



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes

August 23, 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, Mr. McKelvey, Mr. Hrynda, Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Denton, and President Cerminara. Ms. Miller, Ms. Slavicek, and Ms. Sloane were absent. A quorum was established.

Also, in attendance were FSA Andrea Contes, DPW Superintendent Jim Kelly, Lt. Jack Davin, Lt. Mark Ford, Treasurer Joe Scioscia, Engineers Bryan Churilla and Dan Barna, and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Tom Fowler, 187 Dakota Avenue: Expressed his dissatisfaction with the demolition of the properties at 191, 193, and 195 Dakota Avenue.
- Carol Obley, 203 Dakota Avenue: Stated that the Borough knew about the issues with the properties for years and did not do anything.

(Ms. Sloane arrived at 7:09 pm)

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 June 7, 2022, Finance, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Public Works Committee Meetings.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the June 14, 2022, Pre-Council Meeting and June 28, 2022, Council Meeting.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Mr. McKelvey

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

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the August 23, 2022, Bill List.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Mr. McKelvey

Discussion: Mr. McKelvey asked about reimbursement to the Borough for the costs of the emergency demolition, and the Solicitor responded that he has reached out to the LLC that owns the property, and that the property could be lienied. seconded the motion.

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

- 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 a Mobile Payment Parking App from T2 Systems at a One-Time Cost of \$999.00 and Monthly Charges of \$83.33 (01.410.327)
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

- b. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of a Battery-Operated Ventilation Fan by the Fire Department from 1st Out Specialty Vehicles and Equipment at a Cost of \$5,190.64 (01.411.354)
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. Hrynda

Discussion: Mr. Stuncard asked about a warranty, and Lt. Ford responded that it's 5 years on the fan and 3 years on the battery.

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

Public Works Committee:

- a. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of a Kubota Model 450 Diesel Motor at a Total Cost of \$30,099.12 with a Tax-Exempt Lease Purchase Agreement through KS Bank and 2 Annual Payments of \$15,388.64 (01.430.740).
Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Ms. Sloane
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

- b. Motion to Authorize Cindy L. Bahn and James Kelly to Prepare an Application to Duquesne Light Company for Participation in their Electric Vehicle Charging Station Program.
Moved: Ms. Edmondson Second: Mr. McKelvey

Discussion: Ms. Sloane asked about enforcement, and Mr. Kelly responded that we do not yet know how this will be enforced. Ms. Denton asked for details about how this will work in practice, and Mr. Kelly noted that users pay to charge their vehicles, and the Borough earns some money that is used to cover the additional cost of electricity usage. He further noted that he has a meeting with DLCO on September 16, and that he thinks the chargers will be installed in the spring of 2023. In response to a question, Mr. Kelly further noted that the spaces will be usable by all, not just those with electric vehicles as the meters will remain.

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

Unfinished Business

- President Cerminara reported that she received feedback from the Solicitor on the Knox Box policy, and this item will go back to Committee.
- 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

- Mr. McKelvey asked if Bellevue had a strategic plan, and the Solicitor responded that the Borough is required to have a Comprehensive Plan, which Bellevue has, but he was not sure how old it was.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

- Tom Fowler, 187 Dakota Avenue: Stated that Council was ill-advised by employees and contractors, who are in over their heads, and that Council accepted a lowball bid.
- Connie Rankin, 116 Arch Avenue: Remarked that the Comprehensive Plan is strictly for zoning, and that the Borough should have a capital improvement and climate action plan.
- Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Noted that the is worried about parking for electric vehicles and that this program is "inconveniencing hundreds for the sake of a few".

Executive Session

- There were no matters for discussion at Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

ATTEST



Andrea Contes, Secretary Pro Tem

Jodi Cerminara, Council President