



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2025, 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

Present at the time roll was taken: Mr. Rogers, Ms. Mule, Ms. Denton, Mr. Hrynda, Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Dingler, Mr. Disney, Mr. Ellis and President Cerminara. A quorum was established.

Absent at the time roll was taken: None

Borough Representatives in attendance were Mayor Val Pennington, DAS James Kelly, Solicitor Jeff Reis, Police Chief Matt Sentner, Fire Chief Bill Hartman, Engineer Dan Barna, DPW Superintendent Joe Wright, BCO, Zoning Officer Shawn Jacobs, Library Director Ellen Goodman, and JCP Phineas Pennington.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- There was no public contribution.

Reports

Mayor's Report (written report provided to Council)

Treasurer's Report (written report provided to Council)

Financial Reports (written report provided to Council)

DAS Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. Kelly advised we received a thank-you note from Lee Nelson and the North Boros Fireworks Committee for our continued support.

Library Report (written report provided to Council)

Public Works Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. McKelvey inquired as to how many vacant lots we maintain. Mr. Rogers asked if there is a schedule for repairing potholes.

Code Enforcement Report (written report provided to Council)

Fire Department (written report provided to Council)

Police Chief Report (written report provided to Council)

- Chief Sentner reported a successful DUI Task Force event with 7 DUI arrests, 1 drug arrest and 10 suspended drivers. President Cerminara asked how often will the task force conduct events, discussion followed.

Northwest EMS Report (written report provided to Council)

Engineer's Report (written report provided to Council)

- President Cerminara asked for Streetscapes update. Discussion followed including a timeline of completion by end of summer sidewalk and street closure will be limited as much as possible.

Joint Planning Commission (written report provided to Council)

- JPC will be meeting June 23rd, at 7:00pm at the Avalon Borough Building. JPC is sharing an intern with Avalon.
- President Cerminara questioned the status of Short-Term Rental Ordinance, discussion followed, with it in a draft state currently.

Shade Tree Commission

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

- COG President Barbara Carier has stepped down and the new President will be Julie Barnes. Mr. Kelly reported possibly using Northgate School for Hard To Recycle event.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee; Jodi Cerminara, Chair

1. Motion to Approve Payment of June 10, 2025, Bill List.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 9-0.
2. Discussion Home Rule Charter changes
 - Discussion was had concerning timeline and next process as we move forward with the opportunity for the referendum. Mr. Disney asked if the wording submitted is what will be on the ballot, discussion followed.
3. Discussion VPRP Application 113-H-260.
 - Location and ownership of property was discussed.
4. Discussion VPRP Application 113-H-277.
 - Location and ownership of property was discussed.

Parks and Recreation Committee; Jennie Denton, Chair

1. Discussion T Mobile grant for around the Library.
 - Ms. Goodman expressed a desire to apply for a grant with T-Mobile for an opportunity to increase gardens around the Library as well as new ADA sidewalks around the building, discussion followed.

Council Member Mr. Hrynda left the meeting and council chambers at 7:40 pm

Public Safety Committee; Tom Hrynda, Chair

1. Motion to Authorize the purchase of replacement of parking meter heads from Civic Smart at a cost of \$2,739.00 from account 01.410.377.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 8-0.
2. Motion to Authorize Bellevue Forward to use spaces in the Meade Avenue parking lot for the Bellevue Yard Sale at no cost.
Discussion was had on the logistics of the event.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 8-0.

3. Motion to Authorize P. Helwich to use space in the Gillott parking lot for a customer appreciation event at no cost.

Moved: Mr. Ellis

Second: Mr. McKelvey

All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Works Committee; Dan McKelvey, Chair

1. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 25 04 allowing to vacate Maryland Avenue from N Balph Avenue to Quill Avenue.

Moved: Mr. McKelvey

Second: Ms. Denton

All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried, 8-0

2. Motion to Approve Street Banner Application from Regina Coeli Parish-Assumption Church.

Moved: Mr. McKelvey

Second: Ms. Denton

All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried, 8-0.

Unfinished Business:

- There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- Mayor Pennington advised Council he received an email from the media asking for his position on the presence of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) being in our town. The Mayor advised he will report back to media we are not looking to assist ICE but if asked to assist an officer in distress during a legal activity, our officer will assist, discussion followed.
- Mr. McKelvey asked how the barriers and trucks worked out for the recent event, discussion followed.

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

- Leanne Chaney 125 Teece Avenue reported on behalf of Bona Fide Bellevue the status of the Active Transportation Plan. Bona Fide Bellevue hopes to have a draft presentation at the end of June 24th meeting with adoption in July.

Executive Session:

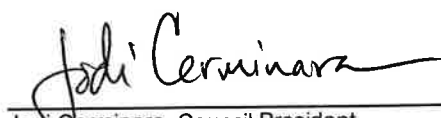
- There was no executive session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

ATTEST:


James Kelly Director of Administrative Services


Jodi Cerminara, Council President