



Borough of Bellevue

Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

October 12, 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 Ms. Sloane, Ms. Cerminara, Mr. Stuncard, Mr. Ditullio, Ms. Edmondson and President Pennington. Ms. Hause, Mr. Pikul, and Mr. Pritchard were absent. A quorum was established.

Also in attendance were Junior Councilperson Andrew Beckas, Director of Administrative Services Cindy Bahn, Treasurer Joe Scioscia, Engineers Bryan Churilla and Dan Barna, and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Dan Christman, 96 S. Bryant Avenue: Introduced himself to Council and noted that he was appointed as an alternate on the Civil Service Commission last month. He noted that he has been a Bellevue resident for 13 years.

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)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Library Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

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

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

DAS Report

- Ms. Bahn reported that she is buried in 2022 budget preparations, along with assisting the Financial Services Administrator with various audits.

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

- Mr. Churilla had nothing to add to his written report, but took the opportunity to introduce Dan Barna, who will be accompanying him to meetings and working on Bellevue projects.

Joint Planning Commission

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Northwest EMS Report (written report provided to Council)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Quaker Valley Council of Governments Report

- Mr. DiTullio had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee; Jeffrey Stuncard, Chair Pro Tem

1. Motion to Approve Payment of the October 12, 2021, Bill List.

Second: Ms. Cerminara

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.

2. Motion to Authorize the Advertisement of Ordinance 21-05, Establishing Procedures for Public Events and Gatherings in the Borough (01.406.341)

The Solicitor remarked that he made changes to exclude the school district holding public events on their own property.

Second: Ms. Edmondson

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee; Val Pennington, Chair

1. Discussion: October 30, 2021 Halloween Parade

Tamra Franklin from 202 Hometown Tacos is handling plans for this event, which would use rolling street closures on Lincoln Avenue from Starr Avenue to Balph Avenue. Registration would begin at 9:00 am and the parade would kick off at 10:00 am and end in Bayne Park with prizes, pumpkin decorating, and distribution of treat bags. Ms. Edmondson reported that Bonafide Bellevue has produced a flyer and has information online.

Motion to amend the agenda for Council to authorize the October 30, 2021 Halloween Parade.

Moved: President Pennington Second: Ms. Cerminara

Aye: Ms. Sloane, Ms. Edmondson, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Cerminara, President Pennington

Nay: Mr. DiTullio

Motion carried, 5-1, with no abstentions.

Motion to authorize the rolling closure of Lincoln Avenue from Starr Avenue to Balph Avenue starting at 10:00 am for a Halloween Parade on October 30, 2021.

Moved: President Pennington Second: Ms. Cerminara

Aye: Ms. Edmondson, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Cerminara, Ms. Sloane, President Pennington

Nay: Mr. DiTullio

Motion carried, 5-1, with no abstentions.

Public Safety Committee; Jodi Cerminara, Chair Pro Tem

1. Motion to Approve the October 31, 2021 Closure of Balph Avenue from Lincoln Avenue to Citizen Wa from Noon to 5:00 pm for a Street Party Celebrating the 2nd Anniversary of Vibe.

Second: Ms. Edmondson

Discussion: Ms. Cerminara reported that the owner of Vibe attended the October Public Safety Committee meeting to present details of the event. Chief Sentner stated that he would notify Port Authority so that they can re-route busses.

Aye: Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Sloane, Ms. Cerminara, Ms. Edmondson, President Pennington

Nay: Mr. DiTullio

Motion carried, 5-1, with no abstentions.

Public Works Committee; Jillian Edmondson, Chair

1. Motion to Authorize the Garvin Boward Beitko Geotech Proposal for the Retaining Wall Behind N. Jackson Avenue in the Amount of \$10,470.00 (01.438.100)

Moved: Ms. Edmondson

Second: Ms. Cerminara

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 6-0.

2. Discussion: 700 Block of Orchard Avenue, between Jackson and Union Avenues
Mr. Kelly does not have any new information and reported that he is having a difficult time getting bids for this project.

Unfinished Business

- Ms. Cerminara asked the status of changes in Library personnel and Ms. Bahn responded that the Library Director has included the proposed position in her 2022 budget request.

New Business

- Ms. Bahn reported that a VPRP application received by the Borough requires a resolution, which will be on the agenda for the October Council meeting. The vacant property is located at 146 Ridge Avenue and the applicants are Ron and Kathy Coder.
- She also noted that a resolution will be on the October Council meeting agenda for the Borough's CDBG 48 application, which will partially fund the demolition of vacant properties at 134 Meade Avenue and 325 Glaser Avenue.
- The Borough will need to adopt a resolution accepting the Waste Management Solid Waste and Recycling Contract in order to participate in the 5-year contract beginning January 1, 2022. This will also be on the agenda for the October Council meeting.
- Ms. Bahn noted that a resolution approving the sewage planning module for Popeyes Restaurant on Ohio River Boulevard will be on the agenda for the October Council meeting. Ms. Cerminara noted that she will oppose an waivers for landscaping in the future.
- President Pennington asked if Council Committees, especially the Finance Committee, could explore a business tax waiver for a short term. He would like to see this offered to businesses that are making a significant investment in commercial properties in the Borough.

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

- There was no public contribution at this time.

Executive Session

Council adjourned to Executive Session to discuss the DPW Collective Bargaining Agreement at 7:42 pm and returned to the Council Meeting at 7:56 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 7:57 pm.

ATTEST



Cindy Bahn, Director of Administrative Services, Secretary



Val Pennington, Council President