



The Common Council of the City of Bellevue, Idaho met at a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Bellevue Offices, located at 115 E. Pine Street, Bellevue, ID 83313.

Call to Order: Council President Shay called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Christina Giordani, Mayor – Present
Diane Shay, Council President – Present
Tammy E. Davis, Council Member – **Absent**
Suzanne Wrede, Council Member – Present
Jessica Obenauf, Council Member – Present
Shaun Mahoney, Council Member – Present

Staff Present:

Kirtus Gaston, Marshal
Shelly Shoemaker, City Treasurer
Amy Phelps, City Clerk
Rick Allington, Legal Council
Brian Parker, Community Development Director
Greg Beaver, Fire Chief
Chris Johnson, Public Works Director

Others in Attendance: Tony Evans (Idaho Mountain Express – *Via Zoom*), Hershhal Deckard – *Via Zoom*

1. Notice of Agenda Compliance:

The posting of this regular meeting agenda complied with Idaho Code §74-204. The regular 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 *February 20, 2025*.

Motion: Council President Shay moved that the agenda notice was in compliance with Idaho Code §74-204. Council Member Obenauf seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Call for Conflict as Outlined in Idaho Code §74-404:

No conflict was noted.

3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT

Mayor Giordani thanked the Public Works Department for their efforts with snow removal. Council Member Obenauf said she was going to collaborate with Ashton from the ERC for the annual Clean Sweep event and spoke about reaching out to the County to get fees waived. Council Member Wrede spoke about the progression of the transition to the City's new website from CivicPlus.

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

The Mayor opened the meeting for public comment at 5:34 pm.
No comments were made at this time.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: ALL ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes: Amy Phelps, City Clerk
- b. Approval of Claims: January 11, 2025, through February 24, 2025: Shelly Shoemaker, Treasurer
- c. Treasurers Report for the Month of January 2025: Shelly Shoemaker, Treasurer

Council President Shay pointed out that page one item four in the minutes stated the Mayor opened the meeting, but the Mayor was not present at the meeting. The change was noted by the Clerk. Council Member Bergin Inquired about how the Snowplow Contract amendment would affect the budget. Discussion was had about how extra money could be reallocated if needed.

Motion: Council President Shay moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Council Member Obenauf Seconded the Motion. Council Members Voting Aye: Council Member Obenauf, Council Member Bergin, Council Member Wrede, Council Member Shay, Council Member Mahoney. Council Members Voting Nay: None. Council Member Davis was absent for the vote. The Motion Passed..

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request for Authorization for the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in coordination with the City of Bellevue and the Blaine County Sherriff's Department for cooperative public safety services in their respective jurisdictions during the 2025 World Cup Finals: Kirtus Gaston, Bellevue Marshall |
ACTION ITEM

Marshal Gaston explained the purpose of the MOU is to help the Sherriff's office with anything they need during the World Cup Finals when resources in the Valley Will be spread thin. Council Member Wrede asked the Marshal about the license plate readers for Bellevue. Marshal Gaston said that is something the City will need in the future, but it may cost a bit of money.

Motion: Council Member Obenauf moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in coordination with the City of Bellevue and the Blaine County Sherriff's Department for cooperative public safety services in their respective jurisdictions during the 2025 World Cup Finals. Council Member Mahoney Seconded the Motion. Council Members Voting Aye: Council Member Obenauf, Council Member Bergin, Council Member Wrede, Council Member Shay, Council Member Mahoney. Council Members Voting Nay: None. Council Member Davis was absent for the vote. The Motion Passed

- b. Approval of Resolution No. 25-09 confirming appointment of Diane Shay to the Bellevue Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) Board of Commissioners with a term expiring February 2027 and confirming the reappointment of John Carriero to the BURA Board of Commissioners with a term expiring February 2029 |
ACTION ITEM

