



# **Borough of Bellevue**

## **Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes**

June 9, 2020, 7:00 pm  
Via Zoom Teleconference

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

Also in attendance were Mayor Emily Marburger; Treasurer Joe Scioscia, Director of Administrative Services Cindy Bahn; Financial Services Administrator Andrea Contes; Engineer Bryan Churilla; and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

### **Public Contribution on Agenda Items**

- Linda Woshner, 157 S. Euclid Avenue: Asked about the current tax collector.
- Joe Scioscia, 256 Lincoln Avenue: Commented on the "Anti-Police Protest" in Bellevue.
- Sue Benaquista, 166 Davis Avenue: Complained about conditions at 40 Kendall Avenue.

### **Review of Minutes**

- There were no changes to the minutes of the following: May 12, 2020 Pre-Council Meeting; May 26 Council Meeting.

### **Reports**

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

- Mayor Marburger reported that she officiated a backyard wedding with 5 people present including the couple being married, and that all participants wore masks.

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

- The Treasurer reported that he has not seen a noticeable drop in revenues.

**Financial Report** (Budget, Tax and Services reports were included with Council packet)

- No comments were made.

**Code Enforcement Report** (written report was included with Council packet)

- No comments were made.

**Library Report** (written report was included with Council packet)



2. Discussion: Opening of Borough Parks

- President Pennington noted that the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County are opening with restrictions. Mr. Stuncard reported that he has driven around the Borough's parks and they are being used respectfully. Mayor Marburger stated that the Police Chief has posted signs at the parks informing users that they are using the parks and equipment at their own risk.

Motion to Fully and Completely Open All Borough Parks and Recreational Facility with the Caveat that No Public Restrooms or Water Fountains Will be Available.

Moved: Mr. Pritchard

Second: Ms. Hause

Aye: Ms. Edmondson, Ms. Hause, Mr. Pritchard, Mrs. Pikul, Mr. Stuncard, Ms. Cerminara, Ms. Sloane

Nay: Mr. DiTullio, President Pennington

Motion carried 7-2 with no abstentions.

3. Discussion: North Boroughs Fireworks

- President Pennington reported that a gentleman from Avalon spoke at the June Committee meeting. While consensus was to not change the prior vote, Mr. Pritchard stated that he was in favor of contributing towards the cost but was outnumbered.

**Public Safety Committee; Anya Pikul, Chair**

1. National Night Out Date Change

- Mrs. Pikul requested that a vote on this be taken at the June Council meeting.

2. Changes for Civil Service Rules and Regulations

- DAS Bahn stated that the current Rules and Regulations are not in compliance with state-mandated requirements, which were revised in 2014. She will contact Civil Service Commissioners regarding required changes and solicitors who practice in this area to determine a cost estimate for revisions.

**Public Works Committee; Jillian Edmondson, Chair**

1. Discussion: Tour of Project Sites with Borough Engineer

- Mr. Gilberti has invited interested Council members to tour project sites, including East and West Bellevue Stations. As soon as Council members advise him of their interest, a date and time will be set.

2. Discussion: Hiring of Seasonal Laborers

- DAS Bahn advised that several of the applicants for summer laborer positions have already obtained other employment. She requested authorization to hire 2 summer laborers, but the names of specific individuals to be hired is not yet known.

Motion to Hire Two Department of Public Works Summer Seasonal Laborers.

Moved: Ms. Edmondson

Second: Ms. Hause

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 9-0.

**Unfinished Business**

1. Discussion: Code of Conduct

President Pennington noted that this is a topic that has come up several times over the years. He would like to see a Code of Conduct for elected and appointed officials, as well as Borough employees. In addition, he would like to have a social media policy. He suggested an ad hoc committee of 3 council members. Mrs. Pikul responded that she was working on this with the previous DAS.

2. Discussion: Returning to In-Person Meetings

President Pennington stated that if the Borough returns to in-person meetings, he will participate virtually. Ms. Hause noted that the County is in the green phase and would like to resume in-person meetings as Council desks are 4 feet apart and five feet apart at the corners. Mrs. Pikul suggested a "hybrid meeting" with both in-person and virtual participants. Ms. Edmondson would like in-person

Val Pennington, Council President