



Borough of Bellevue

Incorporated 1867

Borough Pre-Council Meeting Minutes
August 12, 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. Ellis, Ms. Denton, Ms. Dingler, Mr. Rogers, Mr. McKelvey, and President Cerminara. A quorum was established.

Absent at the time roll was taken: Mr. Disney, Ms. Mule, and Ms. Stern

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

Public Contribution on Agenda Items

- There was no public contribution.

Reports

Mayor's Report Not Available

Treasurer's Report (written report provided to Council)

Financial Reports (written report provided to Council)

DAS Report

- Mr. Kelly reported we have been approved for a \$35,000 grant for a new playground at Gillott Park.
- Last full weekday for the pool will be August 20th, and the last day will be Labor Day.
- We are working with an intern from AHN to erect Wayfinder Signs throughout the Borough.
- We are applying for a dirt and gravel road grant to help improve Farragut Avenue.

Library Report (written report provided to Council)

Public Works Report (written report provided to Council)

Code Enforcement Report (written report provided to Council)

Fire Department (written report provided to Council)

Police Chief Report (written report provided to Council)

Northwest EMS Report (written report provided to Council)

Engineer's Report (written report provided to Council)

- Mr. Barna reported Alcosan will be accepting applications for the GROW grant 12 cycle.

Joint Planning Commission (written report provided to Council)

- Regular meeting is August 25th 7pm at the Avalon Council Chambers. Short Term Rental Agreement draft has been sent to all municipalities. JPC will be discussing Kuhn's changes. Todd Demangone will be replacing Ms. Dingler as Chairman.

Shade Tree Commission (No report submitted)

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

Committee Reports

Finance Committee; Jodi Cerminara, Chair

1. Motion to Approve Payment of August 12, 2025, Bill List.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Ms. Denton
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 6-0.
2. Motion to Adopt Resolution 14-25 providing for the refund of Real Estate Taxes as a result of changes in assessed value and/or overpayments.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 6-0.
3. Discussion: Event Ordinance
 - Discussion was had in detail with many ideas for changes. Council is to put suggestions in an email chain, and DAS Kelly will put a draft together for committee to review.
4. Discussion: Budget Calendar.
 - No issues were discussed with the proposed Budget calendar. The 1st meeting will be in Executive Session on September 9th to discuss salaries.
5. Discussion: Comprehensive Plan.
 - Ms. Dingler discussed the status of the plan and the fact the plan production is on hold as there is a question on the funding. Council agreed a survey and questionnaire should be put together to begin getting community opinion. Ms. Dingler will put a survey together to get it out to the community in events such as the Farmers Market.
6. Discussion: Short Term Rental Ordinance.
 - Ms. Dingler gave an explanation and talking points on the draft ordinance, discussion followed. It was agreed to put an email group together, including Mr. Jacobs, to address any concerns and likes with the draft. Findings will be discussed at future meetings.

Parks and Recreation Committee; Jennie Denton, Chair

1. Discussion: Pool building restrooms.
 - Mr. Kelly explained the current issue and that we will be using porta johns for the remainder of the year and DPW will be working on a permanent fix for the 2026 season.
2. Congratulations to The Andrew Bayne Memorial Library for being one of the newest additions to the Carnegie Science Center train display.
 - Ms. Goodman stated the new display is scheduled for the Fall of 2026.
3. Discussion: Halloween festivities.
 - Mr. Kelly reported the Borough will handle and organize the Halloween parade and Trunk or Treat; festivities will be on October 25th.

Public Safety Committee; Russell Ellis, Chair

1. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 25-06 adopting current changes to the Civil Service Rules amended on July 22, 2025.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 6-0.
2. Motion to Adopt Resolution 15-25 authorizing VPRP property 113-H-260.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 6-0.
3. Motion to Adopt Resolution 16-25 authorizing VPRP property 113-H-277.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 6-0.
4. Motion to Authorize 202 Hometown Tacos street closure.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 6-0.
5. Motion to Authorize the purchase of Grant funded turnout gear from MES at a cost of \$8,595.00 from account 01.411.242.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present voted in favor of the motion.
Motion carried, 6-0.
6. Discussion: Sandwich Board advertisements and sidewalk tables.
 - Mr. Jacobs explained the current ordinance only allows for a short-term use of advertisements; discussion followed. A new ordinance will be looked at and businesses with advertisements and tables on the sidewalks are to be advised that the use of them will be reevaluated and a new policy ordinance will be put together.
7. Discussion: PRT request to eliminate parking.
 - Mr. Kelly explained PRT's request, Council agreed not to authorize the elimination of parking.
8. Discussion: PRT request to add seating to bus stop.
 - Council would like more information on exact location and expressed safety concerns.
9. Discussion: Bona Fide Bellevue Light Up Night Festivities.
 - A brief update on Light Up Night was given with no questions for the Bona Fide representatives.
10. Notification: The PLCB has extended the Noise Ordinance exemption until July 2028.
 - Mr. Kelly advised after all the proper procedures, the Borough has been granted a 3 year extension on the Noise Ordinance exception.
Mr. Ellis asked if the exception will be permanent at any point. Mr. Kelly explained the procedure and that a 5-year exemption will be next.

Public Works Committee; Dan McKelvey, Chair

1. Motion to Authorize N&N Landscaping to extend Streetscapes Project at a cost of \$71,796.90 from Account 01.438.100.

Discussion was had to explain exact location and need for the extension.

Moved: Mr. McKelvey

Second: Ms. Denton

All present voted in favor of the motion.

Motion carried, 6 -0.

2. Discussion: Borough building needed repairs.

- Mr. Kelly explained several issues that are currently being found with the Borough building, which will lead to needed repairs. The HVAC System has been deemed an emergency repair. Mr. Kelly will get three estimates prior to looking for an authorization to proceed.

3. Notification: Fall Dumpster Day, October 11th, 8am-12 Noon.

- Mr. Wright stated DPW will assist as in the past with providing staff to work the event with Avalon.

4. Notification: QVCOG Hard to Recycle Event to be at Northgate High School.

- The event will be held on October 18th 9am-1pm, registration will be required.

Unfinished Business:

- President Cerminara asked when paving will begin. Mr. Barna stated paving is currently scheduled for the beginning of September.

New Business:

- President Cerminara asked Chief Hartman to explain the CPR First Aid Event at the Library and asked if he could put one together for the community.

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

- There was no public contribution.

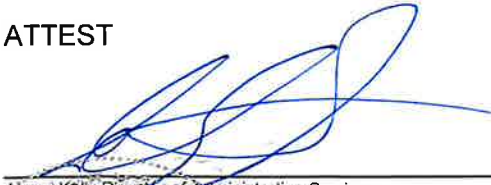
Executive Session:

- There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

ATTEST


James Kelly, Director of Administrative Services


Jodi Cerminara, Council President