Motion: Council Member Bergin moved to Approve of Resolution No. 25-09 confirming appointment of Diane Shay to the Bellevue Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) Board of Commissioners with a term expiring February 2027 and confirming the reappointment of John Carriero to the BURA Board of Commissioners with a term expiring February 2029. Council Member Obenauf Seconded the Motion. Council Members Voting Aye: Council Member Obenauf, Council Member Bergin, Council Member Wrede, Council Member Shay, Council Member Mahoney. Council Members Voting Nay: None. Council Member Davis was absent for the vote. The Motion Passed

7. WORK SESSION

- a. Discussion regarding a new fee structure moving forward for water hydrant connections, future bulk water hookups and dump-station opportunities: Chris Johnson, Public Works Director | **ACTION ITEM**

Public Works Director Chris Johnson went over options for a bulk water fill station and the costs associated with them, as well as potential grant opportunities. He mentioned the approval of an RV dump site at the Maverick Gas Station that he didn't know about until recently. He stated his concern with chemicals that would be used and potential problems it could cause with biology at the wastewater treatment plant and the current lagoon situation. He went on to compare pricing for fill station permits with surrounding jurisdictions.

Mayor Giordani asked about the potential of implementing a mobile meter unit. Mr. Johnson said this option would be the quickest, most economical possibility to use as a starting point and the lift station area would be the best place for it. He went on to discuss the enforcement of the City Ordinance associated with water theft and proposed increases for annual water permit fees. Further discussion was had about penalties for theft of water from hydrants and concern about water contamination from possible backflow.

The Council discussed the current methods of providing water, including short-term use from hydrants and long-term fill stations. They also discussed the potential benefits and drawbacks of these methods, including the cost of providing water and the impact on the City's water system. They agreed that the current system of charging a flat fee for a 30-day permit may not be the most effective way to monetize water usage. The Council considered a metered rate system, which would require infrastructure upgrades. The Council circled back to discuss revising the water use permit system to better regulate and charge for water usage and implementing a base fee plus a yearly permit fee, using the current commercial water rate to calculate this. They also discussed an administrative fee for tracking usage suggesting a yearly permit regardless of usage volume.

Council President Shay asked to revisit the topic of the RV dump site at the Maverik that was brought up at the beginning of this workshop. Brian Parker, Community Development Director explained that the approved Design Review application identified the RV dump site and there is no additional approval associated with it. They still need to get a water and sewer permit, which he stated he will work out with Chris Johnson and Rick Allington. Council President Shay and Council Member Wrede expressed their disapproval with the idea of Bellevue becoming an RV dumping ground. Mayor Giordani said there are RV dump station in every City. Chris Johnson, Public Works Director explained that Bellevue's existing RV park is no different and expressed concern with having two operational dump sites before the wastewater facility is back online. Council Member Bergin said he thought that if the RV Dump Station was not correctly reviewed during the initial design review maybe it could be put on hold until it was thoroughly reviewed. Mayor Giordani looped back to the original workshop topic of pursuing a fill station in Bellevue. The Council agreed it was something they would like to see further pursued.

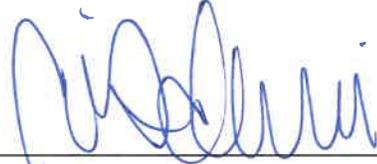
- b. Discussion and review of the City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan

Brian Parker, Community Development Director discussed the review of the City's comprehensive plan, assigning a homework task to the Council Members to review and provide feedback in a month from this meeting. Council President Shay reviewed the implementation section of the Comp plan and asked the Council to consider the implementation of the plan and needed updates.

Chris Johnson, Public Works Director addressed the issue of disrespect and threats faced by the City's Street Department, emphasizing the need for a more supportive and respectful community especially revolving around the snow removal efforts.

8. Adjournment:

With no further business coming before the Common Council at this time, Council Member Obenauf moved to adjourn the meeting. Council President Shay seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



Christina Giordani, Mayor

Attest:



Amy Phelps, City Clerk