

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING June 9, 2025

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor and Council President, Mr. 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 May 27, 2025 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Burkhart to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Mayor Strecker thanked the Bellevue Eagles Club for sponsoring the first summer concert this Friday, June 13, 2025, at Central Park. The band will be "Freedom Highway" out of Cleveland.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that all the construction projects are moving forward. They are aware that the fountain in the pond needs to be removed and fixed.

He stated that he just received some information for the Route 18 project for next year with ODOT. Currently we are working on the Route 20 project with ODOT and the Route 18 project will take place next year. Terri is working on the legislation and he suggests that Council hold a committee meeting before the next Council meeting to discuss the ordinance as it has to be passed by August 1. Some handicap ramps and some catch basins need to be replaced.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, distributed his first update of 2025. He noted that the municipal income tax collections were down from last year but last year there was a high spike which makes this year seem low.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Muniz stated that her mother-in-law inquired when she could remove the work flags that have been placed in her yard. Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that it could be flags from several different utility companies. If they are there ten days or longer, they can be pulled out. If the utility company isn't finished with their work, they will be back to finish.

Mr. Baker stated that two citizens informed him that they are very pleased with the aprons for their driveways that have been poured. Not all comments regarding the City's construction is positive but these citizens are happy.

Mr. Hill stated that he checked out the pond pump that is jammed. It rotted out in April. The pond is shallow and this is the second time it has had this problem. Because of the shallowness, he isn't sure if that pump is the answer. He appreciates Mr. Brugnone checking it out and he also appreciates his digging the conduit at the park.

He stated that his granddaughter is at the City offices for gymnastics three times a week and is requesting that the bottle fill on the drinking fountain be repaired as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Burkhardt stated that a Public Safety Committee meeting was held tonight prior to the regular Council meeting to discuss Ordinance No. 12-25 regarding compensation for part-time firefighters. A motion was made to take this ordinance out of committee and add it to tonight's agenda during the regular Council meeting. Mr. Burkhardt made a motion to add Ordinance No. 12-25 to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 7-0. Ordinance No. 12-25 is added to tonight's agenda.

Mr. Shepherd scheduled a Streets & Sidewalks Committee meeting for Monday, June 23, 2025, at 7:15 p.m., to discuss resurfacing State Route 18.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Jeffery Haughawout, 108 Arlington Drive, stated that Arlington Drive has two signs that state "No Trucks." He watches big trucks driving on it regularly.

Years ago a water tap was temporarily fixed on Arlington but never permanently fixed and now it is a pothole.

He inquired why you can't make right turns on red lights on several of the streets in downtown Bellevue. He inquired why they stop traffic at 302 and 308 so one car can make a left-hand turn?

He heard no good reports about the Memorial Day Parade that Bellevue had on Memorial Day. Citizens were upset. They like to line up on Main Street and watch the parade but this year the route was changed. He is hoping they don't change again it next year.

President Smith inquired if Mr. Haughawout has brought up his concerns to members of the Administration. He stated he hasn't. President Smith stated that the Safety-Service Director would probably be happy to speak with him about his concerns after the Council meeting tonight.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 12-25 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND SETTING COMPENSATION FOR PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 12-25 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 7-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Burkhart to adopt Ordinance No. 12-25, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Mr. Shepherd inquired if the part-time fire fighters ordinance should state the counties that the townships are in.

Mr. Baker stated that we are entering the season for special events to be held at Central Park. He would like to sponsor one of these events and may be contacting Council members to help.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, thanked Fire Chief, Mr. Wilhelm, for attending the Public Safety Committee meeting and regular Council meeting tonight. He thanked Council for passing Ordinance No. 12-25.

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