



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes

March 26, 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, (via zoom), Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Denton, Mr. Disney, Mr. Hrynda, and President Cerminara. A quorum was established.

Also in attendance were Mayor Val Pennington, DAS Jim Kelly, Treasurer Joe Scioscia and Solicitor Matt Racunas.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items:

Jane Braunlich 37 E. Roseridge: questioned about the purchase of the Explorer for the fire department. She stated the Chief did not need a vehicle and that the total travel expenses for last year were only \$1994.00. We should not pay \$8000.00. She also stated the vehicle should not be taken home and if it is we should buy vehicles for PD Chief, library manager, pool manager.

Joe Scioscia 560 Lincoln Avenue: Cost is why we left volunteers go so why are we spending money on the Fire Department.

How soon will we receive a return on solar panel installation.

Connie Rankin: 116 Arch Ave. stated she doesn't care if we pass a noise ordinance or not, but we have to quit lying to people. She stated she has reached out to the State Police, and they told her they can take the Amusement license after several citations, but it would take a lot of non-cooperation to revoke a liquor license.

Guest Speakers:

Representatives from Connect and Pittsburgh Solar discussed solar panels for DPW Building and the use of a Joint Power Purchase Agreement.

Discussion followed with questions from council members and the Solicitor.

Consent Agenda:

Items of business and matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and noncontroversial and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by Council Members, that item is to be identified and removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the Agenda.

- a. Motion to Accept Minutes of the March 5, 2024, 2023 Finance, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Public Works Committee Meetings.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the March 12, 2024, Pre-Council Meeting.
- c. Motion to Accept Minutes of the February 27, 2024, Council Meeting.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Mr. McKelvey

All present in favor

Motion carried, 7-0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the March 26th, 2024 Bill List.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Motion to adopt Resolution 09-24, providing for the Refund of Real Estate Taxes as a result of changes in assessed values and/or overpayments.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Ms. Denton
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- c. Motion to Authorize advertisement of Public Hearing for Ordinance 24-05 amending the Personnel Code 30-7 B to address sick time at a cost not to exceed \$400.00. (01.406.341)
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- d. Motion to approve payment of QVCOG Dues at a cost of \$5,324.00 (01.406.420)
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- e. Motion to amend the Direct Energy Business commodity Master and Professional Service Agreement, extending plan until June 30, 2029.
Mr. McKelvey questioned if we looked at other suppliers. Mr Kelly explained we are extending a contract with multiple other municipalities and anything less expensive on our own is unlikely.

Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- f. Motion to pay William Hartman contracted sick time of \$811.00 (01.411.130)
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- g. Motion to authorize the advertisement for the open Elected Auditor seat, at a cost not to exceed \$400. (01.406.341).
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. Hrynda
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee:

- a. Motion to adopt Resolution 11-24 setting rate for Avalon residents to purchase 2024 pool season passes.
Moved: Ms. Denton Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Motion to approve purchase of pool chemicals from B&R Pools at a cost of \$11,265.90 (01.452.222).
Moved: Ms. Denton Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- c. Motion to authorize the advertisement to hire summer pool staff, at a cost not to exceed \$400. (01.406.341).
Moved: Ms. Denton Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

None

- a. Motion to change date of April's regular Council Meeting to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, do to elections being held in Council Chambers on the 23rd.
Moved: President Cerminara Second: Mr. McKelvey
All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Mr. McKelvey discussed Main Street matters, asked if we could look to team up with BonaFide Bellevue and look into grant opportunities.
Mr. Kelly is looking at options.
- c. Bellevue has been nominated for Best Main Streets in USA Today all should vote.

- Jane Braunlich, 37 E. Roseridge: questioned the budget and funding for Fire Department. Asked if we use social media to advise residents of the Lead Line Program.