



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2025, 7:00 pm

Municipal Building

2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order:

Council 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 time Roll was taken: Ms. Mule, Mr. Rogers, Mr. McKelvey, Mr. Ellis, and President Cerminara.

Absent at time Roll was taken: Ms. Dingler, Ms. Denton, and Mr. Disney.

Borough Representatives in attendance: Mayor Pennington, DAS Jim Kelly, Police Chief Sentner, David Schwab Civil Service Commission and Solicitor Jeff Reis.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items:

There was no public contribution.

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 June 24, 2025, Council Meeting.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the July 1, 2025, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Finance and Public Safety Committee Meetings.
- c. Motion to Accept Minutes of the July 8, 2025, Pre-Council Meeting.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 5-0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the July 22, 2025, Bill List.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 5-0.

- b. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 25-05, allowing for referendum concerning changes to the Home Rule Charter.
Mr. McKelvey confirmed this Ordinance is allowing to get referendum onto the upcoming election ballot.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 5-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee

- a. Motion to Authorize William Dixon to host a Basketball Camp at Memorial Park August 15th and 16th.
Mr. Kelly explained Mr. Dixon plans to hold a free, non-registered event to allow youth age groups to participate in basketball training at Memorial Park.
Discussion followed with agreement Mr. Dixon must provide child welfare clearances to hold these events. Chief Sentner and Mr. Kelly will work on proper documents prior to giving official permission to Mr. Dixon.
Moved: Ms. Mule
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 5-0.
- b. Motion to Authorize a public bid for the replacement of the HVAC System at Andrew Bayne Memorial Library.
Moved: Ms. Mule
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 5-0.

Public Safety Committee

- a. Motion to Accept changes to the Civil Service Rules removing the requirement for Act 120 Certification.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 5-0.
- b. Motion to Authorize advertising of Ordinance 25-06 adopting changes made to the Civil Service Rules. At a cost not to exceed \$400.00 from account 01.406.34.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 5-0.

Public Works Committee

- a. Motion to Amend the current agenda, changing section a. under Public Works to, Motion to Adopt The Active Transportation Plan pending the changes provided that were presented by Bona Fide Bellevue and HRG Engineering.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 5-0.

- b. Motion to Adopt The Active Transportation Plan pending the changes provided from presentation by Bona Fide Bellevue and HRG Engineering.
President Cerminara paused meeting to allow Council to review proposed changes/corrections to The Active Transportation Plan.
Mr. McKelvey asked for clarification on the suggested changes. Ms. Morgan HRG, explained the changes are to clarify and make some more specific statements in the plan.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 5-0.
- c. Motion to Approve agreement with Allegheny County to maintain county Bridges in the Borough.
Mr. Kelly explained the agreement with the County is for winter maintenance only, of 2 county bridges owned by the county within the Borough.
Mayor Pennington asked if we could share the maintenance of the one bridge with Avalon. Mr. Kelly explained it would be more of a hassle to share minor maintenance.
Mr. McKelvey wanted to clarify this is for winter maintenance only.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 5-0.
- d. Motion to Adopt Resolution 13-25 authorizing an application for funding with the Multimodal Transportation Fund.
President Cerminara asked to clarify use of the grant if received. Mr. Kelly advised this grant is to continue the Streetscapes project.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 5-0.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Mr. McKelvey asked Chief Sentner to verify overtime budget verse actual. Chief Sentner stated the spent amount is offset by various details.

Mr. McKelvey asked about line painting in the Borough. Mr. Kelly advised DPW is down an employee But it is on the schedule to be completed prior to start of school.

Mr. McKelvey asked that the parking lot signs be updated to new fee schedule.

Mr. McKelvey questioned the rumors of a music festival that is supposedly being planned and if the Borough has been notified. Discussion followed and verified the Borough has not had any official notification.

Mr. McKelvey asked if we have had any update on Duquesne Light power outages. Mr. Kelly advised he talked to Duquesne Light, and he confirmed the recent outages have been from multiple vehicle accidents and storm tree incidents.

Chief Sentner advised that Assumption Church will host a roving kick off race for their festival this year and he will handle the minor momentary closures.

Mayor Pennington introduced information on the A-Team, an organization that will assist the Police Department and the Borough with emergency social services.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

There was no public contribution.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

ATTEST



James E. Kelly, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary



Jodi Cerminara, Council President

