



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes
September 23, 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. Dingler, Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Denton, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Rogers, Ms. Stern, and President Cerminara.

Absent at time Roll was taken: Ms. Mule and Mr. Disney.

Borough Representatives in attendance: Mayor Pennington, DAS Jim Kelly, Police Chief Sentner and JPC Representative Bri Erskine.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items:

R J Thompson, 317 Glaser Avenue: He wanted to thank the Borough and Council on behalf of Bellevue Forward for their continued support and he informed Council of several awards that local businesses received recognizing their success including the Night Market, which is only possible with joint cooperation and they are looking to continue to work with the Borough.

Adriana Wright, 178 N. Sprague Avenue: She appreciated the construction but feels there is a failure to communicate. After a good conversation with Jim Kelly, she is more understanding. However, she feels with the amount of work, notification was not significant enough to inform her and the other residents of the risk of having their vehicles towed. Adriana asked that we do more to notify residents of work that is being done and do more to notify residents prior to towing of the vehicles. Then she would like information to be left as to information on the tow company and its procedures. She feels it is not fair to have to pay for the tow and the violation.

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 August 26, 2025, Council Meeting.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the September 2, 2025, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Finance Committee Meetings.
- c. Motion to Accept Minutes of the September 9, 2025, Pre-Council Meeting.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the September 23, 2025, Bill List.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 19-25 setting Minimum Obligations for the Police, Firefighters, Non-Uniform Employees and Non-Uniformed Defined Contribution plans.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- c. Motion to Approve referendum as approved by Allegheny County Division of Elections.
Discussion was had as to options to advertise the referendum. Mr. Kelly advised the Borough and staff cannot be the ones to offer opinion on the vote. The Borough will post the questions as well as the current and proposed wording on social media and information board.
Ms. Dingler asked for clarification on the wording of the referendum.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Nothing on the Agenda.

Public Safety Committee

- a. Discussion Active Transportation Plan.
Ms. Dingler asked for plans to implement the plan, and discussion followed. Bona Fide Bellevue will assist in any way they can in getting projects completed and recorded.
Ms. Chaney advised the plan is meant to be a living document and always being worked.

Public Works Committee

- a. Motion to Authorize agreement with Compass Minerals America, Inc. for purchase of road salt for the 25-26 winter season.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 7-0.
- b. Discussion update on status of paving and WVWA work.
Mr. Kelly gave an update on the paving project and is working on the coordination between the Borough, WVWA and the paving company so we can get the most out of the construction.
Chief Sentner explained his department's posting procedures.

Unfinished Business:

Ms. Dinger asked how do we educate the residents of the referendum. Discussion followed, including the explanation, advising Council they can discuss the referendum as they want as long as they do not say it is the opinion of the Borough.

Mayor Pennington suggested getting documentation out to the businesses participating in the Music Festival.

Ms. Dinger and Mr. McKelvey had a very successful time at the farmers' market. Ms. Dinger gave a recap of the events and conversations they had with the market goers.

Ms. Dinger advised there will be 2 more dates at the farmers' market if any other Council members would like to join, October 8th and 29th.

Mr. McKelvey stated they had several talent bank applications. President Cerminara asked to have the talent bank applications to review at the Finance committee.

Ms. Dinger asked what the next steps are with the Events and Short-Term Rental Ordinances. President Cerminara noted they have been moved back to committee for further review.

New Business:

Mr. McKelvey asked how to work to get a similar ordinance as the city is working on, to limit the smoke shops in our town. Ms. Dinger confirmed the JPC would be a good place to start.

Mr. Rogers asked if we had ample staff and officers scheduled for the weekend event, and he asked we have an accountability of the additional cost of this event to the Borough.

Mr. Kelly asked if Council saw any issue with the Girl Scouts selling cookies at the Borough during Election Day.

It was suggested, if the County Election Bureau did not see an issue with it, to allow them to set up in front of the flags on Hawley Avenue.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

Jon Replogle, 2 N. Balph Avenue: He wanted to thank the Borough and Council, and stated Bellevue has been a very enjoyable place to have a business and hopes to continue for years to come. He appreciates the continued updates to the community.

Bri Eskine, 75 S. Euclid Avenue: She expressed the amount of positive feedback she has heard from Council members attending the farmers' market. She also appreciated the explanation of the referendum wording.

Joyce Donovan, 178 N. Sprague Avenue: She would like to see if Council would waive the \$15 violation for the no parking violation.

Executive Session

Meeting suspended for Executive Session at 8:26 pm.

Personnel discussion on the possibility of reinstating previous officer.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

ATTEST



James E. Kelly, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary



Jodi Cerminara, Council President

