



The Common Council of the City of Bellevue, Idaho, met in a Regular Meeting, on Monday, January 08, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Bellevue Offices, located at 115 E. Pine Street, Bellevue, ID 83313.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Johnson called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Present

Chris Johnson, Mayor
Christina Giordani, Council President
Robin Leahy, Council Member
John Carreiro, Council Member
Shaun Mahoney, Council Member – *via phone*

Roll Call was conducted; all members were present. Council Member Mahoney attended the meeting *via phone*.

Staff Present:

Rick Allington, Legal
Greg Beaver, Fire Chief
Bryson Ellsworth, Wastewater Contractor
Kirt Gaston, Marshall
Shelly Shoemaker, City Treasurer
Michelle Snarr, City Clerk

Others in Attendance: Tony Evans, Diane Shay, and Jessica Obenauf

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: President Giordani moved to approve the agenda for the Common Council meeting for January 8, 2024. Council Member Carreiro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Notice of Agenda Compliance:**

The posting of this regular meeting agenda, as amended, complied with Idaho Code §74-204. The regular amended meeting agenda was posted within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting at the Bellevue City Hall, Post Office, and on the city website on *January 6, 2023*.

Motion: President Giordani moved the notice agenda was in compliance with Idaho Code §74-204. Council Member Leahy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Approval of Council Minutes: December 11, 2023, Regular Common Council Meeting:**

Shelly Shoemaker, City Treasurer, pointed out that she was not the individual that made the comments on Page 3, paragraph 5. (Note: the minutes were amended and reflected that Mayor Johnson made the comments)

Motion: President Giordani moved to approve the regular Common Council Meeting minutes as corrected. Council Member Leahy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Approval of Claims:**

December 12, 2023, thru December 27, 2023
December 28, 2023, thru January 8, 2024

Ms. Shoemaker informed the Council the reason they have two different claim reports is because the second Council meeting for the month of December 2023 was cancelled. In addition, she noted that the claims for the period of December 28, 2023 through January 8, 2024, were presented in two different formats; one categorized

by class and the other categorized by department. President Giordani indicated that she liked the way the information was presented.

Motion: President Giordani moved to approve the claims for December 12, 2023, through December 27, 2023, and December 28, 2023 through January 8, 2024. Council Member Carreiro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Oath of Office:

Michelle Snarr, City Clerk, executed the Oath of Office for Chris Johnson as the newly elected Mayor for the City of Bellevue. The Oath of Office for the newly elected Aldermen was executed by Michelle Snarr for: Christina Giordani, Robin Leahy, Jessica Obenauf, and Diane Shay as newly elected Aldermen for the City of Bellevue. Ms. Snarr executed the Oath of Office for Shaun Mahoney as a newly elected Alderman for the City of Bellevue *via phone*.

8. Presentation of Certificate Of Election:

Ms. Snarr presented Mayor Chris Johnson, Alderwoman Christina Giordani, Alderwoman Leahy, Alderwoman Obenauf, and Alderwoman Shay with their Certificate of Election.

9. Election of Council President:

Mayor Johnson stated that he has been very happy with Council Member Giordani serving as the Council President. He opened the item for Council discussion.

Nomination: Council Member Mahoney nominated Council Member Giordani as Council President. Council Member Leahy seconded the motion. Council Member voting aye: Members Mahoney, Giordani, Obenauf, Leahy, and Shay. Members voting nay: None. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Appointment of Alderman:

Mayor Johnson indicated he would like to recommend appointing Mr. John Carreiro as a Common Council Member.

- a. Common Council's Consent and Approval of the Appointment of an Alderman, as Recommended by Mayor Chris Johnson, with a Term Expiring January 2025

Motion: Council Member Shay moved to approve Mayor Johnson's recommendation to appoint John Carreiro as a Common Council Member. President Giordani seconded the motion. Council Members voting aye: Members Obenauf, Leahy, Shay, Giordani and Mahoney. Members voting nay: None. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Swearing in Newly Appointed Alderman, Mr. John Carreiro, and Presentation of Certificate of Appointment

Ms. Snarr executed the Oath of Office for John Carreiro as an Appointed Alderman with a term expiring January 2025, and presented him with a Certificate of Appointment.

