

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 22, 2023

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, May 22, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor and Council President, Ronald Smith. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MS. DOWNING, MR. HILL, MRS. OMMERT, MR. WALDRUP and MR. WYNBISSINGER.

Minutes of the Public Hearing of May 8, 2023 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. All were in favor. The minutes were approved as written.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 8, 2023 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Waldrup to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Ms. Downing. The minutes were approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker stated that it was an honor welcoming Dr. Kim Knight who is retiring after 38 years. He gave him a proclamation from the Administration and Council for his dedication to the citizens of Bellevue in such a noble profession.

He congratulated The Vue for their ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, May 12.

He also congratulated The Bellevue Hospital/Toledo Clinic for their ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for their new cancer infusion and treatment center.

He thanked the Copper Top for their fundraiser on May 21. It was a big success and all proceeds benefit the new Holiday House and events for local youth.

He thanked the staff and students of Bellevue 4th Grade who had him meet with them and answer some interesting questions. They stumped him with the question: "Who settled Bellevue?" It was settled in 1815 by Mark Hopkins.

The Memorial Day Parade will line up at 9:00 a.m. and the parade will begin at 9:30 a.m.

There will be a Veterans BBQ on May 26 at the American Legion Post at 496 West Main Street.

He thanked Karen Dendinger her efforts in doing the flower planters in Central Park.

He thanked the local Scouts who put up flags.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that Rumpke set up their recycling bins today. We will do a one-year trial, but nothing is set in stone. They will be emptying bins after 5:00 a.m. There are no differences in the containers as all recycling items can be placed in any bin. There are signs on the dumpsters.

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, stated that he received a letter from the Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission informing him that a zoning change was requested at their meeting on May 17. The zoning change will be for 1275 West Main Street, where the former Gordon's Lumber was located. It is currently zoned as B2, commercial. They are requesting a change to I-1, wholesale and light industry. We will prepare an ordinance and a 30-day notice to be published. If possible, the first reading could be done on June 12, the second on June 26, and the public hearing and third and final reading of

the ordinance on July 10. During the President's Report a motion can be made to approve the ordinance to be placed on the agenda.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Downing inquired about the vehicles around Consolo vehicle repair shop. Mr. Brugnone stated they have been discussing it.

Mr. Waldrup inquired if the streets that are being resurfaced at this time are from the 2022 list. Mr. Brugnone stated that they are. The 2023 list of streets for resurfacing are not out for bid yet.

Mr. Baker stated that he has heard good and bad comments about the streets that have been resurfaced. They look good to him.

Mr. Hill gave kudos to the Committee to Grow Bellevue for their years of service beautifying Bellevue for its citizens. The Huron County Master Gardeners will do the planters at Central Park. He has received good comments about the streets that are being resurfaced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a **Committee of the Whole** work session was held before this meeting where a discussion was held regarding 1) EMA contract with proposed Resolution No. R-5-23, (2) contract with GovDeals with proposed Resolution R-6-23, (3) a new proposed electric aggregation agreement with Energy Harbor LLC to run from 7-2023 to run through 7-2025 with proposed Resolution R-7-23; (4) increasing the maximum hourly rate for non-union fulltime employees with proposed Ordinance No. 15-23, and (5) Bellevue's 2023 CHIP agreement with proposed Ordinance No. 16-23 with Sandusky County, Fremont and Clyde. A motion was made and passed to take them out of committee and add them to tonight's agenda.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, scheduled a Budget & Finance Committee meeting for Monday, June 12, at 7:15 p.m., prior to the regular Council meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Teri Fields, 220 North Sandusky Street, stated that the recycling bins have been placed in her neighborhood and no one wants them there. She feels that no recycling projects work out well. The neighbors are all worried about small rodents and traffic noise. She feels the recycling bins should be placed in a public area away from homes.

Candy Krause, 303 North Sandusky Street, stated that they don't want the recycling dumpsters right in her neighborhood. They are worried about bugs, rodents, and bad smells. She inquired if the City could reconsider having them removed.

Lori McCauley, 131 Green Street, stated that children play up and down the alleys and wondered who would be monitoring the area around the recycling bins. They are also concerned about the view with the dumpsters there.

John Strayer, 306 North Sandusky Street, stated that he owns two properties next to the recycling bins. Someone needs to monitor the bins. The property values of the homes will go down. No one will want to fix and beautify their properties with the recycling bins there.

Lauri Strayer, 306 North Sandusky Street, stated that they purchased 300 North Sandusky Street and they have been working hard to remodel and beautify it. It is very discouraging to have the recycling bins placed in her neighborhood.

David Vickery, 405 West Main Street stated that the City needs more traffic signs to slow drivers down. Kids run right across Main Street. Recently someone was running across the busy street by the Aigler building and was struck by a passing vehicle.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

He requested a motion to add any or all of the legislation discussed in the Committee of the Whole workshop to tonight's agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to add Resolutions R-5-23, R-6-23, R-7-23, and Ordinances No. 15-23 and 16-23 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

He requested a motion for the new zoning request by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A motion approving the publishing schedule and preparation of an ordinance to be placed on the agenda was made by Mr. Hill. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

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

LEGISLATION:

Resolution No. R-5-23 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION DETERMINING EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-5-23 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Resolution No. R-5-23. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0, and as an emergency.

Resolution No. R-6-23 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO CONTRACT WITH GOVDEALS, INC., FOR THE SALE OF UNNEEDED PERSONAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTION 721.15, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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A motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Resolution No. R-6-23, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0, and as an emergency.

Resolution No. R-7-23 was given its first reading: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A MASTER AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO AN AGGREGATED GROUP, BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO AND ENERGY HARBOR LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Resolution No. R-7-23 its second and third readings by title only, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0, and as an emergency.

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A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to adopt Resolution No. R-5-23, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0, and as an emergency.

Ordinance No. 15-23 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE SALARY AND BENEFITS OF FULL-TIME NON-UNION EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, OHIO, THEREBY REPLACING ANY AND ALL PREVIOUS ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PREVIOUS ORDINANCE NO. 6-14, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 16-23 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION 2023 JOINT COOPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELLEVUE AND SANDUSKY COUNTY AND TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE MAYOR OF BELLEVUE TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution No. R-3-23 was given its third and final reading by title only: A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR THE RENEWAL OF A TWO (2) MILL TAX LEVY FOR PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Waldrup to adopt Resolution No. R-3-23, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Downing. A vote was taken. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, thanked Council for passing the three resolutions on the agenda.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
Clerk of Council