



Borough of Bellevue

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Borough Council Meeting Minutes

December 16, 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. Ellis, Mr. Rogers Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Denton, and President Cerminara.

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

Borough Representatives in attendance: Mayor Pennington, DAS Kelly, ADAS Contes, Solicitor Racunas, and Police Chief Sentner.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items:

There was no public contribution.

Swearing in of Officer Crim

Mayor Pennington swore in Officer Crim and presented her with her Department Official Badge.

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 October 28, 2025 Council Meeting.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the November 25, 2025 Council Meeting.
- c. Motion to Accept Minutes of the December 2, 2025 Budget Public Hearing.
- d. Motion to Accept the Minutes of the December 9, 2025 Pre-Council Meeting.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Mr. McKelvey

All present in favor.

Motion carried, 6-0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the December 16, 2025, Bill List.

Moved: President Cerminara

Second: Mr. McKelvey

All present in favor.

Motion carried, 6-0.

- b. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 25-07 for Public Gathering.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- c. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 25-08 Setting 2026 Salaries.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- d. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 25-09 Setting 2026 Sewer Usage fees.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- e. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 25-10 Setting 2026 Trash Collection fees. .
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- f. Motion to Adopt Ordinance 25-11 Adoption of the 2026 Budget.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- g. Motion to Adopt Resolution 32-25 for the 2026 Fee Schedule.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- h. Motion to Appoint Drew Farrar for a term to expire December 31, 2028 and Hannah Gerbeschacht for a term to expire December 31, 2027 to the Joint Planning Commission.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- i. Motion to Appoint RJ Startzenbach and Cas Katte to the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.
Moved: President Cerminara
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.

Parks and Recreation Committee

- a. Motion to Ratify email vote for additional cost to emergency pole replacement in Memorial Park. Motion to Authorize additional \$5,000.00 to Sargent Electric from account 01.451.530. (Email Motion was made by Ms. Denton, Second by Mr. McKelvey, Aye received from Mr. McKelvey, Ms. Denton, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Rogers, and President Cerminara). Mr. Kelly advised the replacement of the utility pole cost will be covered by the Borough's Insurance.
Moved: Ms. Denton
Second: Mr. McKelvey
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- b. Motion to Appoint Mary Jo Tortorelli for a term to expire December 31, 2029 and Linda Ryan for a term to expire December 31, 2030 to the Shade Tree Commission.
Moved: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.

Public Safety Committee

- a. Motion to Authorize advertising for additional Part Time Firefighters at a cost not to exceed \$400.00 from account 01.406.431.
Motion: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mr. Rogers
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.

Public Works Committee

- a. Motion to Authorize A&H Equipment to replace dump body at a cost of \$25,311.00 from account 01.430.740.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- b. Motion to Authorize the purchase of a new Caterpillar Backhoe from Cleveland Brothers to be financed with KS Bank at an annual payment of \$30,203.52 from account 01.430.740.
Moved: Mr. McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 6-0.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Mr. McKelvey questioned how the first snowfall was handled by DPW. Mr. Kelly reported everything went extremely well, including receiving multiple compliments on the work completed by DPW.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

Drew Farra, 236 Summit Avenue: On behalf of Bonafide Bellevue, they would like to thank the Borough for all the assistance provided for a very successful Light Up Night and wanted to let Council know Bonafide will be making a donation back to the Borough.

Mayor Val Pennington, 101 Lincoln Avenue: He stated it has been a pleasure working with the Borough and all of Council for the past decade. He is happy seeing we have a good group of representation and the Borough should have confidence in the Council and employees the Borough Currently has.

Jodi Cerminara as her final Council Meeting, she wanted to thank everyone for all their contributions and will miss being a part of the Council and look forward to providing public contributions in the future.

Matt Racunas expressed his appreciation working with Mr. Pennington and Ms. Cerminara and The fact they have made it a better place to work with over the time they have been in office.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

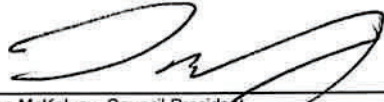
Adjournment:

There being no further business, President Cerminara adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

ATTEST



James E. Kelly, Director of Administrative Services



Dan McKelvey, Council President

