



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2025, 7:00 pm

Municipal Building

2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order:

Council President Pro Tem McKelvey 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: President Pro Tem McKelvey, Ms. Denton, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Rogers, and Ms. Stern.

Absent at time Roll was taken: President Cerminara, Mr. Disney, Ms. Mule, and Ms. Dingler. Ms. Dingler entered at 7:03 pm and her presence was noted.

Borough Representatives in attendance: Mayor Pennington, ADAS Andrea Contes, Solicitor Jeffrey Reis, Sergeant Matt Lucas, and Junior Councilperson Pennington.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items:

Patrick Kadgalca, 494 Lincoln Avenue: Thanked Council for meeting regarding Bellevue Forward's Music Festival and said it was good to "hash it out and start putting things behind us." He updated on Halloween activities by Bellevue Forward.

Matt Friedad, 212 Clinton Place: Spoke about traffic issues and advocated for a mirror on N. Union, saying he has trouble pulling out of his driveway. He advocated for a crosswalk on Clinton Place and N. Union and suggested various safety measures.

Ryan Simmen, 704 Clinton Place: He seconded the previous speaker's suggestion of a crosswalk at Clinton Place and N. Starr and said that a mirror would be beneficial. He thanked certain members of Council for meeting with RJ and Patrick.

Thomas Tresky, 549 Teece Avenue: He expressed frustration with the agreement between the Borough and Bellevue Forward and said that he was upset that the bill was coming back to the taxpayers. He asked if there was preferential treatment for some private organizations over others. He said he was not opposed to community events.

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 September 23, 2025 Council Meeting.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the October 7, 2025 Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Public Safety, and Finance Committee Meetings.
- c. Motion to Accept Minutes of the October 14, 2025 Pre-Council Meeting.
- d. Ms. Dingler said that she had items for revision on both the October 7, 2025 Public Safety Committee Meeting and the October 14, 2025 Pre-Council Meeting. She made a Motion to pull the Minutes of the October 7, 2025 Public Safety Committee Meeting and the October 14, 2025 Pre-

- Council Meeting. Seconded: Ms. Denton. All present were in favor of pulling the Minutes of those two meetings with no roll call necessary.
- e. Motion to Accept Minutes of the September 23, 2025 Council Meeting and the Minutes of the October 7, 2025 Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Finance Committee Meetings.
Moved: President Pro Tem McKelvey
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present in favor with
no roll call taken.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the October 28, 2025, Bill List.
Moved: Mr. Rogers
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 22-25 Authorizing application to the Commonwealth's Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 for Streetscapes design.
Solicitor Ries noted that there was a typo on the agenda, but that the motion was made properly.
Moved: Mr. Rogers
Second: Ms. Dingler
All present in favor
with no roll call taken.
- c. Motion to Adopt Resolution 23-25 Authorizing application to the Commonwealth's Local Share Assessment Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for Streetscapes construction.
Moved: Mr. Rogers
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor
with no roll call taken.
- d. Motion to Adopt Resolution 24-25 Stating the Borough of Bellevue determines and declares that such structures, individually and collectively, constitute blighted property in the municipality as defined by the Urban Redevelopment Law.
Mr. Ellis asked whether the motion pertained specifically to the properties Council had previously spoken about and Solicitor Ries answered that the motion simply categorizes what the definition is.
Moved: Mr. Rogers
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- e. Motion to Adopt Resolution 25-25 Authorizing a request for funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 for Blight remediation to the Allegheny County Economic Development and designate James E. Kelly DAS as the official to file all documents.
Moved: Mr. Rogers
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor with no roll call taken.

- f. Motion to Adopt Resolution 25-26 Authorizing a request for CDBG funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 for community sidewalks and ADA crosswalks to the Allegheny County Economic Development and designate James E. Kelly DAS as the official to file all documents.

Moved: Mr. Rogers

Second: Ms. Dingler

All present in favor with no roll call taken.

Parks and Recreation Committee

Nothing on the Agenda.

Public Safety Committee

- a. Motion to Adopt Resolution 20-25 Establishing a policy for Non-Criminal Federal Immigration Laws.

Moved: Mr. Ellis

Second: Mr. Rogers

All present in favor.

Motion carried, 6-0.

- b. Motion to Pay Bellevue Volunteer Firefighters Relief Association the 2025 State Aid allocation of \$38,377.55 from account 01.411.500.

Moved: Mr. Ellis

Second: Mr. Rogers

All present in favor.

Motion carried, 6-0.

- c. Motion to assume the difference in costs accrued by the Borough of Bellevue related to the Bellevue Forward Music Festival, accepting \$1,200.00 from Bellevue Forward as total payment in full.

Moved: Mr. Ellis

Second: Ms. Dingler seconded and then revoked her second because she was abstaining from the vote. Mr. Rogers then seconded.

Ms. Dingler acknowledged the earlier public comment expressing frustration with the agreement and noted that she had gone into eCode 360. She spoke on the long history of the events ordinance and the importance of passing one.

Mr. Rogers, Ms. Denton, Mr. Ellis, and President Pro Tem McKelvey were in favor, while Ms. Dingler and Ms. Stern abstained from the vote.

Motion carried, 4-0.

Public Works Committee

- a. Motion to Authorize Application for payment #2 for Sanitary Sewer Lining to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$219,972.82 from account 08.429.721.

Moved: President Pro Tem McKelvey

Second: Mr. Rogers

All present in favor.

Motion carried, 6-0.

- b. Motion to Authorize Application for payment #3 for Sanitary Sewer Lining to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$87,067.07 from account 08.429.71.

Moved: President Pro Tem McKelvey

Second: Ms. Denton

All present in favor.

Motion carried, 6-0.

- c. Motion to Authorize Application for payment #1 for Streetscapes to N&N Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$197,271.28 from account 01.438.100.

Moved: President Pro Tem McKelvey

Second: Ms. Denton

All present in favor.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

Ms. Dingler updated on the Active Transportation Committee and stated that the next meeting would be held on November 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., resuming in January 2026 with regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month. She updated about free resources and trainings that she had learned about and said that she would pass information on to the rest of Council. She spoke about an upcoming Open House at the Inglis Innovation Center on Thursday, October 30 and said that they had extended an invitation to Council.

Mr. McKelvey mentioned that he and other members of Council would be at the Bellevue Farmers Market the next day on October 29, speaking to the community about the referendums.

Ms. Stern asked for confirmation that Committee meetings would be moved to Wednesday in November, due to the election.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

Drew Farrar, 236 Summit Avenue: He updated about Bona Fide Bellevue's Light Up Bellevue event on December 6 and expressed his support for the Active Transportation Committee.

Thomas Tresky, 549 Teece Avenue: He asked whether Council had ever considered a community review board to address difficulties with construction throughout the Borough.

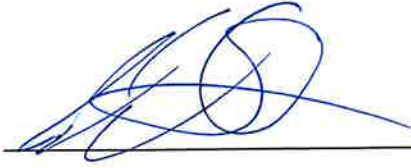
Executive Session:

None.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, President Pro Tem McKelvey adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

ATTEST

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James E. Kelly, Director of Administrative Services/Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Jodi Cerminara' followed by a horizontal line.

Jodi Cerminara, Council President

