



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes

September 27, 7:00 pm

Municipal Building

2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order

President Cerminara called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. She noted that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to the meeting, and that action will be taken as a result.

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. Miller, Ms. Sloane, Ms. Slavicek, Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Denton, Ms. Edmondson, Mr. Hrynda and President Cerminara. Mr. Stuncard was absent. A quorum was established.

Also, in attendance were Mayor Pennington, DAS Cindy Bahn, DPW Superintendent Jim Kelly, Chief Matt Sentner, Lt. Jack Davin, Lt. Mark Ford, Treasurer Joe Scioscia, and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Anthony DiTullio, 527 Monroe Avenue: Stated that he is the former Treasurer of the Bellevue Democratic Committee and that he had a check for his successor, Mr. McKelvey.
- Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Stated that DEP tested WVWA water and that the Authority is adding a chemical which causes pinholes in copper pipes, but that WVWA “doesn’t give a crap about it”. He expressed his belief that it will take public pressure or a lawsuit to end the practice.
- Connie Rankin, 116 Arch Avenue: Reported that The Citizen will discontinue print publication at the end of 2022, which will impact the Borough’s legal advertising. She estimates that Bellevue will spend 20 times what they are currently spending. She further noted that the publication will still be posted online for another year.

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

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Ms. Slavicek

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

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the September 27, 2022, Bill List.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Mr. McKelvey

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

- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 26-22, Providing for the Refund of Real Estate Taxes Due to Changes in Assessed Values and/or Overpayments. (01.491.430)
 Moved: President Cerminara Second: Ms. Denton
 All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

- No items for action.

Public Safety Committee:

- a. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of an AED from PennCare, and through NorthWest EMS as a cost of \$1,467.95. (01.411.242)
 Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. Hrynda
 All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 27-22, Entering into and Updated Police Mutual Aid Agreement.
 Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. Hrynda
 All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Works Committee:

- a. Motion to Accept the Low Bid from Kolton Landscaping for the Removal of Four Shade Trees along the Sidewalk on Borough-Maintained Property Between Shade and North Avenues. (01.430.371).
Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- b. Motion to Authorize Cindy L. Bahn to Execute an Agreement with Allegheny County for the Removal of Snow and Ice on County Roads by the Bellevue Department of Public Works.
Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

Unfinished Business

- Mr. Kelly reported that Kolton Landscaping will also donate a Christmas Tree this year; the tree will be about 20 feet tall.
- Ms. Denton inquired about how and when Council will provide feedback on the 3 proposed Ordinances as requested by the JPC. President Cerminara requested that members provide their feedback to the DAS, and added that the Ordinances will be on the September Pre-Council agenda for discussion.

New Business

- Motion to Amend the Agenda to Add Two Items for Action, One Related to a Personnel Matter, and the Other Related to the Borough's Pensions.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Ms. Slavicek
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- Motion to Terminate the Employment of Employee #121.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- Motion to Adopt Resolution 28-22, Setting the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligations for the Police, Firefighters, and Non-Uniform Employees Pension Plans, and the Non-Uniform Employees Define Contribution Pension Plans.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Ms. Sloane
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- Recognizing Glenn Pritchard, Sr. for his Contributions and Service to the Borough as a Volunteer Firefighter and Fire Chief.

Mayor Pennington read a proclamation detailing Chief Pritchard's many contributions to fire safety in the Borough. The current Chief, Randy Dailey, added remarks and presented Chief Pritchard with a commemorative helmet and shield. Lt. Davin also provided remarks, as did Ms. Slavicek, who noted that all were welcome to a reception after the meeting in the Fire Department. Chief Sentner expressed his gratitude "Chief to Chief".

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

- Ernest Logan, 405 Washington Street, Leetsdale: Congratulated Chief Pritchard and Bellevue Council for acknowledging his service.
- Chief Pritchard, Sr.: Thanked everyone for their remarks, and provided a summary of his many accomplishments. He also thanked his wife and children.

Executive Session

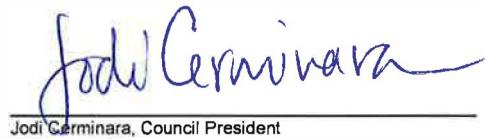
- An Executive Session was held immediately prior to the Council meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

ATTEST


Cindy L. Bahn, Secretary


Jodi Cerminara, Council President

