



Borough of Bellevue
Incorporated 1867

Borough Council Meeting Minutes
October 24, 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. Hrynda, Ms. Sloane (via Zoom at 7:08 pm), Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Templeton (via Zoom), Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Denton, Mr. McAfee, and President Cerminara. Ms. Edmondson was absent. A quorum was established.

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

Public Contribution on Agenda Items: None

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the October 24, 2023 Bill List.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 22-23, Providing for the Refund of Real Estate Taxes as a Result of Changes in Assessed Values and/or Overpayments.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- c. Motion to Appoint Hope Arnold to the Zoning Hearing Board Effective Immediately, for a Term to Expire 12.31.24.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Ms. Denton
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- d. Motion to Rescind the Council Vote of 10.10.23 Accepting the Resignation of Jim Scisciani from the Civil Service Commission.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

- a. Motion to Accept the Bethlehem Wire & Fence Co. Quote in the Amount of \$2,518.00 to Repair Approximately 25 Lineal Feet of Fence at Bellevue Memorial Park.
Moved: Mr. Stuncard Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0
- b. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of Materials to Repair the Surface of the Tennis Court at Bellevue Memorial Park from 10-S Tennis Supply at a Cost of \$5,292.35. (01.451.376)

Public Safety Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve the Street Closing Application Submitted by 202 Hometown Tacos for the 10.28.23 Bellevue/Avalon Halloween Parade.
Moved: Ms. Sloane Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- b. Motion to Approve the Street Banner Application and Street Closing Application Submitted by Bona Fide Bellevue for the 12.02.23 "Light Up Bellevue" Event.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Works Committee:

- a. Motion to Accept the Keystone Petroleum Equipment Ltd. Proposal for a New Fuel Dispensing System at the DPW Garage, at a Total Cost of \$31,377.00, with Costs to Be Shared by Departments as Follows:
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| Police (01.410.700) | \$16,977 |
| Fire (01.411.700) | \$ 5,400 |
| Code (01.413.700) | \$ 3,000 |
| DPW (01.430.740) | \$ 6,000 |
- Moved: Mr. McKelvey Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- b. Motion to Accept the Proposal from Brighton Music Center to Install a New Sound System in Council Chambers, at a Cost of \$13,000. (01.409.373, offset by a grant award)
Moved: Mr. McKelvey Second: Ms. Denton
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- c. Motion to Authorize the Purchase of a Plow and Salt Spreader from Stephensen Equipment, Inc. at a Total Cost of \$15,300. (01.430.740, offset by the sale of obsolete equipment)
Moved: Mr. McKelvey Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- d. Motion to Amend the Agenda to Include a Motion to Sell the Borough's Leaf Vacuum on Municibid.
Moved: Mr. McAfee Second: Ms. Denton
No public contribution was made on this matter.
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
- e. Motion to Authorize Jim Kelly to Sell the Borough's Leaf Vacuum on Municibid.
Moved: Mr. McAfee Second: Mr. McKelvey
No public contribution was made on this matter.
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

Unfinished Business:

- Mr. McKelvey provided a QVCOG update, noting that flagger certification will be offered in December. He also reported that Edgeworth Borough is purchasing a fingerprint scanner. Michael Baker International, Inc. provided a presentation of plans related to their review of the Rt. 65 corridor for discussion.
- Mr. Kelly reported that the QVCOG notified the Borough that the County has authorized moving forward on the next phase of the Streetscape project, which may go out to bid by the end of the year.
- He also noted that a used leaf vac was purchased on Municibid for \$4,300 and that it is in considerably better condition than the one DPW has been using.

New Business:

- a. Presentation of the Draft 2024 Borough Budget: Mayor Pennington distributed copies of the draft document, noting that the current Council is the best group he's served with in the 6 years he has been an elected official. He further stated that the Borough is faced with the most challenging

budget he has seen, and he has every confidence that Council will "polish the rough edges". He then went on to read the Mayor's Budget Letter.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items:

- Danielle Robinson, Representative Kinkead's office: Announced an upcoming Senior Resource Fair to be held in the Ross Municipal Building.
- Connie Rankin, 116 Arch Avenue: Asked if the Mayor is recommending a 1 mill increase in property taxes, and when the budget will be available.
- Aldrea Reese-Brown, The Shepherd's Door: Announced the 2nd annual "Walk to Remember" to be held 11.25.23; participants will walk from Avalon Elementary to The Center of Bellevue, and she expects about 25 participants.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

ATTEST



Cindy L. Bahn, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary



Jodi Cerminara, Council President

