



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes

May 24, 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 Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Miller (at 7:11 pm), Mr. Hrynda, Ms. Slavicek, Ms. Sloane, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Denton and President Cerminara. Mr. McKelvey was absent. A quorum was established.

Also, in attendance were Mayor Val Pennington (via Zoom), Junior Councilperson Andrew Beckas, Financial Services Administrator Andrea Contes serving as Secretary pro tem, Treasurer Joe Scioscia, and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Joe Scioscia 260 Lincoln Avenue: Stated that flying a particular flag is unfair and un-American
- Danielle Graham Robinson, Rep. Kinkead's office: Reminded those in attendance of the constituent services offered by Rep. Kinkead's office, including assistance with processing unemployment claims, help with social services and support for obtaining licenses and birth certificates. She will leave brochures for the literature rack, and noted an upcoming Shredding Event June 7 and a Women's Resource Fair at Ross Community Center July 30.

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 5, 2022, Finance, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Public Works Committee Meetings.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the April 12, 2022, Pre-Council Meeting and April 26, 2022, Council Meeting.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Ms. Edmondson

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

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the May 24, 2022, Bill List.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Ms. Sloane

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

- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 15-22, 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. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

- c. Motion to Increase the Spending Limit for Bellevue Borough Department Heads to \$1,500 without Prior Council Approval.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Ms. Sloane
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- d. Motion to Authorize the Closure of Lincoln Avenue from Florence Avenue to Balph Avenue form 4-10 pm on August 6, 2022 for a Brewery Crawl.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- e. Motion to Authorize the Closure of Lincoln Avenue from Florence Avenue to Balph Avenue from 4-10 pm on September 10, 2022 for a Wine & Art Crawl.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- f. Motion to Authorize the Expenditure of Up to \$250 for Costs Associated with the Establishment of a "Mini Mayor" Program at Bellevue Elementary School. (01.451.249)
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- g. Motion to Appoint Andrew Beckas to the Shade Tree Commission for a Term to Expire December 31, 2024; Scott Heberling to the Shade Tree Commission for a Term to Expire December 31, 2026; and Linda Ryan to the Shade Tree Commission for a Term to Expire December 31, 2025.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve the Flying of the Rainbow Pride Flag from June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 in Observance of Pride Month.
Moved: Mr. Stuncard Second: Ms. Sloane
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- b. Motion to Authorize the Expenditure of Up to \$500 per Lifeguard as an Incentive for Summer Employment, with Lifeguards who Remain Employed Until August 1, 2022 to Receive an Additional \$100; Lifeguards who Remain Employed Until August 15, 2022 to Receive an Additional \$250; and Lifeguards who Remain Employed Until the Pool Closure Date to Receive an Additional \$500.
Moved: Mr. Stuncard Second: Ms. Denton
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Safety Committee:

- a. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of an Evidence Locker for the Police Department from SchoolLockers.com at a Total Cost of \$2,867.95. (01.410.700)
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- b. Motion to Require the Wearing of Face Masks at Public Meetings in Council Chambers Should the Allegheny County Level of Community Transmission Reach the "High" Level.
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- c. Motion to Accept the Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Borough and Teamsters Local Union 926, Effective July 1, 2020 Through June 30, 2024.
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Works Committee:

a. Informational: Orchard Avenue Options.

Mr. Kelly recommends that Council authorize the advertisement of Option 2. The cost of this option which would cover paving from the site of the sewer repair to Union Avenue is about \$55,000.

Motion to Amend the Agenda to Authorize the Advertisement of Bids for Paving of Orchard Avenue.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson

Second: Ms. Slavicek

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

Motion to Authorize the Advertisement for Bids to Pave Orchard Avenue from the Site of the Sewer Repair to Union Avenue. (01.496.341)

Moved: Ms. Edmondson

Second: Ms. Slavicek

Public Contribution:

Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Asked that the bricks that are removed be saved.

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 16-22, Approving the Acquisition and Disposition of the Lot Known as Block & Lot No. 161-J-85, also Known as 80 North Bryant Avenue, as Consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the Borough.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson

Second: Ms. Slavicek

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

c. Motion to Accept the Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Borough and Teamsters Local Union 249, Effective January 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2024.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson

Second: Ms. Slavicek

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

Unfinished Business

- Ms. Edmondson asked if progress had been made in hiring lifeguards, and Ms. Contes responded that several more people have expressed interest.

New Business

- Ms. Miller distributed information packets regarding the establishment of 2 permanent glass recycling bins, one in Sewickley and one in Avalon. She encourages the Borough to participate. This will proceed through the Committee-Pre-Council-Council process in June.
- Ms. Miller also asked about the status of Keswick Avenue, and Mr. Kelly responded that he had no new information.
- Mr. Kelly noted that the parks are ready for Memorial Day.
- He also noted the presence of 2 sinkholes, and reported that DPW are prioritizing the worst streets.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

- 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. Kinhead's office could assist.

Executive Session

- Council did not adjourn to Executive Session.

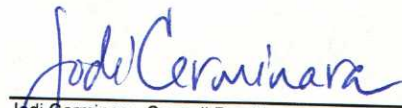
Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

ATTEST

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Andrea Contes, Secretary pro tem

A handwritten signature in blue ink, written in a cursive style that reads "Jodi Cerminara".

Jodi Cerminara, Council President