr. Kelly had nothing to add to his written report.

Engineer's Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- Mr. Churilla had nothing to add to his written report.

Joint Planning Commission

1. Motion to Appoint Dan Christman to the Civil Service Commission as an Alternate, Effectively Immediately, with a Term to Expire December 31, 2026.

2. Discussion: Application of Tyler Adams for the Position of Parttime Firefighter
The Solicitor advised that Council should not discuss personnel matters in a public meeting. Mr. Pritchard stated that the Ordinance provides for the Fired Chief's recommendation, and that Chief Dailey had not heard about this. Mrs. Pikul responded that it was discussed at Committee, and Chief Dailey was in attendance at that meeting.
3. Discussion: Closure of Lincoln Avenue from Starr Avenue to Home Avenue on Sunday, October 17 from 4-6 pm for Bellevue Christian Church to Hold a 125th Anniversary Observance.
The Chief reported that this is a celebration, and that they would like the street closed from Starr Avenue to the Bellevue/Avalon border from 4-7 pm; he will request a Certificate of Insurance from the Church.

Moved: Mrs. Pikul Second: Ms. Edmondson
Aye: Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Sloane, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Cerminara, Mr. Pritchard, Mrs. Pikul,
President Pennington
Nay: Mr. DiTullio
Motion carried, 7-1 with no abstentions.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Cerminara
Discussion: Mr. Pritchard stated that this is not pressing and wanted to wait until the Council meeting.
Aye: Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Sloane, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Cerminara, Mr. Ditullio, Mrs. Pikul, President Pennington
Nay: Mr. Pritchard
Motion carried, 7-1 with no abstentions.

- Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Cerminara
Discussion: Mr. Pritchard stated again that this is not pressing and wanted to wait until the Council meeting.
Aye: Mr. Stuncard, Mr. DiTullio, Ms. Sloane, Ms. Cerminara, Ms. Edmondson, Mrs. Pikul, President Pennington
Nay: Mr. Pritchard
Motion carried, 7-1 with no abstentions.

- #### 4. Discussion: Restoration/Repair of Orchard Avenue

Mr. Kelly reported that he is working with Team Fischel, the contractor who is handling the repair on behalf of Columbia Gas; he will have numbers for the September Council meeting.

5. Discussion: Purchase of a 5-Ton Dump Truck

Mr. Kelly reported that the old 5-ton dump truck is from 1996, did not pass inspection and is no longer safe to drive. This is putting excessive wear and tear on the smaller trucks. He expects that he will be able to sell it on Municibid. Mr. Pritchard asked about the total interest for leasing a new truck, and Mr. Kelly responded that this is a lease/purchase – the truck will belong to the Borough at the end of the term. A vote to lease/purchase a new 5-Ton Dump Truck and to sell the old truck will be added to the agenda for the September Council meeting.

6. Discussion: HRG Proposal for Dakota Avenue Blight Remediation

Mr. Churilla noted that this project must be completed by June 30, 2022. The COG will arrange for the asbestos survey. Upon the request of Council, Mr. Churilla will add a provision in the contract stating that the demolition will happen up to the property line.

Unfinished Business

- Mrs. Pikul requested budget reports, and Ms. Contes will provide.
- Mr. Pritchard asked about the status of the demolitions of properties on Tingley and Dakota Avenues, and Mr. Churilla responded that he thought this was held up by legal clearances. President Pennington noted that the public hearing was held March 9, 2021, and clearances should be issues.

New Business

- Dumpster Day: The cost to the Borough will be \$1250, not \$600 as previously reported.
- Ms. Sloane distributed a proposed Code of Conduct for Council.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items (limit of 2 minutes)

- Ellen Goodman, Bayne Memorial Library Director: Urged Council to act as soon as possible on the new library position, noting that the "removal of job descriptions won't result in managers hiring a butler". She added that not including job descriptions in the Personnel System will allow the library and managers to apply their expertise to personnel matters.
- Leann Chaney, 125 Teece Avenue: Introduced herself as the new appointee to the JPC.
- Joe Scoscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Stated his assumption that "the Code of Ethics will be provided to Connie Rankin". Added that he doesn't want Council to infringe on his right to criticize government and that he would "See you in Federal Court".
- Amanda Sloane, 151 N. Sprague Avenue: Noted that she received a number of calls from residents whose trash wasn't picked up, and suggested the Administrative Office post if there is a reason why.

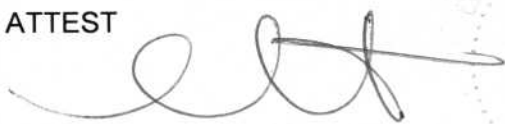
Executive Session

Council adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the DPW Collective Bargaining Agreement at 8:47 pm and returned to the Council Meeting at 9:23 pm. No legislative action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

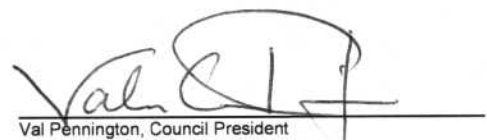
Adjournment

There being no further business, President Pennington adjourned the meeting at 9:24 pm.

ATTEST



Andrea Contes, Secretary Pro Tem



Val Pennington, Council President