



**Borough of Bellevue
Council Minutes
November 25, 2014
7:04 P.M.
Rosemary Heflin Council Chambers**

I. Call to Order

At 7:01 P.M., President Helbling called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

II. Roll Call

Councilpersons Lenard, Coder, Helbling, T. Heffley, Menosky, Woshner, Mayor Cusick, Solicitor Racunas and DAS Borczyk were present. Councilpersons Camello, Scisciani and Senvisky were absent.

Immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence and roll call, Executive Session was held from 7:04 P.M. until 7:45 P.M. concerning the 2011 Bond issue.

III. Public Contribution (5 minutes per person)

Ed Taylor, 198 N. Balph Avenue, was disappointed that there was no Veteran's Day Celebration in Memorial Park. He preferred the park as it was the center of the community and said that prayer should be part of it, which you cannot do in the schools. After discussion of this year's ceremony being combined with the schools, Mayor Cusick suggested that the Parks & Rec Committee study the issue for next year's celebration.

Connie Rankin of Arch Avenue had questions about parking; she received a warning from parking at a broken meter. Ms. Rankin was also confused about the two (2) hour parking limit.

Treasurer, Joe Scoscia, spoke about putting enough funds aside in the budget to repair the collapsed wall on West Riverview Avenue.

IV. MOTION: Review of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to accept minutes for the October 14, 2014 Pre-Council Meeting, the October 7, 2014 DPW Meeting, the November 5, 2014 DPW Meeting, the November 5, 2014 Public Safety Meeting and the November , 2014 Finance Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and carried via unanimous voice vote.

V. MOTION: Approve Payment of the November bill list

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to approve the November bill list. Councilperson Coder identified several issues from her review (including items on this and the previous Bill List and a Petty Cash entry that was on the list twice, no Solicitor or Engineer invoice). The motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and carried via unanimous roll call vote contingent upon review and resolution, by DAS Borczyk, of issues identified by Councilperson Coder.

VI. Reports

a. Mayor

The Mayor declared Bellevue's free parking for the holidays. Mayor Cusick expressed how everyone could enjoy free metered parking, after 10:00 A.M., in Bellevue for the holiday season until January 2, 2015. He noted that time limits are still enforced, meaning if you are parked at a 2 hour meter, after 2 hours your vehicle could receive an over time limit ticket amount of \$25.00

b. Administration

- i. DAS Borczyk informed Council that the Borough will receive thirty-five (35) LED replacement lights from Duquesne Light under due to low participation levels in the program. The original application was for ten (10) units.

c. Engineer

- i. Councilperson Woshner made a motion to approve Payment #4 in the amount of \$20,670.42 to Independent Enterprises, Inc. for Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project. (Budget Line Item 08.429.721) The motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

VII. Committee Chair Reports

a. Finance

Councilperson Coder made a motion to participate in the SEC Amnesty Program as it pertains to the Bellevue Borough 2011 Bond Issue and complete the questionnaire by December 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Heffley and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

Solicitor Racunas updated Council on the Sign Ordinance that he was putting together. He noted that this was Tri-Borough Ordinance and needed to be reviewed by the other Boroughs as well.

Councilperson Coder requested that Aspinwall Manager, Melissa Lang be added to the agenda of December 9, 2014 to discuss their Shade Tree Ordinance.

b. Public Works

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to approve the Streetscape application for Phase I final payment in the amount of \$19,642.94 to the Quaker Valley COG. (Capital Improvement Account). The motion was seconded by Councilperson Menosky and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

DAS Borczyk asked Council for direction on Phase II of the Streetscape project as it pertains to the cracks in the crosswalk and the response from the contractor. After discussion and being informed that workmanship issues with the crosswalk were covered by the Maintenance Bond for a period of 18 months, Councilperson Woshner made a motion to have the invoice prepared for Phase II of the Streetscape project with no retainage. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Menosky and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

c. Public Safety

DAS Borczyk informed Council that the proposal for heating of the equipment garage for the Fire Department was on SharePoint and that bids would be discussed at the next Council Meeting.

Councilperson Woshner asked why the proposal was for an electric solution and not for natural gas, considering the market price for gas at this time. DAS Borczyk was asked to have the Consultants respond to Councilperson Woshner's question.

Councilperson Coder asked about the Police Departments maroon, undercover vehicle which has been parked across from the Borough Building for a period of time. DAS Borczyk stated that we would look to sell the vehicle next year.

VIII. New Business:

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to approve request of Joint Planning Commission to pay the amount of \$5,000 for the Comprehensive Plan Update Project (Budget Line Item 01.406.420). The motion was seconded by Councilperson Menosky and carried via unanimous roll call vote.

DAS Borczyk asked that anyone wishing to attend the ACBA General Membership Meeting on December 11, 2014 please notify him as RSVPs are due by December 1, 2014.

Councilperson Woshner made a motion to approve Bellevue's free parking from Thanksgiving through January 2, 2015 after 10:00 A.M., Monday through Friday with a two (2) hour limit. Councilperson Heffley seconded the motion and carried via roll call vote of 4 yes, 1 no (Menosky) and one "no vote" (Lenard).

DAS Borczyk informed Council that the Allegheny League of Municipalities was looking for the Bellevue Delegate and Alternate Delegate for 2015. President Helbling asked for Council to think about whether they would like to serve. Councilperson Coder asked that she receive the benefits of membership to the Allegheny County Boroughs Association.

Councilperson Woshner asked that road salt purchases be discussed with the Quaker Valley COG.

Councilperson Helbling announced that the "Seasons of the Stars Celebration" is scheduled for Friday, December 5, 2014 and encouraged all to attend.

IX. Adjournment

Councilperson Heffley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Woshner and carried via unanimous voice vote.