



# **Borough of Bellevue**

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

March 12, 2024 7:00 p.m.

Municipal Building

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers

### **Call to Order**

President Cerminara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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. Templeton, Ms. Sloane, Mr. Ellis, Mr. McKelvey, Mr. Disney, Mr. Hrynda, and President Cerminara. Ms. Mule was not initially present for roll call, but she entered at 7:03 p.m. Ms. Denton was absent. A quorum was established.

Also, in attendance were Mayor Val Pennington, DAS Jim Kelly, JCP Rep. Dionisia Dingler, Fire Chief Bill Hartman, Library Director Ellen Goodman, BCO Jack Davin, Police Chief Matthew Sentner, Sargeant Matthew Lucas, HRG Engineers Rob Arnold and Dan Barna, Scott Heberling of the Shade Tree Commission, Solicitor Jeff Reis, substituting for Solicitor Racunas, and Junior Councilperson Andrew Beckas.

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

- Diane Roos 49 N. Freemont, asked how Council was going to handle accrued sick time and stated she does not have a problem with the 150 day cap, but asked what would be the monetary pay out. Ms. Roos commented that previous DAS Bahn had a tendency to make her own decisions and told Council at the Nov meeting that any payout would be at Council's discretion.

### **Reports**

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

- Mayor Pennington had nothing to add to the written report, which was distributed via email. There were no questions.

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

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

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

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

#### **DAS Report**

- DAS Kelly advised Council the County Health Department is interested in hosting an overdose prevention and resource pop up at the Center on Lincoln Ave on May 17<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4 p.m.
- Council President saw no issues as this would be on private property.
- DAS Kelly advised Farmers Market looking to be back again June 5 – October 30 3-7 p.m.

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

- Ms. Goodman had nothing to add to her submitted report.

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

- Mr. Kelly stated that the report was as submitted, and there were no questions.

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

- Zoning Hearing Board will meet for Air B&B and Kuhns construction 6 p.m. on Thursday.

**Fire Department**

- Chief Hartman reported the newly purchased Fire Squad will be in service soon.

**Police Chief Report**

- Chief Sentner: New evidence locker is installed, and new, more productive procedures will go into place and continue to be more efficient with the installation of the sally port.

**Northwest EMS Report** (written report provided to Council)

- No representative was in attendance.

**Engineer's Report** (written report provided to Council)

- Dan Barna: West Bellevue station project will be out for bid. Would like to do another tour with new Council members.

**Joint Planning Commission**

- Dionisia Dingler: The JCP will have a public meeting held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Avalon Borough building.

**Shade Tree Commission**

- Scott Heberling: Completed tree inventory, discussed health of borough trees. Would like to have DPW remove several trees and work on having others pruned. Also asked to have tree report posted to the website.

**Quaker Valley Council of Governments Report** (Executive Director's written report provided to Council)

- Mr. McKelvey: Hard to Recycle event July 27, 2024, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Annual Audit for the COG is in process.  
Ms. Templeton asked if Borough receives grants with COG assistance.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee; Jodi Cerminara, Chair**

1. Motion to Approve Payment of the March 12, 2024, Bill List.  
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. Hrynda  
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
2. Motion to Appoint Brittany Erskine to the Joint Planning Commission.  
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. McKelvey  
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
3. Motion to Appoint Amanda Dailey to be an Alternate for the Joint Planning Commission.  
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. McKelvey  
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
4. Discussion: Allowing non-CBA employees to roll over sick time to a max of 150 days.  
President Cerminara: Discussed all options from committee meeting suggesting keeping sick time consistent with CBAs.  
  
Ms. Templeton asked to keep things as consistent as possible.  
Mr. McKelvey agreed that policy should be consistent.  
President Cerminara and DAS Kelly will work to have an ordinance together for Council.
5. Discussion: Salary Ordinance update.  
President Cerminara and Mr. Kelly will work on a draft for Committee.

