

Bellevue Common Council
Bellevue City Hall, 115 E Pine St, Bellevue
Monday, July 24, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

Mayor Goldman called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. A roll call attendance was conducted, and Council members present were Chris Johnson, John Carreiro, Shaun Mahoney, Christina Giordani, and Doug Brown. Robin Leahy was excused from the meeting. For the record, Council President Brown, Alderman Johnson, Alderman Carreiro, Alderman Mahoney, Alderwoman Giordani, and were physically present in the official meeting location of the Council Chambers of City Hall. A quorum was present for the entire meeting. Staff present were Casey McGehee, PW Operator II, Greg Beaver Fire Chief, Bryson Ellsworth and Tater Vaughn, Water & Wastewater Operator, Jasmine Griffin, Interim City Treasure.

Notice and Hearing Compliance:

The posting of this regular meeting agenda complied with Idaho Code §74-204. The regular meeting agenda was posted five (5) days prior to the meeting at the Bellevue Post Office, the bulletin board outside of City Hall and on the City website on July 19, 2023. Brown motioned that the notice agenda was in compliance with Idaho Code §74-204. Carreiro seconded. All in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

1. Call for Conflict as outlined in Idaho Code §59-703(f)-704 With Any Agenda Item. Goldman called for conflict from any Council member or staff member with any agenda items. No conflicts were noted.

2. Public Comment for Items of Concern Not on the Agenda that Match the Idaho State Transparent and Ethical Government Standards. Jeff Pfaeffle developer of Strahorn spoke about past budget processes and monetization of City properties. Mayor Goldman requested Executive Session be moved forward to just after Old Business and be renumbered as item #5.

3. **PRESENTATION:** Swearing in of New Chief Marshal Kirtus Gaston: Mayor Goldman. Mayor Goldman swore in Kirtus Gaston as Chief Marshal.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ON A PERSONNEL MATTER, PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §74-206(1)(a)** for the Purpose of Considering Hiring a Public Officer, Employee, Staff Member or Individual Agent, wherein the Respective Qualities of Individuals are to be Evaluated in Order to Fill a Particular Vacancy or Need.

Brown motioned to move up the Executive Session and to enter executive session under Idaho Code §74-206(1)(a). Giordani seconded. Roll call vote results: Giordani—yes, Johnson—yes, Brown—yes, Mahoney—yes, Carreiro—yes. Motion passed 5-0 and the

Council entered executive session at 5:41 p.m. Brown motioned to leave executive session. Johnson seconded. All in favor and the Council returned to the regular session at 6:23 p.m.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Minutes of July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting.
- b. Claims from July 11, 2023 to July 24, 2023.

Brown motioned to APPROVE the consent calendar. Mahoney seconded. Roll call vote results: Carreiro–yes, Giordani–yes, Johnson–yes, Mahoney–yes, Brown–yes. Motion passed 5-0.

WORK SESSION:

7. FY 2024 Budget Work Session: Kathryn Goldman, Mayor and Jasmine Griffin, Interim City Treasurer.

- a. **Preliminary Approval of General Fund Operating, Sewer, Water and Capital Budgets.**

Goldman stated to protect the investments already made in the sewer and water operations the priorities are highlighted in the budget. Griffin stated the recommendation is to reallocate the amounts for sewer and water, \$100,000 in water and \$377,610 in sewer, as the water projects are not ready but there are projects in sewer ready to proceed. There was discussion regarding 4.99% increase in water & sewer rates since rates were frozen during Covid, water meter reading program, and reducing the \$50,000 cost of the rate study.

Johnson motion to APPROVE the 4.99% rate increase for water and sewer rates. Brown seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney–yes, Brown–yes, Carreiro–yes, Johnson–yes, Giordani–yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Johnson motioned to APPROVE the reallocation of ARPA funds for sewer and water with \$377,610 for sewer and \$100,000 for water. Brown seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney–yes, Brown–yes, Carreiro–yes, Johnson–yes, Giordani–yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Johnson motion to PRELIMINARILY APPROVE the General Fund Operating, Sewer, Water and Capital budget. Brown seconded. Roll call vote results: Johnson–yes, Carreiro–yes, Mahoney–yes, Giordani–yes, Brown–yes. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

8. Consideration and Approval of Strahorn Slaughterhouse Parking Area Plant Material Replacement: Kathryn Goldman, Mayor. Goldman requested this item be continued to allow her time to contact the City's insurance carrier and get another quote.

Johnson motioned to CONTINUE this matter to the August 14, 2023 Council meeting. Brown seconded. Roll call vote results: Giordani–yes, Johnson–yes, Brown–yes, Mahoney–yes, Carreiro–yes. Motion passed 5-0.

9. **Consideration and Approval of Resolution #23-13 Appointing Maria Palomera to Serve as Interim City Clerk; and Providing for an Effective Date:** Kathryn Goldman, Mayor. Goldman stated this is a temporary and limited appointment as a document needs to be signed and sealed by the City Clerk. The Resolution was amended by adding the following to the end of the second Whereas "specifically seal and signature duties as needed with approval of the Mayor and City Attorney;"

Johnson motion to ADOPT AS AMENDED Resolution #23-13 appointing Maria Palomera to serve as Interim City Clerk; and providing for an effective date. Carreiro seconded. Roll call vote results: Giordani–yes, Johnson–yes, Brown–yes, Mahoney–yes, Carreiro–yes. Motion passed 5-0.

10. **Approval of Finding of Fact Conclusions of Law and Decision Amending Area of City Impact (ACI) Boundary Map Identifying an Area of City Impact Within the Unincorporated Area of Blaine County:** Kathryn Goldman, Mayor.

Brown motioned to APPROVE the findings of fact, conclusions of law and decision for City Ordinance #2023-04 amending the Area of City Impact (ACI) Boundary Map identifying an Area of City Impact within the unincorporated area of Blaine County subject to the one (1) condition in the staff report. Johnson seconded. Roll call vote results: Carreiro–yes, Giordani–yes, Johnson–yes, Mahoney–yes, Brown–yes. Motion passed 5-0.

11. **Adjournment.** Johnson motioned to adjourn. Brown seconded. All in favor and the meeting ended at 7:14 p.m.



Chris Johnson, Mayor for Kathryn Goldman, Mayor



Michelle K. Vest Snarr, City Clerk