



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2022, 7:00 pm

Municipal Building

2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order

President Cerminara 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. Sloan, Ms. Slavicek, Ms. Denton, Mr. Hyrnda, Ms. Edmondson, Mr. McKelvey, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Miller (at 7:09 pm), and President Cerminara. A quorum was established.

Also, in attendance were Mayor Val Pennington, Junior Councilperson Andrew Beckas, DAS Cindy Bahn, DPW Superintendent Jim Kelly, Firefighter Lt. Jack Davin, Firefighter Lt. Mark Ford, Treasurer Joe Scioscia, and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Laura Pollanen, 132 Lincoln Avenue: Thanked Council for supporting Pride in Bellevue, and stated, "We're your neighbors, friends, sons and daughters".
- Veronica Blair, 107 N. Sprague Avenue: Also thanked Council for supporting Pride, and spoke of how she came from a small town in Ohio where there was not a lot of diversity, so was happy to find a welcoming community in Bellevue.
- Jillian Edmondson, 173 N. Fremont Avenue: Reported that some people believed that the American flag should be sufficient, and that the Borough should not fly the Pride flag; read emails she received in support of flying the Pride flag.
- Alisa Mehlo, 117 Cedar Avenue: Thanked Council for their support of Pride Month, and expressed disappointment that there were people who wanted to "erase this".
- Jennie Denton, 205 N. Balph Avenue: Read emails from people who wrote to Council in support of flying the Pride flag.

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 May 3, 2022 Finance, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Public Works Committee Meetings.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the May 10, 2022, Pre-Council Meeting and May 24, 2022, Council Meeting.

Moved: President Cerminara 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 May 24, 2022, Bill List.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. McKelvey

Discussion: Ms. Slavicek requested that the check for Mr. Cusick to reimburse him for supplies related to the Memorial Day observance be excluded from the bill list because the expense was more than Council authorized.

President Cerminara amended her motion to exclude the payment to Paul Cusick, and Mr. McKelvey again seconded the motion.

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

- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 20-22, Providing for the Refund of Real Estate Taxes Due as a Result of Changes in Assessed Values and/or Overpayments.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

- a. Motion to Adopt Resolution 22-22, Providing for the Hiring of Additional Pool Staff.
Moved: Mr. Stundard Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

Public Safety Committee:

- a. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of 4 Rear Tires for the Fire Department Engine Truck from Scarlett Transportation LLC at a Cost of \$3,535.00 (01.411.231)
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 21-22, Appointing Jodi Cerminara and Cindy L. Bahn as Signatories on Documents Related to the Purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer for Use by the Police Department. (01.410.700)
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- c. Motion to Appoint Michael Kernan and Sean McAfee as Alternate Commissioners to the Civil Service Commission.
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

Public Works Committee:

- a. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of 90' of Lineal Chain Link Fencing, from Bethlehem Wire & Fence Co., in the Amount of \$4,032.00 for Installation in Bayne Memorial Park (30.451.000)
Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.
- b. Motion to Set the Salary of the DPW Superintendent at \$76,296 Effective July 1, 2022.
Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Mr. McKelvey
Discussion: Solicitor Racunas noted that he thought – in error – that managerial positions fell outside the Borough's salary ordinance. He stated that Council could vote, and then formalize by amending the salary ordinance. Ms. Miller reported that she received a question from a resident asking where the additional dollars would be coming from, and President Cerminara responded that the Borough did not hire any seasonal laborers, noting the difficulty in hiring part time and seasonal employees. Mr. Hrynda observed that Council does not know if the additional dollars will be available next year, and that the lack of seasonal laborers is not good reason to do this. President Cerminara

responded that this would be an item for discussion during budget talks. Mayor Pennington noted that Mr. Kelly has saved the Borough more money than the salary increase will cost. President Cerminara stated that she does value employees, and that too much turnaround will ultimately cost more in the long run.

Ayes: Ms. Miller, Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Denton, Ms. Edmondson, Mr. Stuncard, President Cerminara.

Nays: Ms. Slavicek, Ms. Sloane, Mr. Hrynda.

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 6-3, with no abstentions.

- c. Motion to Authorize DPW to Install a Banner Across Lincoln Avenue from On or About July 6, 2022 through August 6, 2022 for the Bona Fide Bellevue Brewery Crawl, and from On or About August 10, 2022 through September 10, 2022 for the Bona Fide Bellevue Art & Wine Crawl.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Slavicek

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

- d. Motion to Adopt Resolution 18-22, Authorizing the Borough's Participation in a Joint Glass Recycling Program with the Quaker Valley Council of Governments.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Denton

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

- e. Motion to Adopt Resolution 19-22, Approving the Acquisition and Disposition of the Lot Known as Block & Lot NO. 114-E-54, also Known as 8 Farragut Avenue, as Consistent with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Slavicek

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

- f. Motion to Adopt Resolution 23-22, Requesting a Grant from Alcosan through its GROW Program, Authorizing Cindy L. Bahn and Bryan Churilla to Execute Documents Related to Same, and Committing Borough Funds in the Amount of \$375400.00 to Complete the Project.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Denton

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

Unfinished Business

- There were no items of unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

- Ms. Miller noted that the QVCOG Board meetings are where communities can express concerns and asked that Council members let her know if there are any COG-wide concerns. President Cerminara asked when the meetings are held, and Ms. Miller responded that she thought they are the 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Ms. Sloane asked about the Rt. 65 Corridor Committee, in connection with the new fast food restaurant and Ms. Miller noted that the sub-committee will be meeting June 29.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

- Christine Hall, 258 W. Riverview Avenue: Asked about the most recent filming in the Borough, and wondered if the Borough was reimbursed for expenses related to the filming, to which DAS Bahn responded in the affirmative. Joe Scioscia, 230 Lincoln Avenue: Asked about the cost of closing the street, and Mr. Kelly responded that it's minimal.
- Connie Rankin, 116 Arch Street: Stated that she believes the Keswick Street issue was caused by work done by Columbia Gas and they should be responsible. Mr. Kelly agreed, but was not confident that the Borough could collect. Ms. Robinson noted that Rep. Kinkead's office could assist.

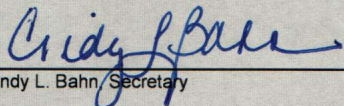
Executive Session

- Council did not adjourn to Executive Session.

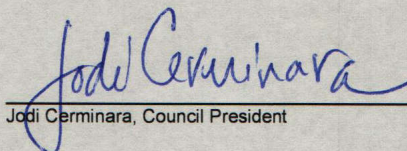
Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

ATTEST



Cindy L. Bahn, Secretary



Jodi Cerminara, Council President

