



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes
April 09, 2024 7:00 pm
Municipal Building
2nd 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. Mule, Ms. Templeton, Mr. Ellis, Ms. Denton, Mr. Disney, Mr. Hrynda and President Cerminara. A quorum was established.

Also, in attendance were Mayor Val Pennington, Solicitor Matt Racunas, DAS Jim Kelly, JCP Rep Dionesia Dingler, Fire Chief Bill Hartman, Library Director Ellen Goodman, Code Official Jack Davin, BCO Shawn Jacobs, Police Chief Matthew Sentner, Sargeant Matthew Lucas, HRG Engineers Rob Arnold and Dan Barna.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- Joe Scioscia 560 Lincoln Avenue; Asked who is responsible for repairing the sidewalk where the Borough planted a tree.

Reports

Mayor's Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mayor Pennington had nothing to add to the written report. There were no questions.

Treasurer's Report (written report provided to Council)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Financial Reports (written report provided to Council)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

DAS Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. Kelly reported a good conference at ALOM, we also received recognition for the Borough's accomplishment of a Banner Community.
- Mr. Kelly thanked the Council, Staff and citizens for the continued support and achievement, allowing us to receive this recognition.

Library Report (written report provided to Council)

- Ms. Goodman reported a nice day with the Eclipse get together.

Public Works Report (written report provided to with Council)

- No comments were made, or questions asked.

Code Enforcement Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. Jacobs reported we have received a partial refund and cancel confirmation from Granicus.

Fire Department

- Chief Hartman reported engine is out for repair.
- Fire Staff are currently training on a new software system.

Police Chief Report

- Chief Sentner: A police incident involving shots being fired at officers occurred, no injuries occurred, and suspects were apprehended.
- Chief Sentner asked Council to notify and support the need for a juvenile detention center with County officials.
- Ms. Denton Reported the county had a presentation at the ALOM conference discussing Shuman Center and that they are trying to get it reopened.

Northwest EMS Report (written report provided to Council)

- No representative was in attendance.

Engineer's Report (written report provided to Council)

- Dan Barna: Bids for both W. Bellevue station and demolitions will be opened this week and HRG will have recommendations for Council at Regular council meeting.

Joint Planning Commission (minutes provided to Council)

- The public meeting is April 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Shade Tree Commission

- No one from Shade Tree Commission was present.

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

Committee Reports

Finance Committee; Jodi Cerminara, Chair

1. Motion to Approve Payment of the April 09, 2024, Bill List.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Ms. Sloane

All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 8-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee; Jennie Denton, Chair

1. Discussion: Memorial Park Playground

Mr. Kelly informed council that we will have more funding available from DCNR restroom project at Memorial Park and we will be looking to replace the playground equipment.

Public Safety Committee; Amanda Sloane, Chair

1. Discussion: Purchase of Tasers from Axon Enterprises.

Chief Sentner explained 2 pricing options.

Mr. Hrynda supported the option that the Public Safety Committee suggested to council with the inclusion of training and material replacement.

Ms. Templeton agrees with the long-term savings. Would like to have usage questions answered prior to voting.

Mr. Disney also would like to see the reports from the Chief and asked about the possibilities of shared equipment.

2. Discussion: Volunteer Fire Department Tax Credit Ordinance 24-06.
Moved to Council to be Adopted.

3. Discussion: Fire Department Billing Ordinance 24-07.
Moved to Council to be Adopted.

4. Discussion: Quality of Life Ordinance 24-08.
Moved to Council to be Adopted.

5. Discussion: Fire Department QRS/.

Chief Hartman discussed the options and desire to start a Quick Response Service to aid Bellevue Citizens and Northwest EMS. He already has the support of Northwest EMS and all equipment that is needed and would like approval to move forward.

Ms. Slone asked if Borough would be the extent of their response area.

Chief Hartman explained they are looking to assist only with high priority calls and will primarily respond only in the Borough unless requested to assist in a neighboring community.

Mr. Disney asked about added wear to Borough equipment.

Public Safety Committee; Amanda Sloane, Chair

6. Discussion: Street closure for Bona Fide Bellevue June 8, 2024
Move to Council for approval.

Public Works Committee; Dan McKelvey, Chair

1. Discussion: Manhole Lining
Mr. Kelly advised he is working to get a priority list as well as grant possibilities to complete a larger project than originally planned.

Unfinished Business:

- Reminder hearing on Ordinance 24-05, 6:30 Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

New Business:

- Ms. Cerminara stated that we received a request to pass Resolution 12-24 Proclaiming May as National Bike Month.
- Ms. Denton gave a report on seminars and trainings attended at the ALOM Conference.
- Ms. Sloane asked to make sure we are advising citizens of street sweeping.
- Ms. Cerminara would like an Ad hoc committee for Borough communications Ms. Denton will assist. Mr. Kelly is trying to get an intern to assist with the website.

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

- Dionisia Dingler 45 S. Bryant, Asked about the traffic study.

Executive Session:

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST



James E. Kelly Director of Administrative Services/Secretary



Jodi Cerminara, Council President

