



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2022, 7:00 pm
Municipal Building
2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order

President Pro Tem Amanda Sloane 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, Ms. Miller, Ms. Cerminara (via Zoom), Ms. Slavicek, Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Denton, Ms. Edmondson, Mr. Hrynda, and President Pro Tem Sloane. A quorum was established.

Also, in attendance were Mayor Val Pennington, Junior Councilperson Andrew Beckas, Director of Administrative Services Cindy Bahn, Police Chief Matt Sentner, Lt. Firefighter Jack Davin, Treasurer Joe Scioscia, and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Cindy Vozza, 197 Dakota Avenue: Had questions and concerns about the demolitions of 191, 193, and 195 Dakota Avenue. Requested copies of the engineer's report and to be named on the contractor's Certificate of Insurance.
- Tom Fowler, 187 Dakota Avenue: Had questions about the same demolitions and also asked to be named on the contractor's Certificate of Insurance.
- John Skovran, 511 Teece Avenue: Asked about the status of naming Gillott Park in honor of Bob Loch, who founded BAGAA. Mayor Pennington noted that he has spoken to Mr. Skovran several times about this.
- Nathaniel Burns, 732 Orchard Avenue: Stated that he was told to submit a bid for the brick repair to Orchard Avenue.
- Harry Smith, 722 Orchard Avenue: Reported that things were not done in his section of Orchard Avenue, where asphalt is breaking up and damage is being done to houses.
- Jennifer Sandrock, 721 Orchard Avenue: Noted that a house was devastated from a broken water line in 2017, that a sink hole developed 2 years ago during gas line replacement, and that there are 14 holes in the street. Wondered whose responsibility these things are.

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 March 1, 2022, Finance, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Public Works Committee Meetings.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the March 8, 2022, Pre-Council Meeting and March 22, 2022, Council Meeting.

Moved: President Pro Tem Sloane Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the April 26, 2022, Bill List.
Moved: President Pro Tem Sloane Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- b. Motion to Authorize the Advertisement of Ordinance 22-05, Establishing Procedures Relating to Public Events and Gathering in the Borough of, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$250. (01.406.341)
Moved: President Pro Tem Sloane Second: Ms. Edmondson
Discussion: Ms. Miller asked if Council was prepared to engage with people who organize events in the Borough. Ms. Sloane noted that this vote is to advertise the Ordinance only, and that the vote to adopt the Ordinance will happen at the May Council meeting. The Solicitor added that applicants who wish to hold events covered by the Ordinance will make a presentation to Council.
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

- a. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of 7 Lane Markers form Recreonics, Inc. at a Cost of \$3,178.92. (01.452.530)
Moved: Mr. Stuncard Second: Mr. McKelvey
Discussion: Ms. Slavicek asked if the Tidal Waves swim club contributes to the cost of pool maintenance and DAS Bahn replied in the negative, but explained the markers are also used to mark off the deep end of the pool and to create a landing area at the bottom of the slide.
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- b. Motion to Approve the Servicemaster Cleaning Bid in the Amount of \$1,350.00 to Clean the Bayne Memorial Library. (04.409.373)
Moved: Mr. Stuncard Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- c. Motion to Award the Bayne Park Retaining Wall Project, a CD47 Grant-Funded Project, to the Low Bidder, Quigley Development, Inc. in the Amount of \$145,946.95, Contingent upon a Reduced Scope of Work, as Approved by Both the AVCOG and Allegheny County Economic Development, which is Expected to Result in a Total Project Cost of Approximately \$65,800.00 (30.430.000)
Moved: Mr. Stuncard Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

Public Safety Committee:

- a. Motion to Direct the Civil Service Commission to Establish a Hiring List of the Position of Patrol Officer in the Borough of Bellevue Police Department.
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- b. Motion to Authorize the Port Authority of Allegheny County to Install a Transit Passenger Shelter on Lincoln Avenue at S. Harrison Avenue.
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- c. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of 2 Handheld Parking Ticket Machines with Warranty from UPsafety at a Cost of \$6,230.00. (01.410.700)
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- d. Motion Authorizing the Purchase of a 2022 Police Hybrid Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Whitmoyer Author Group at a Total Cost of \$56,618.00 to be Financed through a 3-Year Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase with KS Bank, at an Interest Rate of 5.39% and with 3 Annual Payments of \$17,907.92 (01.410.700)

Second: Mr. Hrynda

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

- e. Discussion: Requirement for the Wearing of Face Masks at Council Meetings
Mr. McKelvey stated that this should be optional for everyone, unless the number of positive cases spikes again. Ms. Denton asked what the metric should be, and Ms. Edmondson suggested following the school district or County policy. This will be further discussed in May.
- f. Motion to Adopt Resolution 14-22, Appointing Lt. Firefighter Mark Ford as a Deputy Fire Marshal.
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

Public Works Committee:

- a. Motion to Accept the Proposal from Precision Painting and Restoration, Inc. to Repoint Exterior Walls of the Borough Building at a Cost of \$14,650.00. (01.409.373)
Moved: Md. Edmondson Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- b. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of Winter Equipment Coating form Rhomar Industries, Inc. at a Total Cost of \$1,130.46. (01.430.251)
Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- c. Motion to Accept the Wreckcrew Demolition LLC Bid in the Amount of \$69,000 to Demolish the Structures at 191, 193, and 195 Dakota Avenue. (30.430.000)
Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: President Pro Tem Sloane
Discussion: Mr. McKelvey stated that he would like answers to residents' questions before voting. The Solicitor responded that the Borough is just getting rid of a condemned building and is obligated to ensure that it's done safely. Mr. Churilla, who was participating via phone, noted that the company has provided a bond in the amount of the contract, and that restoration will include grass seeding. The foundation walls will be dug down to 1 foot below grade and then filled. Ms. Vozza, speaking from the gallery, stated that the company could do more than \$69,000 in damages, and Solicitor responded that the company carries insurance in case something goes wrong. Mr. Churilla stated that hand demolition will be done to the structure beside the remaining building. Ms. Vozza again requested to be named in the Certificate of Insurance, and the Solicitor noted that this is not typically done as the residents are not a party to the agreement.
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

Ethics Committee (Ad Hoc):

Ms. Sloane apologized and noted that because the Pre-Council agenda was so full and she was not at the meeting, that this will be moved to May.

Unfinished Business

- There were no items of unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

- a. Motion to Require the Wearing of Face Masks During Committee Meeting, Pre-Council, and Council Meetings.
- Moved: President Pro Tem Sloane Second: Ms. Edmondson
- All voted in against the motion. Motion defeated, 9-0.
- Face masks will no longer be required for public meetings in Council Chambers
- Mayor Pennington reminded attendees of the shredding event Saturday 30, 2022 and DAS Bahn noted that flyers were available on the tables in Chambers .

- Ms. Edmondson reminded everyone about the May 5, 2022 Blood Drive at the high school from 3-7 pm.
- Chief Sentner reported that there will be drug take back program in the Police Department Saturday, May 30, 2022.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

- Tom Fowler, 187 Dakota Avenue: Thanked Council for the discussion on the Dakota Townhouse demolitions and asked if the Borough will try to recoup their costs. The Solicitor responded that he would file a lien on the properties.
- Cindy Vozza, 187 Dakota Avenue: Stated that the owner of the Dakota Townhouses that are being demolished is current on his taxes and wondered if that would impact anything.

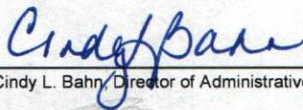
Executive Session

- Council did not adjourn to Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Pro Tem Sloane adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

ATTEST



Cindy L. Bahn, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary



Amanda Sloane, Council President Pro Tem