Council Member Mahoney excused himself from the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Johnson requested a roll call with all newly elected members and appointed member present/excused.

Present:

Chris Johnson, Mayor
John Carreiro, Council Member
Christina Giordani, Council President
Robin Leahy, Council Member
Jessica Obenauf, Council Member
Diane Shay, Council Member

Excused:

Shaun Mahoney, Council Member

11. Call for Conflict as Outline in Idaho Code §74-404:

Mayor Johnson called for conflict from any Council member or staff member with any agenda item. No conflict was noted.

12. Public Comment: (for Items of Concern Not on the Agenda)

Jon Wilkes: 402 N. Main, Bellevue, Idaho

Mr. Jon Wilkes addressed the Council regarding a parcel of property, which is a source of concern for him, and he wanted to bring it to the Council's attention. The parcel is located at the corner of Chestnut and Bayhorse (102 Bayhorse), and it is owned by the Rushton family. He informed the Council the Rushtons allow the storage of equipment on their parcel for a landscaping company that was sold.

He spoke with Kristine Hilt at Blaine County, and she informed him the parcel was in the City of Bellevue. In addition, the zoning map shows the parcel is located in Bellevue and is zoned for residential. There is an adjacent parcel to 102 Bayhorse, and the Rushtons owned it as well.

He indicated that Ms. Snarr told him that Marshal Gaston sent the Rushtons a letter; however, he does not know the date or contents of the letter; he indicated that he wanted to know the date and contents of the letter. He stated that for anyone that lives in that corner of Bellevue, it is unconscionable. He requested that the city determine if the parcel is in the city limits of Bellevue and if it is, he thought it needed to be removed immediately.

Mayor Johnson informed Mr. Wilkes that Ms. Snarr brought the situation to his attention, and he will check with the Marshal's office.

13 Consent Agenda:

- a. Treasurer's Report: FY24 – 1st Quarter
- b. Request for Funds: in the amount for \$6,867.54, payable to NuVu for the Replacement of a Skylight at the Wastewater Facility: Bryson Ellsworth, Wastewater
- c. Request for Funds: in the amount of \$851.43, payable to Newman Signs Inc. to Replacing Missing Street Signs: Casey McGehee, Streets
- d. Request for Funds: in the amount of \$1,893.25 payable to Safety Supply & Signs for Posts and Anchors to Replace Missing Street: Casey McGehee, Streets
- e. Request for Funds: in the amount of \$1,401.20 payable to Cintas for: First Aid Cabinet, 20-Units, Trauma Bag and First Aid Supplies: Casey McGehee, Streets
- f. Department Heads Report

Ms. Shoemaker presented the Council with the Treasurer department report for the month of December 2023. Council Member Leahy said she was glad to see a request for funds for street signs supplies. President Giordani inquired about the first aid cabinets; would the city be billed monthly or annually? Mayor Johnson explained it would eventually be an annual billing; however, for now, it is a monthly billing. He went on to explain they had a staff meeting, and first aid was discussed. He wants to make sure first aid items are available at the shop and at the city building. It was inquired what a break away pole is. Mayor Johnson explained a "break away" pole is made to break away when something hits it, and damage is limited.

Council Member Shay pointed out there were two or three of the city's streetlights that were sheared off a few years ago. She was curious if there would be any discussion about having them repaired or replaced. She added she knew the city talked about better compliance with the city's Dark Sky ordinance. Mayor Johnson indicated they could discuss the matter at a workshop. He noted that with the grant, the city thinks it may be able to get some funding. He went on to say there were discussions about developing a lighted path with the current streetlights that will be replaced.

Council Member Giordani questioned if there were any highlights on the 1st Quarter Financial Report. Ms. Shoemaker referred to the Profit and Loss comparisons for various accounts, and she noted what accounts were above or below from the previous fiscal year. She summarized by informing the Council that the total operating expenses were above the previous fiscal year by 16 percent. She went on to discuss the General Fund, Actual to Budget, and pointed and the current percentages as of the new fiscal year for the following: Operating Expenses,

are at 24-percent; the general fund operating account has increased. The Total Expenses are at 24.6-percent. She noted it averages out overall.