6. Discussion: QVCOG annual dues.  
Mr. Kelly reported COG annual dues of \$5,324.00. Move to Council for vote.
7. Discussion: Energy Group Agreement extension  
Mr. Kelly explained Energy Group Agreement extension.  
Ms. Templeton asked about clarity on the solar panel pursuit. Mr. Kelly will have Get Solar CONNECT to have a representative at the Council meeting for Q & A.  
Mr. Disney asked us to look at other 3<sup>rd</sup> party suppliers.  
Mr. Ellis suggested PA Power Switch.
8. Discussion: Pay William Hartman accrued sick time.  
Move to Council.

**Parks and Recreation Committee; Jennie Denton, Chair**

1. Discussion: Pool passes for Avalon residents.  
Mr. Kelly to put resolution together to authorize pool passes to Avalon residents at the Bellevue residents' rate for 2024 pool season.
2. Discussion: Purchase chemicals for 2024 pool season.  
Move to authorize at Council \$11,265.90 start up chemicals.
3. Discussion: Advertising for summer pool staff.  
Move to authorize at Council.

**Public Safety Committee; Amanda Sloane, Chair**

1. Discussion: Tax Credit for Volunteer Fire fighters.  
Chief Hartman explained the credit program. He will work on a resolution for the Committee to review.
2. Discussion: Fire Department billing ordinance.  
President Cerminara agrees an outside agency makes most sense for billing. Chief Hartman and Mr. Kelly will work on an ordinance for the committee to review.
3. Discussion: Noise Ordinance 24-02.  
Mayor Pennington asked about wording of section 3.g.  
Mr. Ellis questioned why decibels were not in the ordinance.  
President Cerminara clarified ordinance has been discussed in detail. Ordinance should be moved to Council for adoption.
4. Discussion: Joint Zoning Ordinance 24-07.  
Ms. Templeton asked for details from JPC on the ordinance.  
Ms. Sloane moved to Council for adoption.
5. Discussion: Ticketing process for Ordinance violations.  
Mr. Jacobs asked for the ability to use a ticketing process for ordinance violations. He explained it would make more timely and effective process.  
Mr. Jacobs to work on ordinance for review at committee.
6. Discussion: Purchase of 2018 Ford Explorer  
Chief Hartman explained the need for an extra vehicle and that we have an opportunity for a good deal from Emsworth Fire Department.  
Ms. Sloane moved to Council for approval.

## Public Works Committee; Dan McKelvey, Chair

1. Discussion: E. Roseridge Guiderail  
Mr. Kelly explained options for guiderail replacement.  
Mr. McKelvey moved to Council for approval to complete project.
2. Discussion: CONNECT Solar Program  
Get CONNECT solar to have presentation for Council meeting.
3. Discussion: Street Sweeper Conveyor replacement.  
Mr. McKelvey moved to council for approval \$4317.85.
4. Discussion: Advertise for seasonal laborers.  
Mr. McKelvey asked for details on laborer's duties. Approve advertising at council.
5. Motion: Approve Alcosan Regionalization Transfer at a total cost of \$437,422.60. Payable over 3 years, from acct (08.429.721).  
Mr. Arnold explained we will get a complete transfer agreement once we send agreement documentation.

Moved: Mr. McKelvey                                          Second: Ms. Templeton  
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.
6. Motion: To accept Streetscapes contract with HRG from acct (01.408.313).

Moved: Mr. McKelvey                                          Second: Mr. Hrynda  
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

### Unfinished Business:

- None

### New Business:

- President Cerminara Advised the need for a 3<sup>rd</sup> elected Auditor. Post on website and get approval to advertise at council.

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

- Jane Braunlich 27 E. Roseridge Ave: Asked for timeline on demolition advertising and about how ticketing process would work.  
Will Pool be open 7 days a week?  
Stated Council should consider returning the Fourth of July celebration at the pool.
- President Cerminara did state the need for residents to assist with the National Night Out Committee
- Richelle Wimer 423 Hallett Place: LCB did come out to do an in-person investigation and it was her understanding that different LCB licenses can be obtained. Multiple violations may not lead to the suspension of a liquor license. She agrees she does not think any businesses should be shut down.

**Executive Session:** None.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

ATTEST

  
James E. Kelly, Borough Secretary  
Jodi Germinara, Council President