



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

July 12, 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. Sloane (via Zoom), Mr. McKelvey, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Edmondson, Mr. Hrynda, Ms. Denton, and President Cerminara. Ms. Slavicek and Ms. Miller were absent. A quorum was established.

Also in attendance were Mayor Val Pennington, Junior Councilperson Andrew Beckas, Director of Administrative Services Cindy Bahn, BCO/Zoning Officer Shawn Jacobs, DPW Superintendent Jim Kelly, Library Director Ellen Goodman, Police Chief Matt Sentner, Lt. Firefighter Jack Davin, Lt. Firefighter Mark Ford, Engineers Bryan Churilla and Dan Barna, Treasurer Joe Scioscia and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- There was no public contribution at this time.

Reports

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

- Mayor Pennington had nothing to add to his written report.

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

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

Financial Reports (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. Jacobs noted that the Dakota Avenue townhouses are in the process of being demolished.

Library Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- Ms. Goodman had nothing to add to her written report.
- President Cerminara noted that Erin Thompson, the Library's Coordinator of Youth Services, will be on Pittsburgh Today Live July 11.
- Mr. McKelvey asked about the Summer Concert Series, and Ms. Goodman responded that because of the weather, only 1 has been held so far, and it was attended by about 30-40 people.

Police Chief Report

- Chief Sentner had nothing to report.

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

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

DAS Report

- Ms. Bahn noted that she, Mr. Kelly, and President Cerminara met with a representative from Duquesne Light Company to discuss an electric vehicle charging station program offered by DLCO, and potential locations for stations in the Borough.

Engineer's Report

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

Joint Planning Commission (minutes provided to Council)

- No representatives were present.

Northwest EMS Report (written report provided to Council)

- No representative was in attendance.

Quaker Valley Council of Governments Report (Executive Director's written report provided to Council)

- Mr. McKelvey reported that the COG has had safety concerns with the SR65 corridor, and is working with PennDOT District 11 to address these concerns. He also reported that there will be a "Hard to Recycle Event" at the Quaker Valley High School on July 23, and that the COG has a new LGA intern. He further noted that 13.22 tons of glass have been collected since the glass recycling program launched.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee; Jodi Cerminara, Chair

1. Motion to Approve Payment of the July 12, 2022, Bill List.

Moved: Ms. Cerminara

Second: Ms. Edmondson

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

Parks and Recreation Committee; Jeff Stuncard, Chair

1. Discussion: Bids for External Library Repairs

Mr. Churilla reported that bids were opened July 5, and the low bid is \$92,960.00. The only other bid was more than twice that amount. He noted that the contractor is reputable, and he recommends that Council approve the bid. This will be on the agenda for the Council meeting for approval.

2. Motion to Authorize the Use of Bayne Memorial Park by Natalie Roberson on August 20 from 10-11am to Conduct a Yoga Class to Benefit "Bridges from Kuwait".

Mr. Stuncard noted that Ms. Roberson spoke to the Committee at the July meeting. The organization benefitting from this fundraiser is an animal rescue group, and donations will be accepted at the class.

Moved: Mr. Stuncard

Second: Ms. Edmondson

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

3. Motion to Adopt Resolution 24-22, Providing for the Hiring of Additional Pool Staff.

Moved: Mr. Stuncard

Second: Mr. McKelvey

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

Public Safety Committee; Tom Hrynda, Chair Pro Tem

1. Discussion: Mobile Pay Parking App

Chief Sentner approached the Borough's parking system vendor to find an app that would work with the system. The suggested program is not an app; users' text or scan a QR code to access, add their license plate and payment information, and their credit or debit card is charged. The program costs \$1,000 for implementation and training, a one-time charge. In future years, the cost is \$1,000/year. The cost to users will be \$0.66/hour for parking, and a \$0.29 transaction fee to process the credit card. The vendor noted that other municipalities have experienced an uptick in meter fees because users may pay for more time than they actually use, and after the first user leaves, a second user may park in the

same space, but will still have to prepay for any time. The vendor will design signage, the QR code, etc. This will be on the agenda for the July Council meeting.

2. Discussion: Use of Borough Fire Engine by Columbia Hose Hook & Ladder to Provide Water for a Netflix Production.

Mr. Hrynda noted that this was discussed at the July Committee meeting, at which time both the career firefighters and the volunteers provided input. The Borough's engine is more convenient for the VFD, but less convenient for the Borough. He further stated that there is no direct benefit to the Borough, as it is a fundraiser for the VFD. President Cerminara asked Lt. Davin to provide his input, and he noted that the Borough truck, the pumper, responds to every call in the Borough and is easier to maneuver in the Borough's narrow streets. He further stated that the VFD's ladder truck is 13 feet longer, harder to maneuver, and has not been used to respond to Bellevue calls in some time. Mayor Pennington stated that he appreciates that the volunteers face challenges with fundraising, and while it's great this will bring funds to the VFD, two-thirds of the amount is going to individual volunteers, not the department. He questioned why Council would agree to subsidize individuals earning money using Borough-owned equipment. President Cerminara closed the discussion and requested that DAS Bahn notify the Fire Chief.

3. Discussion: Proposed Policy for Use of the Borough Knox Box System by Outside Agencies.

Mr. Hrynda noted that this has been discussed by Council for many years prior to his service. Lt. Ford reported that he drafted a policy, based on his experience and research. His proposed policy permits access by outside organizations, but still maintains control with the Borough. Several typos in the policy were noted; Lt. Ford will revise, and this will be reviewed at the August Public Safety Committee meeting.

4. Motion to Adopt Resolution 25-22, Providing for Parking Regulations on South Balph Avenue for the Purpose of Street Sweeping.

President Cerminara asked about notification to residents, and Mr. Kelly responded that DPW could change the signs within a week. He suggested that a 30-day grace period be granted with temporary signage indicating such; enforcement could begin August 23 or later. He questioned whether 90 days' notice must be given for changes in enforcement before a citation can be issued. This will be a matter for the police department.

Moved: Mr. Hrynda

Second: Ms. Edmondson

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

Public Works Committee; Jillian Edmondson, Chair

1. Motion to Authorize the Advertisement of Ordinance 22-06, Amending Ordinance 21-08 to Provide for a Change in the Salary of the Public Works Superintendent, the Cost of Said Advertisement Not to Exceed \$250. (01.406.341)

(Ms. Miller arrived at 8:12 pm)

Moved: Ms. Edmondson

Second: Ms. Denton

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

Unfinished Business

1. Orchard Avenue – Bids to Be Submitted Prior to July Council Meeting.
Mr. McKelvey thanked Mr. Kelly for the temporary patching on Orchard.

New Business

- Mayor Pennington raised the possibility of providing "pop-up" childcare during Council meetings, stating that participants shouldn't have to choose between serving the community and taking care of children. This will be on the agenda for the August Finance Committee meeting.

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

- Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Stated that he wished the Mayor would work harder finding money to fix the streets rather than paying for babysitting.

Executive Session

- Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:25 pm to discuss a personnel matter related to a collective bargaining agreement, and returned to the business meeting at 8:56 pm.

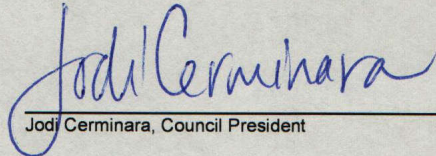
Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.

ATTEST



Cindy Bahn, Director of Administrative Services, Secretary



Jodi Cerminara, Council President