Chief Beaver informed the Council they submitted a claim for the fire engine repair to ICRMP, and they denied the claim. Mayor Johnson added the city submitted a claim to ICRMP on the wastewater plant; in addition, there is a potential for other funding from Great West Engineering.

President Giordani stated she is excited about the programming for the library, and she is appreciative to Ms. Gearhart. Mayor Johnson stated she is doing a great job and a great resource the city will be able to continue to celebrate and support.

Motion: President Giordani moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Carreiro seconded the motion. Council Members voting aye: Members Shay, Carreiro, Giordani, Obenauf, and Leahy. Members voting nay: None. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Mahoney was not present for the vote.

14. **New Business:**

- a. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 5360, A Resolution of the City Of Bellevue, Idaho, Authorizing The Mayor and City Clerk To Execute an Agreement, Project A022(26), with the State of Idaho Transportation Department for The Construction Of FY-21 Transportation Plan

Mayor Johnson introduced Resolution 5360, an agreement with the State of Idaho Transportation Department, which is a matching grant, for the creation of a new Transportation Plan. He added that the new plan would allow the city to apply for more grants, and the City of Hailey was able to obtain some grant monies to chip seal some of their arterial roads.

Mayor Johnson mentioned the city applied for a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) for pedestrian safety and indicated the city prepared a plan for pedestrians and bicyclists. He said the areas identified for improvement were improved sidewalk access to the city's main trails and school. He pointed out that Pine Street is a high priority, and 2nd street needs to be redone and paved. It will be a future upgrade and it will make it easier to maintain and snowplow.

The proposed adoption of Resolution No. 5360, authorizing the execution of the agreement for a new Transportation Plan, will enable the city to file for grants and get future funding. He stated this is the city's plan on how they will do it.

Council Member Obenauf referred to the Bellevue Master Transportation Plan that was adopted in 2008, and she clarified that the new Transportation Plan would be a replacement for the 2008 Master Plan. She added that the total in 2008 was 32 Million. She expressed she was worried the city needed to make a lot of improvements and questioned how much the city anticipated to receive in grant monies.

Mayor Johnson explained it depended on the Transportation Study. He pointed out if the 2008 plan said the city would need 32 million then, it could be approximately 64 million now. He added they know Blaine County is looking at options for road and bridge repairs. Blaine County could do it on their own, which would include Muldoon Road, or they could do it in conjunction with other cities in the county. He indicated from Pine Street to Mountain Canyon Road, is only three miles, and if the county is going to move forward, the city hopes to get some of Pine Street included.

Council Member Shay inquired if there have been any more conversations with the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) on the south end lane of Main Street. Mayor Johnson explained the city will visit with ITD in 2025 when they are doing the widening project. He said he has been in several meetings with ITD and how Highway 75 will work and what the city wants it to look like.

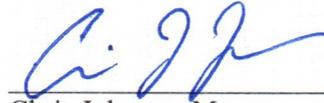
It was inquired where the Oppenheimer entrance would be; Mayor Johnson indicated it would be by the proposed Karl Malone property. He added that anyone was welcome to attend any of the meetings with ITD. Council Member Shay stated she thought there had been some delicate conversations with a property owner, and the city was at the point they might have had to trade with some individuals. She said she would like to participate in the discussions with ITD.

Council Member Leahy asked if landscaping would be a part of the ITD project. Mayor Johnson informed the Council that ITD does not do landscaping. As of now, ITD has concerns with sidewalks; sidewalks are more important than landscaping, but it is wanted.

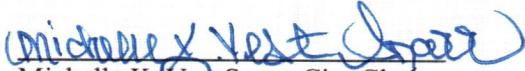
Motion: Council Member Shay moved to approve Resolution No. 2360, A Resolution of the City Of Bellevue, Idaho, Authorizing The Mayor and City Clerk To Execute an Agreement, Project A022(26), with the State Of Idaho Transportation Department for The Construction Of FY-21 Transportation Plan. President Giordani seconded the motion. Council Members voting aye: Members Carreiro, Giordani, Leahy, Shay, and Obenauf. Members voting nay: None. The motion passed unanimously. Council Member Mahoney was not present for the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business coming before the Common Council at this time, Council Member Carreiro moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. President Giordani seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Chris Johnson, Mayor



Michelle K. Vest Snarr, City Clerk