

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING May 12, 2025

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, May 12, 2025, 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, MR. BURKHART, MR. HILL, MS. MUNIZ, MRS. OMMERT, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 28, 2025, were presented for approval. It was noted that in Councilman Shepherd's comments, the citizen who complained at City Council meeting about her neighbor was not the one he was talking about where progress has been made. A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to approve the minutes as revised. It was seconded by Mr. Shepherd. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as revised.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS: None.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mrs. Ommert noted that there was a low turnout at the recent election. More citizens need to vote. She will be in City Council until the end of December and she will keep working hard.

Ms. Muniz stated that she had a citizen reach out to her about problems with the internet. She works from home and understands how frustrating it is.

Mr. Baker stated he was approached by a couple of citizens inquiring if there could be more traffic control to help citizens get around all the construction. Safety-service Director, Mr. Brugnone, has reached out to the water company, Ohio Edison and other contractors.

Every year he inquires if the City is staying up with changing the water meters. Mr. Brugnone stated that the City is keeping up, but there are conversations going on with the water superintendent, and there may be a change coming up in the near future. The City may be going with another program.

Mr. Hill congratulated Mr. Morrison, the winner of a primary election for Council at Large. He stated that it is bittersweet as we are losing Mrs. Ommert. She has been here for many years and will be missed. She has done a great job with budget and finance matters and he appreciates everything she has done. She has been a real asset.

Mr. Shepherd stated that last Council meeting he inquired if there was a way to get ordinances and resolutions online for reading and printing. When he checked the City's website, the minutes and agendas are being updated, but he couldn't see where the ordinances and resolutions are posted.

He inquired if there is a way to get daily or even weekly information regarding what is happening with construction on Rt. 20. Mr. Brugnone stated that it is fluid and changes daily and there is no way to know what is happening to inform the public. Mr. Hill inquired what the time frame is for its completion. Mr. Brugnone stated construction will go through the summer. The highway will be paved in the fall if everything stays on course.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Smith stated that a Committee of the Whole work session was held tonight at 7:20 p.m., to discuss proposed Ordinance No. 9-25 and proposed Ordinance No. 10-25. It was voted to bring

both ordinances out of Committee and add them to tonight's agenda by motion during the regular City Council meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Burkhart to add Ordinances No. 9-25 and 10-25 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 7-0. Ordinance No. 9-25 and Ordinance No. 10-25 are added to tonight's agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Auditor, Mr. Smith, and Treasurer, Mr. Freitag are both excused tonight. He noted that the next regular City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27, because Monday, May 26, is Memorial Day.

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 9-25 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LABOR CONTRACT WITH AFSCME, GROUP 1, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 9-25 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 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Hill to adopt Ordinance No. 9-25, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 7-0, and as an emergency.

Ordinance No. 10-25 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LABOR CONTRACT WITH AFSCME, GROUPS 2 AND 3, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 10-25 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 7-0.

Ordinance No. 10-25 was given its second and third readings by title only: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LABOR CONTRACT WITH AFSCME, GROUPS 2 AND 3, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynbissinger to adopt Ordinance No. 10-25, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 7-0, and as an emergency.

Ordinance No. 6-25 was given its third and final reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION 2025 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Burkhart to adopt Ordinance No. 6-25, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 7-0, and as an emergency.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, thanked Council for passing the ordinances tonight.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Muniz. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Rhonda R. Soper
City Council Clerk