



Borough of Bellevue

Incorporated 1867

Borough Council Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2026, 7:00 pm

Municipal Building

2nd Floor Council Chambers

Call to Order:

Council President 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: Ms. Mule, Ms. Stern, Ms. Dingler, Mx. Zacharias, Ms. Denton, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Robins and President McKelvey.

Absent at time Roll was taken: Mr. Rogers.

Borough Representatives in attendance: Mayor Erskine, Police Chief Sentner, DAS Kelly, and Solicitor Reis.

Public Contribution on Agenda Items:

RJ Thompson, 317 Glaser Avenue, spoke as a resident and as Bellevue Forward. Mr. Thompson spoke on his opinion of the recent passing of Ordinance 25-07 and the need for cost effective events in the community.

Kimberly Morgan, 224 N Balph Avenue, is concerned that Ordinance 25-07 will hurt the Borough and it's events and activities.

Chelsea Dungan, 17 Florence Avenue, spoke of concerns with Ordinance 25-07 and its possible negative impacts on Borough real estate.

Ryan Simmens, 704 Clinton Place, spoke to discrepancies of Ordinance 25-07 and the application. Also, he would like to see a more useable application.

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 January 27, 2026 Council Meeting.
- b. Motion to Accept Minutes of the January 27, 2026 Public Hearing.
- c. Motion to Accept the Minutes of the February 3, 2026 Public Works/Parks, Finance, Public Safety Committee Meetings.
- d. Motion to Accept the Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Pre-Council Meeting.
Moved: President McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.

Agenda Items

Finance Committee:

- a. Motion to Approve Payment of the February 24, 2026, Bill List.
Moved: President McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- b. Motion to Adopt Resolution 6-26 approving participation in the CDBG Grant Program.
Moved: President McKelvey
Second: Ms. Mule
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- c. Motion to Adopt Resolution 7-26 update to the 2026 Fee Schedule.
Moved: President McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- d. Motion to Authorize agreement with GovUnity for the hosting and design of a new website at a cost of \$7,800.00 from account 01.406.316.
Moved: President McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- e. Motion to Authorize contract with Paylocity for a cost of \$8,000.10 and a monthly fee of \$1257.00 from account 01.406.418.
Moved: President McKelvey
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Works/Parks Committee

- a. Motion to Authorize Bethlehem Wire & Fence to repair fence at Memorial Park at a cost of \$2,640.00 from account 01.451.375.
Moved: Ms. Denton
Second: Ms. Mule
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.

Public Safety Committee

- a. Motion to Authorize advertisement of Ordinance 26-02 changes to restaurant sidewalk use at a cost not to exceed \$400.00 from account 01.406.341.
Motion: Mr. Ellis
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.
- b. Motion to Authorize the purchase of new Body Cameras from Motorola Solutions at a cost of \$12,572.50 from account 01.410.700.
Motion: Mr. Ellis
Second: Ms. stern
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.

- c. Motion to Authorize the purchase of a speed notification trailer from Stalker Radar at a cost of \$13,867.00
from account 01.410.700.
Motion: Mr. Ellis
Second: Ms. Stern
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.

- d. Motion to Accept Public Gathering Permit Application Number 2026-01 from Bona Fide Bellevue Rhythm and Brews.
Motion: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mx. Zacharias
Mr. Kelly advised fee permit will include the \$100.00 application fee, plus \$750.00 permit fee, and 3 hours extra @ \$150.00 each for a total of \$1,300.00.

Ms. Dinger asked that all departments review applications prior to approval.

Ms. Dinger asked for better clarification of set up and breakdown time.

Ms. Stern asked for event hours to be listed on the permit and if we are asking for additional planning and marketing information.

Ms. Denton agreed to the order of review.

Mr. Ellis spoke that the committee had already reviewed the applications prior to the entire Council and we should not create redundancy

☒ Motion Rescinded by Mr. Ellis

Motion to Amend, Motion to Accept Public Gathering Permit Application Number 2026-01 from Bona Fide Bellevue Rhythm and Brews, to state, Motion to Accept Public Gathering Permit Application Number 2026-01 from Bona Fide Bellevue Rhythm and Brews pending Department Heads' approval.

Motion: Mr. Ellis
Second: Ms. Denton
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.

Motion to Accept Public Gathering Permit Application Number 2026-01 from Bona Fide Bellevue Rhythm and Brews pending Department Heads' approval.

Motion: Mr. Ellis
Second: Mx. Zacharias
All present in favor.
Motion carried, 8-0.

Ms. Dinger asked for clarification on who can and cannot vote due to their involvement in an event.

Unfinished Business:

Ms. Dingler asked we discuss the permit and application process further and possible ways we can use social media to assist in understanding and help to not deter community involvement.

Mr. McKelvey explained the Event Ordinance has been in discussion for several years and last year Council was able to finalize a version. Council, at the time, agreed to the version and adopted the Ordinance unanimously in December.

Ms. Dingler asked if we can get verification of ads being printed. Mr. Kelly explained we would have extra costs to get the verification prior to billing. Discussion followed in reference to required advertisements.

Additional discussion was had to discuss ways to get more information to residents, for all Borough processes and permitting.

New Business:

- a. Discussion: The New Pittsburgh Courier's failure to print December 3rd advertisement for proposed Ordinances.

Mr. Reis ensured Council that the Borough followed all of the proper procedures for adoption of an Ordinance and that all Ordinances adopted at the December meeting are in effect and legally adopted, even though the New Pittsburgh Courier failed to print the advertisement.

Public Contribution on Non-Agenda Items

Sean Palacios, 521 Roosevelt Avenue, asked the Ordinance be repealed and wanted to make sure, everyone is aware of the importance of community events.

Tammara Franklin, 407 Lincoln Avenue, on behalf of 202 Hometown Tacos would like clarification on events.

RJ Thompson, 317 Glaser Avenue, would like to reinforce the need for events to assist with people's livelihood.

Emmily Stern read an email from Robin Stroser, referencing her disapproval of Ordinance 25-07.

Thomas Tresky, 549 Teece Avenue, spoke in favor of the Ordinance and expressed concern for the Borough taxpayer's finances being used for events. In addition, he wants to make sure residents' safety is considered during events.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, President McKelvey adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

ATTEST

James E. Kelly, Director of Administrative Services

Dan McKelvey, Council President