

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING July 14, 2025

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, July 14, 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, and MRS. OMMERT, and MR. WYNBISSINGER. Mr. Shepherd is excused.

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 23, 2025 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Burkhardt to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that along with the Chief Linder, they are excited to announce something they have been working on for the last couple of years. They will be entering a partnership with the Bellevue City School District where an officer from the Bellevue Police Dept. will be working in the elementary school starting this fall. Chief Linder has been doing a great job interviewing officers for this position. The officer will be one who is already in the department, and they will hire a new officer. They have been in contact with the school superintendent. Mr. Baker inquired if there will still be an officer in the middle school and the high school and Mr. Brugnone stated that the officer will continue to be there. The cost will be split with the school district.

Auditor, Mr. Smith, distributed the year-to-date report as of June 30, 2025.

REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Burkhardt stated that the road construction is going well. The workers have been very professional and well organized. He thanked Chief Linder and his department for what they do every day for the City. They go into harm's way to protect us and keep us safe.

Mr. Baker stated that he had a citizen from the Kensington and Highland Streets reach out to him. He couldn't get his camper down the streets as there was a lot of overgrowth of trees and bushes. The Street Department quickly came and took care of it. The citizen let him know how much he appreciated it.

He stated that he was approached to sponsor cookies in the shape of a train engine and a commemorative ticket for train rides for children during the Summer Festival on July 25. The cookies will be \$200.00. If anyone wishes to help, it would be approximately \$20.00 per person. Everyone is welcome to contribute.

Mr. Wynbissinger thanked Mr. Brugnone for covering up a spot on Route 20. He stated that with a lot of road construction going on, people can get irritated easily. However, it seems like everyone is coping well and the construction is going smoothly.

Mr. Hill gave an update on the work being done at Robert Peters Park. The track has been prepared and is being paved tonight and will be finished tomorrow. He gave kudos to Seven Limers for the work they are doing. They have done a great job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Burkhart stated that a Public Safety Committee meeting was held tonight prior to the regular Council meeting to discuss Ordinance No. 14-25. Chief Linder was in attendance to answer any questions. It was voted to take Ordinance No. 14-25 out of committee and add it to tonight's agenda by motion. He made a motion to add it to tonight's agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0. Ordinance No. 14-25 is added to tonight's agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Charles Daniel, 129 Country View Drive, stated that he is the Treasurer of Bellevue's Holiday House. He invited everyone to Rumours Summer Festival at Central Park. on Friday, July 25, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be 1K run for children at 5:30 p.m. There will be a 5K run for adults at 6:00 p.m. They will have many activities such as bounce houses, a petting zoo, airbrush tattoos, face painting, train rides, and a large fireworks display. There will be food trucks with a wide variety of food. The next day will be a car show in honor of Blue Star Mothers. President Smith thanked him for all he does with the Holiday House.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Mr. Wallingford and Mr. Shepherd are excused. He thanked Chief Linder for attending the committee meeting and Council meeting tonight. He then turned the time over to Council Clerk, Mrs. Soper, for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 14-25 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LABOR CONTRACT WITH OPBA, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Burkhart to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 14-25 its second and third readings by title only, and declaring an emergency. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

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A motion was made by Ms. Muniz to adopt Ordinance No. 14-25, and as an emergency. It was seconded by Mrs. Ommert. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 6-0.

Resolution No. R-7-25 was given its second reading by title only: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE ADOPTING THE FEDERALLY APPROVED SANDUSKY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance No. 13-25 was given its second reading by title only: An Ordinance for a Project to Resurface State Route 18 in Seneca County from SLM 30.50 to 34.73, SR-18 in Sandusky County from SLM 0.00 to 2.037 and SR-19 in Sandusky County from SLM 0.696 to 5.29, Which Includes Resurfacing SR-18 From the City of Bellevue's Southwestern Corp. Limit to US 20.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 13-25 its third reading by title only. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by the vote 6-0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance No. 13-25. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and the motion passed by the vote 6-0.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Auditor, Mr. Smith, stated that the audit by the State Auditor's office has been completed and is available for public view.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, thanked Council for passing Ordinance Nos. 13-25 and 14-25. He also thanked Chief Linder for attending the Public Safety Committee and City Council meetings tonight. President Smith thanked Mr. Brugnone for all he does for the City.

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