

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 14, 2021

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, June 14, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council President, Mr. Smith. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

The minutes of the May 24, 2021 City Council meeting were presented for approval. The minutes need to be revised to reflect that the prayer was given by Mrs. Ommert and not Ms. Downing. In Mr. Baker's comments, "Moore Street" needs to be revised to "more streets." A motion was made by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as revised.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker introduced Karen Dendinger and presented her with a Citizenship Award. He defined citizenship as the character of a person and how they are viewed. Good citizenship connotes a member of society who exceeds their normal duties and obligations and he stated that Karen's countless volunteer hours in planting and maintaining flowers in Central Park and at the City cemetery and around the community have been exemplary. Karen makes a difference in many people's lives. He thanked her for her diligence and willingness to serve the community.

He thanked Mr. Baker for his help with a project they have been working on.

He noted that Ed Nasonti, Bellevue High School football head coach, has been inducted into the Ohio High School Hall of Fame. He has been here for over thirty years.

He stated that Bellevue will be a Purple Heart City soon. He will inform everyone as the dates and times are decided.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that there were some committee meetings tonight before this meeting that will be reported on. There were three ordinances discussed in the two committee meetings held before this Council meeting and they were each voted to take out of committees and added to tonight's agenda by motion. A motion also needs to be made during the meeting tonight for us to prepare an ordinance and add it to the agenda for the annual Walter H. Drane Co.'s revisions of the codified ordinances and replacement pages.

Regarding 206-208 West Center Street, he stated that it is moving along.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Waldrup stated that his inquiry regarding streets the City will be repairing this year was answered during the committee meeting.

Mr. Shepherd stated that he spoke with Amy Palsa about citizens wanting to donate park benches. Benches seem to do much better if they are placed on concrete slabs. They discussed that perhaps the Street Department could help install the concrete slabs. This would make it easier for people to donate benches later on.

He stated that the residential sidewalk from Northwest Street to Castalia Street cut through which was kept open for school children has a lot of vandalism. Since it isn't used for

school children anymore, it would be good to close it off. Mr. Lantz stated there is no objection to it.

The property at 217 Lyme Street has new ownership. It appears to not be habitable. Mr. Lantz stated that the new owners live in Puerto Rico and he is having difficulty tracing them. Letters that have been sent have come back undeliverable.

Mr. Baker inquired about the status of DORA. Mayor Strecker stated that they are very close. Mr. Scagnetti has been working on the boundary signs. It should hopefully be up and running by the end of June.

He inquired about the progress with the old Ben Franklin building. Mr. Lantz stated there were three bids. They chose the lowest one which was \$97,000.00 with a contractor out of Fremont. However, in the process they found out that asbestos removal wasn't covered. They are looking into accepting the second lowest bid for \$115,000.00. It may be a couple of weeks.

Mr. Hill reported that the swimming pool at the Rec Center is up and running. Amy asked him to thank the City employees for all their help. She has refurbished the bathrooms and office and put the new shade structure over the kids' pool.

He congratulated Ed Nasonti and also Bellevue High School Athletic Director, Brian Schubert, who is retiring.

Mrs. Ommert thanked Amy for her work at the Rec Center. She has put together an adult only swim program from 11:00-12:00. This will be an asset to Bellevue's seniors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held prior to tonight's regular meeting where they discussed Ordinance No. 17-21. It was voted to take the ordinance out of committee and add it by motion to the agenda tonight.

Mr. Shepherd stated that a Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting was also held tonight. Ordinance Nos. 19-21 and 20-21 were discussed and it was voted to take them out of committee and add them to tonight's agenda.

Mr. Brugnone reminded everyone that there is an Economic Development Committee meeting immediately following this meeting tonight. (Attorney Pete Nischt, Chief Corporate Compliance and Communications Officer for Klutch Cannabis, will be in attendance to answer questions concerning the legality, security, accessibility, etc. to their proposed Bellevue location.)

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith thanked everyone who helped with and attended this year's Memorial Day parade and ceremony.

He asked for a motion to add Ordinance No. 17-21 to tonight's agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Waldrup. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. A vote was taken and passed 7-0. Ordinance No. 17-21 is added to tonight's agenda.

Motion to add Ordinance Nos. 19-21 and 20-21 to tonight's agenda was made by Mr. Shepherd. It was seconded by Mr. Waldrup. A vote was taken and passed 7-0. Ordinance Nos. 19-21 and 20-21 are added to tonight's agenda.

He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 17-21 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE RE-PLAT OF INLOT NO. 2293, FIRST WARD, CITY OF BELLEVUE, SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Baker moved to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 17-21 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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Mr. Baker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 17-21, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. The vote was 7-0 Aye.

Ordinance No. 19-21 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL OF THE OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (ORDC) AND NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY (NS) FOR THE CLOSURE OF A PUBLIC GRADE CROSSING ON MCKIM STREET.

Ordinance No. 20-21 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS FOR STREET REPAVING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Shepherd moved to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 20-21 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

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Mrs. Ommert moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-21, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. The vote was 7-0 Aye.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, requested a motion to draft an ordinance to revise the codified ordinances by adopting replacement pages, and to add it to the agenda for June 21. Motion was made by Mrs. Ommert. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. An ordinance will be drafted and added to the next agenda.

President Smith thanked everyone for attending.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shepherd and seconded by Mr. Baker. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council