

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 10, 2024

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Mayor Kevin Strecker. Council members present: MR. BAKER, MR. BURKHART, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER. Mr. Hill was not in attendance.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 28, 2024, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker thanked the sponsors and everyone that showed up and supported the first summer concert last Saturday night. It was a huge success.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, updated Council on some sidewalks that have been repaired on Buckeye and Walnut Streets.

He received an email on Sunday morning from Mr. Shepherd stating that at the concert there was a person not participating with a DORA cup but using his own container and not complying with the DORA requirements and rules. If you are at an event and see someone not complying with DORA rules, feel free to notify an event official. In the beginning we had the rules printed on DORA cups. We no longer provide the cups. The merchants probably have their logo and the DORA logo on their cups but not the rules. We don't have the rules posted but we are having them printed today and they will be posted soon.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, requested an updated ordinance be added to tonight's agenda to amend the exhibit previously provided as part of Ordinance No. 15-24. He explained that the previous exhibit to the Amended 2024 Appropriations Budget erroneously included a decrease to Contract Services/Engineering within Water Capital Improvements.

A motion was made by Mr. Burkhardt to add Ordinance No. 16-24 to the agenda tonight. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 6-0. Ordinance No. 16-24 will be added to tonight's agenda.

Treasurer, Mr. Freitag, distributed a handout he received from RITA. Income collection costs came in at .89 percent which is amazing. RITA collected \$8,549,818.00 for a cost of \$69,423.00. The City received a refund check in the amount of \$179,861.00. RITA does a great job.

Next Friday he will be representing Bellevue at the annual Regional Council of Governments annual meeting.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Burkhardt stated that he attended the concert at Central Park last Saturday and it was run very well. He thanked Mr. Baker for allowing Council members to help sponsor it. He thanked everyone involved and stated it was a great event.

Mrs. Ommert stated she also attended the concert and said it was well attended and very well done. The citizens and vendors were happy to be there.

Ms. Muniz stated she also felt very positive about the concert on Saturday.

Mr. Baker stated that the band at the concert on Saturday, **3lentless**, is a local band and they can be seen in Bellevue at different locations. People seemed very pleased with the concert.

He stated that he is at the compost site frequently and next year it needs to be policed better. He stated that a tree service was dumping out grindings in our site and the tax payers are paying for it. A number of citizens have approached him and stated that it is our tax dollars and should only be used by citizens. If Barnes is making money off contractors perhaps they can reflect that in what they charge us.

Mr. Wynbissinger stated that the highway sign honoring Jonathon L. Martin should be replaced.

Mr. Shepherd stated that the concert was great. He thanked Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, for addressing the DORA issues. A citizen contacted him that had issues with sewer. He is looking for compensation for damages and thinks the City is responsible. He forwarded the information to the Mayor.

COOMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther Street, gave a report on the Backpack Program. They hand out food each Friday to children who are in need of food for the weekend when school is in session. There were 28 Fridays last school year that food was distributed. The total for the year was 2,706 which averaged 97 bags a week. The smallest number was 81 bags because it was the last day of school and pre-school wasn't in session and kindergarten children returned home after graduation. The highest was 105. The amount spent was \$10,019.00 which results in each bag costing approximately \$3.70. There were 280 volunteer hours. They love it and she stated she will keep doing this project as long as she can.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Hill is excused tonight. He is hoping to have representatives from the Bellevue Tourism and Visitor's Bureau present Council with their budget and income and expense report at our next meeting. They will be having a meeting on June 19 at 9:00 a.m. at the Foos flower shop. They are compiling the information we requested and hopefully they will have it ready to present at our next Council meeting on the June 24.

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

Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, thanked Auditor, Mr. Smith, for explaining to Council the need to amend the exhibit previously provided as part of Ordinance No. 15-24.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 16-24 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE NO. 3-24, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 15-24, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 16-24 its second and third readings by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 6-0.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Ommert to adopt Ordinance No. 16-24 and as an emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. A vote was taken and the motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Resolution No. R-5-24 was given its second reading by title only: A RESOLUTION, PURSUANT TO O.R.C. SECTIONS 731.03 AND 733.09 DIRECTING THE SANDUSKY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS TO SUBMIT A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, HURON, SANDUSKY, AND ERIE COUNTIES, OHIO, CHANGING THE TERMS OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL FROM TWO (2) YEARS TO FOUR (4) YEARS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mayor Strecker thanked Council for sponsoring the concert Saturday night. It was a great success.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk