



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes

July 23, 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 Mr. Hrynda, Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Denton, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Disney, and President Cerminara. Absent were Ms. Mule, Ms. Templeton and Ms. Sloane. A quorum was established.

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

Public Contribution on Agenda Items:

Joe Scioscia 260 Lincoln Avenue - Was ordinance for fire cost recovery advertised correctly and if it was, can he get a copy of it.

Connie Rankin 116 Arch Avenue - A copy of ordinance was available for months; however, it is a "terrible ordinance and will lead to a nightmare". Said that the owner of billing company stated that they verify through address; Fire Chief needs to verify. Also need to consider our dept doesn't respond alone and the mutual aid companies are not going to be happy we are getting money, and they are not. The ordinance has no control once the fire chief submits an invoice over to billing company. Make sure it gets specified in the contract.

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 July 2, 2024, Finance, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Public Works Committee Meetings.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the July 9, 2024, Pre-Council Meeting.
- c. Motion to Accept Minutes of the June 25, 2024, Council Meeting
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the July 23, 2024, Bill List.
 - Mr. McKelvey would like to know what the overages are on the T2 charges he will reach out to Chief Sentner
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee:
Nothing on the agenda

Public Safety Committee

- a. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 24-07 Fire Department cost recovery.
 - Mr. Racunas verified the ordinance does not allow for billing of taxpayers directly.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Mr. Disney
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 24-13 Amendment to the 2015 IPMC.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- c. National Night Out will be August 6th, 6pm to 8pm at Bayne Memorial Park.
 - Chief Senter reported he is working on this and holding meetings.
- d. Motion to purchase replacement meter heads from Duncan Parking Technologies Inc at a cost of \$2739.00 from account 01.410.377.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- e. Motion to approve agreement between QVCOG and the Borough of Bellevue for the purchase and installation of new License Plate Readers.
 - Mr. Disney expressed his concerns about the installation of more cameras and more government overwatch.
 - Mr. McKelvey reported a couple of the cameras will be placed on Rt 65.
Moved: Mr. Hrynda
Second: Ms. Denton
Nay: Mr. Disney
Motion carried, 5-1.

Public Works Committee

- a. Motion to Authorize Request from the resident at 154 N. Sprague for exception from Stormwater Management Ordinance allowing the connection of downspouts to storm system.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
Abstained: Mr. Disney
Motion carried, 5-0.
- b. N. Jackson wall meeting update.
 - Mr. Kelly reported the meeting with residents and informed council, that the meeting went well and he will be working on parking options for the project.

Unfinished Business:

- DAS Report on PLCB exemption.
Mr. Kelly gave a statement regarding comments that have been made in multiple meetings that he felt were inaccurate. He provided an account of the history regarding the PLCB exemption.

Also, it was addressed that we will keep a record of all complaints and make sure they are handled properly.

- Mr. McKelvey asked if we have any update on the demo on Forest Avenue. Mr Racunas reported he is still working with the owner's attorney,

New Business:

- Junior Councilperson Beckas gave his resignation as he will be leaving for college.
Mr. McKelvey moved to accept Junior Councilperson Beckas's resignation.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Mr. Hrynda
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.

President Cerminara thanked Councilperson Beckas for his contribution to the Borough and said that she looked forward to his participation in the future.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items:

- Jane Braunlich 10 E Roseridge - She thanked Mr. McKelvey and Mr. Kelly for getting the demos taken care of and saving the grant money. She reminded Council the county has plenty of money to do more. In reference to Mr. Kelly's statement on the PLCB exemption "I only knew because of the council meeting", and said she was only present because they had been misled. "The Borough was only to have two liquor licenses, not the five we have."
- Joe Scioscia 260 Lincoln Avenue - there is a car next to his house that needs to be addressed; he asked the Council to tell Chief Sentner/Sgt. Lucas to handle.

Executive Session:

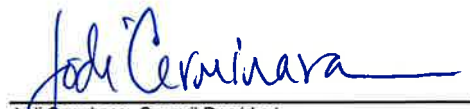
No executive session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

ATTEST



James E. Kelly, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary

Jodi Cerminara, Council President