

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 11, 2022**

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, July 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council President, Ronald Smith. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MR. BRUGNONE, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WALDRUP.

Minutes of the June 27, 2022 City Council meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Waldrup to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker stated that work continues for the Back to School Bash at the Rec Center on Aug 13 and fireworks at Robert Peters Park. Planning is beginning for the Drive-Thru Santa for this year.

The Committee to Grow Bellevue's Open-Air Markets will start July 28 and run through August 25. He thanked Mr. Baker for his hard work in organizing a concert for Thursday, August 11.

He introduced Deputy Eric Burt from the Sandusky County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Burt had approached him regarding putting a crosswalk at Arlington. The school children have to backtrack on Goodrich to get to a crosswalk and some are running across at Arlington. Deputy Burt stated that he received a letter from an elementary school teacher in Bellevue regarding two to three students who ran in front of her vehicle one morning when she was driving. She and the principal of the elementary school contacted him to check to inquire if there is a crosswalk there. There is not one there. He spoke with Mayor Strecker about getting a crosswalk on Arlington and possibly one by the Middle School.

Mayor Strecker thanked Deputy Burt and the Sandusky County Sheriff's Office for their volunteer work at Fish and Loaves and Mr. Hill mentioned that they also help at the Rec Center with their summer camp activities.

He announced that City Engineer, Mr. Scagnetti, will be the Acting Safety-Service Director.

Acting Safety-Service Director, Mr. Scagnetti, stated that they can look at the pedestrian crossings at the schools. All the lighting and crosswalks have been paid for by the schools.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Shepherd stated he noticed they were working on the traffic light on North and North Sandusky Street and inquired why. Mr. Scagnetti stated the signals were recently serviced. They do this annually.

He inquired if the City has plans for the excess properties they own. Mr. Scagnetti stated he is aware of one property.

Mr. Waldrup stated that a local scout reached out to him a couple of months ago inquiring if he could work on a bird observation area. He contacted the Mayor and Safety-Service Director. He wanted to recognize the scout for doing a great job.

Mr. Baker inquired if Council can annually revisit the DORA project that was initiated last year. Mr. Wallingford stated that Council would not want to revisit it every year. Mr. Baker inquired if Central Park can be included in DORA. Mr. Wallingford stated that Council would have to revisit it, get approval from the State, and pass a new ordinance like we did before. He stated that Mr. Sabo would be the one to contact regarding this.

He inquired about the status of street repaving for this year. Mr. Scagnetti mentioned the cost increase from last year and that the Administration had discussed reducing the amount of streets repaved or forgoing it all together for this year. Mr. Baker stated that the costs could possibly increase again next year. Mr. Scagnetti stated that they will look at the streets that most urgently need repair and they will try and get a few streets repaired.

Mr. Brugnone thanked Mayor Strecker for quickly taking care of some issues that needed cleaning up where the old Chamber building is.

Mr. Hill gave heartfelt thanks to the Administration and Council members who reached out to him and his family after the loss of his son-in-law, Sean Tyler.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Shepherd stated that he previously talked with Mr. Lantz about a sidewalk replacement program. He wanted to get the new Safety-Service Director's opinion. Mr. Scagnetti stated they are trying to work on streets for now. At this point, he doesn't feel it a wise thing to pursue sidewalk repair.

President Smith scheduled a Committee of the Whole work session for Monday, July 25, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. to discuss a proposed purchase of 241 Sandusky Street currently owned by Frontier. Information will be sent for everyone to review. The Administration would like to know if Council would like to pursue this.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patricia Gray, 252 Guenther Street, stated that she is a member of the Shop Bellevue events committee. She passed out flyers to Council members regarding upcoming events to promote shopping in Bellevue. They will be selling coupon books for \$20 each. There will be over \$500.00 worth of coupons in each book. With the proceeds, they would like to give grants to businesses in the City that need help. They appreciate everything Council does to help Shop Bellevue.

Midge Covella, 119 Ridge Drive, stated that for now the big ditch is not being maintained. She is going to hold her comments for a couple of weeks and see if someone comes out to take care of the ditch.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Auditor, Mr. Smith, and Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, are excused tonight.

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

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-9-22 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING OF AN APPLICATION AND THE OBLIGATION OF NECESSARY FUNDS TO COMPLETE A NATURE WORKS PROJECT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-9-22 its second and third readings by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Resolution No. R-9-22. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

Ordinance No. 14-22 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT FOR A BOILER FOR THE WATER FILTRATION PLANT WITHOUT BID UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 735.051, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 14-22 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

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Motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 14-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Brugnone. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

Ordinance No. 11-22 was given its second reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT FOR AN

INTERNATIONAL PLOW TRUCK UNDER THE SOURCEWELL NATIONAL BIDDING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 9-22 was given its third and final reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3-22, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 9-22, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Acting Safety-Service Director, Mr. Scagnetti, thanked Council for passing Ordinance No. 14-22.

He inquired if there is something regarding the dog warden coming up. Mr. Wallingford stated that there is. He has written a letter to be signed by the Mayor and has given it to Vicki for updating and obtaining the Mayor's signature. This is something that the Mayor will take care of but he wants to make sure that Council is aware of it. This is regarding the handling of humane aspects of cruelty and neglect that we are required to pay for. The dog warden in Sandusky County is the one willing to do this. We are required to pay someone every year (and we have already paid for this year). The letter will hopefully be ready to share with Council at the next meeting.

President Smith inquired if there are any other Council members who have been contacted by citizens regarding extending DORA into Central Park. They discussed perhaps getting a special permit for a specific event only. Mr. Wallingford stated that it wouldn't be a good thing for people drinking and walking around the park randomly when there is not an event going on there. It was discussed that perhaps it could be a seasonal thing. Some research can be done and President Smith stated a committee meeting could be held.

Mayor Strecker stated that he will have the dog warden letter signed this week. He will have Mr. Wallingford look at it first and then he will bring it to Council.

President Smith thanked everyone for attending and requested a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council