



Borough of Bellevue

Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2021, 7:00 pm

Municipal Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order

President Pennington 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. Cerminara, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Hause, Ms. Edmondson, and President Pennington. Ms. Sloane, Mr. DiTullio, Mrs. Pikul, and Mr. Pritchard were absent. A quorum was established.

Also in attendance were Mayor Marburger, Junior Councilperson Andrew Beckas, Director of Administrative Services Cindy Bahn, Treasurer Joe Scioscia, Engineers Bryan Churilla and Dan Barna, and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Proclamation Recognizing and Commending Sa'Niyah Wilson

Mayor Marburger presented Ms. Wilson with a proclamation recognizing and commending her for her quick actions when she observed a house fire; her actions ensured that the residents, who were unaware of the fire, were able to exit the home safely.

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 Marburger noted that she performed a wedding ceremony December 13, 2021.

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

- Mr. Scioscia had nothing to add to the report.

Financial Report (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)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Library Report (written report was included with Council packet)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

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

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

DAS Report

- Ms. Bahn had nothing to add.

Engineer's Report

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

Joint Planning Commission

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Northwest EMS Report (written report provided to Council)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Quaker Valley Council of Governments Report

- DAS Bahn reported that the December QVCOG Board meeting will be held at the Borough Building.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee; Jodi Hause, Chair

1. Motion to Approve Payment of the December 14, 2021, Bill List.
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
2. Motion to Authorize the Advertisement of the January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting and 2022 Dates for Committee Meetings, Pre-Council Meetings, and Council Meetings, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$50. (01.406.341)
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
3. Motion to Authorize the Advertisement of Ordinance 21-09, Establishing Salaries and Benefits for Borough Elected Officials and Employees in 2022, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$50. (01.430.341)
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
4. Motion to Authorize the Advertisement of Ordinance 21-10, Setting the 2022 Rate for Collection of Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Household Waste, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$50. (01.430.341)
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
5. Motion to Authorize the Advertisement of Ordinance 21-11, Setting the 2022 Rate for Sewage, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$50. (01.430.341)
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
6. Motion to Authorize the Advertisement of Ordinance 21-12, Setting the 2022 Borough Millage Rate, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$50. (01.430.341)
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.
7. Motion to Authorize the Advertisement of Ordinance 21-13, Adopting the 2022 Borough Budget, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$50. (01.430.341).
Moved: Ms. Hause Second: Ms. Edmondson
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 5-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Val Pennington, Chair

- President Pennington thanked everyone who assisted with the Doughboy Anniversary Observance and the Bellevue Light Up event.

Public Safety Committee; Anya Pikul, Chair

- There were no items for discussion or consideration.

Public Works Committee; Jillian Edmondson, Chair

- The DPW Superintendent reported that Public Works will be removing the old playground set at Gillott Park because it is no longer safe to use.

Unfinished Business

- The Solicitor reported that there is a personnel issue previously discussed by Council in an Executive Session that would require further discussion; an Executive Session will be scheduled for the December Council meeting.

New Business

- President Pennington introduced Councilperson-elect Jennie Denton, who spoke a few words.

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

- Wendy Blazier, 532 Highland Place: Would like to see the 2018 Ordinance for short-term rentals changed to prohibit them in high or moderate density areas because of the difficulty finding on-street parking. Upon questioning, suggested that owners be required to provide off-street parking for each unit that is rented, not each bedroom.
- Catherine Tulley, 538 Highland Place: Noted that an Emsworth Ordinance prohibits short-term rentals in high or medium density areas. She also stated that the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board has not rendered a decision on this as a special exception to the Zoning Ordinance.
- Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Asked if the ZHB can rule on an ordinance; the Solicitor responded that the ZHB can grant variances under 5 criteria.

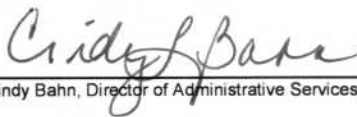
Executive Session

- Council did not adjourn to Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Pennington adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

ATTEST


Cindy Bahn, Director of Administrative Services, Secretary


Val Pennington, Council President

