



Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2016
6:30 p.m.
Rosemary Heflin Council Chambers

I. Roll Call

A meeting of the Bellevue Borough Public Safety Committee was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Councilperson Senvisky.

In attendance were Mayor Cusick, Councilpersons Senvisky (Chair), Saylor, Police Chief Sentner, Fire Marshall Wissner, DAS Borczyk and Code Enforcement Officer Delcroix. Councilperson Coder and Fire Chief Prichard were absent.

II. Public Contribution (5 minutes per person)

Cindy West, BIGr, after attending the Town Center Associates Meeting asked how to initiate Ordinance changes to allow 1st Floor Lincoln Avenue buildings to house retail businesses only. Code Enforcement Officer Delcroix explained that this change is a part of a puzzle to offer a better business district.

III. Reports

Councilperson Woshner informed the Committee that she had concerns with the Code Enforcement report. She thought that information was not organized in a useful manner, including no business names.

IV. Old Business:

i. CONNECT Blight Program

It was noted that participation in the CONNECT Blight Program would be initiated after the next Intergovernmental Committee meeting.

ii. Process to address businesses entering Bellevue

Code Enforcement Officer Delcroix informed the Committee that occupancy permit applications are the initial step in identifying new businesses in Bellevue. There was discussion about streamlining the method of getting new businesses on the tax rolls.

iii. Status of Bellevue Police Vehicle Trade-in

Chief Sentner discussed informed the Committee that he planned to trade in one vehicle and use another internally as part of the purchase of a new police cruiser. Councilperson Senvisky made a Motion to discuss the details of this item as part of the agenda at the July 12, 2016 Pre-Council Meeting.

iv. Draft of Ordinance No. 16-05 – Saturday Parking Regulations

Mayor Cusick reviewed his concept of Saturday Parking Regulations

v. Ordinance No. 16-03 – Revised Pawnshop Ordinance

Councilperson Senvisky made a Motion to include this item for action during the July, 2016 business meetings. Mike Fodi, business owner, noted that he had an issue with the existing Ordinance. Chief Sentner informed Mr. Fodi that he had an exemption due to his status as a Precious Metal dealer.

V. New Business

i. Bunker Gear

Fire Marshal Wissner discussed the life cycle of new bunker gear and the replacement in 3 year versus 5 year increments. Councilperson Senvisky made a Motion to include the item on the Agenda of July 12, 2016 Pre-Council Meeting.

Fire Marshall Wissner wished to send an email to members of Fire Safety Committee so that a meeting could be scheduled.

Councilperson Coder discussed with the Committee, the possibility of a memorial, tree, or some remembrance of the Lasch Family during National Night Out. There was discussion about the series of events that followed the fire and it was decided that any ceremony would be at a later time.

The Committee discussed the need for a Vacant Property report to Council

Mayor Cusick discussed with the Committee an initial meeting with Avalon to check the direction of a possible Police Department merger.

Councilperson Coder informed the Committee that the SRO was discussed and tabled at the last School Board Meeting. It was decided that an application would be submitted for the upcoming SRO Grant.

Fire Marshall Wissner informed Council that the Witness Testimony Class that he wished to take was full and he would attempt to take it at a later date.

Councilperson Saylor made a Motion to re-establish the Zoning Hearing Board. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Senvisky.

Councilperson Senvisky made a Motion to include the upgrading of the Code Enforcement database on the Agenda of the July 12, 2016 Pre-Council Meeting.

VI. Public Comment - None.

VI. Adjournment

Councilperson Saylor made a motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:27 P.M. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Coder and the meeting was Adjourned.

Minutes approved by Bellevue Borough Council on July 26,2016.