



Borough of Bellevue

Incorporated 1867

Borough Council Meeting Minutes

December 17, 2024, 7:00 pm

Municipal Building

2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order:

Council President Jodi 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 time Roll was taken: Mr. Hrynda, Ms. Templeton, Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Denton, Mr. Ellis, Ms. Mule, Mr. Disney, and President Cerminara.

Absent at time Roll was taken: Ms. Sloane.

Borough Representatives in attendance: Mayor Val Pennington, DAS Jim Kelly, Solicitor Matthew Racunas, Treasurer Joe Scioscia, Sgt. Lucas, DPW Superintendent Joe Wright.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items:

There was no public comment.

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 December 10, 2024, Pre-Council Meeting.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of November 26, 2024, Council Meeting.
- c. Motion to Accept Minutes of the December 3, 2024, 2025 Budget Public Hearing.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Mr. McKelvey

All present in favor.

Motion carried, 8-0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the December 17, 2024, Bill List.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. Hrynda
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 24-14 Establishing Salaries and Benefits for Elected Officials and Employees in 2025.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.

- c. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 24-15 Setting the rate for collection of solid wastes.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. Hrynda
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- d. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 24-16 Establishing the 2025 Borough Sanitary Sewer User Rate.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- e. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 24-17 Setting the 2025 Borough Millage Rate at 5.89 mills.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. Hrynda
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- f. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 24-18 Adopting the 2025 Borough Budget.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- g. Motion to Adopt Resolution 42-24 Appointing Andrea Contes to the position of Assistant Director of Administration Services.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. Ellis
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- h. Motion to Adopt Resolution 43-24 Appointing Andrea Contes to serve as Borough Treasurer.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- i. Motion to Adopt Resolution 47-24 Approving the 2025 Fee Schedule.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- j. Motion to Authorize Advertisement of the 2025 meeting dates at a cost not to exceed \$400.00 from acct 01.406.341.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. Hrynda
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Nothing on the Agenda

Public Safety Committee

Nothing on the Agenda

Public Works Committee

- a. Motion to Adopt Resolution 48-24 updating Resolution 44-24 ALCOSAN GROW Grant 0-18.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 49-24 updating Resolution 45-25 ALCOSAN GROW Grant 0-21.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Discussion delinquent sewer bill/property lien.
A detailed discussion was had concerning the delinquent sewer charge and lien to 630 North Avenue. Council agreed to waive the \$114.16 interest charge. This will be ratified at the January 2025 Pre-Council meeting.
- b. DAS Kelly advised we received a notification from Waste Management that they will not be assessing a fuel charge in 2025 as previously reported.

New Business:

- a. Motion to Accept the Resignation of Ms. Alicia Templeton.
President Cerminara thanked Ms. Templeton for her service and advised her she will be missed.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. President Cerminara announced we will be accepting Talent Bank applications for Ward 1.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items:

Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue stated "I realize some of you were not on council when the Mayor denounced me as a racist and called for my immediate resignation and but all of you are aware that you cut my salary down by I don't know, 90% in an effort to get rid of me. I just want you to know that if you go through with this I'll be seeing you in court for defamation and retribution. Thank you."

Executive Session:

No executive session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST


James E. Kelly, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary


Jodi Cerminara, Council President