



The Common Council of the City of Bellevue, Idaho met at a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 24, 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: Mayor Giordani called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. *(00:00:09 in video)*

Roll Call: *(00:00:34 in video)*

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

Staff Present:

Kirtus Gaston, Marshal
Shelly Shoemaker, City Treasurer
Amy Phelps, City Clerk
Rick Allington, Legal Counsel
Brian Parker, Community Development Director
Greg Beaver, Fire Chief

Others in Attendance: Raiza Giorgi (Idaho Mavericks), Keri York (Wood River Land Trust), Kristin Fletcher (Bellevue Parks Committee), Christina Van Der Meulen, (Bellevue Parks Committee), Tony Evans (Idaho Mountain Express – *Via Zoom*), Kristen MacLeod (Flock Safety)

1. Notice of Agenda Compliance: *(00:00:52 in video)*

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 *March 20, 2025*.

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

Mayor Giordani told the Council that she received an email from Mark Davidson from BCRD postponing his presentation to a later date due to unforeseen circumstances thus canceling item number 6 on the agenda.

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

No conflict was noted.

3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: *(00:02:33 in video)*

The Mayor explained that the City department heads submitted department work plans earlier this quarter. They are being reviewed internally, and some will be implemented throughout the year. She went on to provide an update on the transition to Caselle. Residents will be receiving communication about new options for water and

sewer payments this week. Mayor Giordani talked about the progress happening to get the wastewater facility back in working order. Electricians are currently at work under approval of the ICRMP insurance claim. Once the products that were approved for purchase during the previous meeting are installed, another update from the Public Works Department will come forth. Furthermore, the Mayor stated there would be a Water Project Presentation on the Council Agenda for the April 14th meeting.

Council Member Wrede mentioned the progress of the new City website and gave praise to staff learning the new technology. Council Member Bergin asked about a point of contact if questions arise about content on the website.

4. **Public Comment:** For Items of Concern Not on the Agenda (00:09:35 in the video)
The Mayor opened the meeting for public comment at 5:40 pm.

Mayor Giordani read a public comment emailed thorough the website:
Suzanne Wrede, 24 Muldoon Road – see attached public comment: Exhibit A

Kristin Fletcher, 200 N 4th Street

Miss Fletcher said the new website looks really nice – clean and crisp. She went on to cover the issue of dog feces in Memorial Park. Now that the snow is melting, it blends in with the leaves that did not get cleaned up before winter, so it is brown on brown and hard to see. She wondered if there is a plan of how that will be addressed this spring and going forward.

Mayor Giordani said she would address the issue with the Public Works Department and follow up.

Tammy Davis, 300 South 5th Street

Tammy Davis made a request to acknowledge May as Mental Health Awareness Month and would like to further recognize this by reading a resolution during a May Council Meeting.

(00:13:22 in video) Public comment was closed at 5:43 pm.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION ITEMS** (00:13:30 in video)

- a. Approval of Minutes: March 10, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes: Amy Phelps, City Clerk
- b. Approval of Claims: March 10, through March 24, 2025: Shelly Shoemaker, Treasurer
- c. Treasurers Report: Shelly Shoemaker, Treasurer
- d. Acknowledgement of BURA Annual Report for 2024 on file with Bellevue City Treasurer and the State Controller's Office: Shelly Shoemaker, Treasurer
- e. Authorization for the Mayor to sign an Area of City Impact Re-Validation Letter of Support: Brian Parker, Community Development Director
- ~~f. Authorization for the Mayor to sign a Letter of Support for Nomination to LWCF by BLM for Strahorn Property: Brian Parker, Community Development Director~~ *Pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion

Council Member Bergin noted that he was absent from the meeting on March 10th, however his name was shown in the minutes on two action items. The Clerk took note to remove his name from those items.

(00:15:12 in video) Council Member Wrede asked if there is any report specific to the Sewer Project or the Water Project. Mayor Giordani explained that they could be pulled separately.

Shelly Shoemaker, Treasurer, went over how to read the new format of the Claims Report. Council Member Bergin asked about the charges from Bromley and if there was a work product or documentation the Council or Public could see. Mayor Giordani explained that they have been working on the Water Project as attorneys. Further discussion was had about the work McHugh and Bromley do for The City and how they bill for their work. Council Member Bergin stated that he would follow up with the Treasurer.

(00:20:05 in video) Treasurer Shoemaker gave a brief overview of the latest financial report touching on the Current Cash Position being higher than last year at this time. She explained to the Council Members that she has been spending the bulk of her time working to implement Caselle, and she would meet with Members to discuss financial questions as soon as possible.

(00:24:05 in video) Council Member Wrede asked how to expect reporting to change (with Caselle) and inquired about the possibility of having a special meeting to help the Council familiarize themselves with the new report format and ask questions. Mayor Giordani said she will look at the agenda for the next meeting and asked the Council members to come prepared with questions. Further discussion proceeded with regard to answering financial questions on record for transparency purposes.

(00:27:33 in Video) Council Member Bergin inquired about which types of questions are appropriate for council discussion in general. For example: he read in the minutes that a question had been asked about the Maverik RV dump, did not see a response, and wondered who he would contact to find out more. Mayor Giordani said we could investigate whether the minutes needed to be more robust.

(00:28:28 in video) Council Member Davis asked if certain items should be discussed as a future agenda item to formally follow up. Mayor Giordani said she is more than happy to add department head updates to the mayor's report or add an item to the agenda if it is actionable. Further conversation was had about transparency, follow-up, and follow-through items and how they would be addressed accordingly.

(00:31:40 in video) Shelly Shoemaker explained the annual requirement for Urban Renewal Agencies to file a report with the Idaho State Controller's Office including all resolutions and action items that transpired over the year. She provided a packet that included the yearly audit for the Council. Mayor Giordani said she was happy this resource was provided because it is a great way to help the council familiarize themselves with BURA (Bellevue Urban Renewal Agency) board members and what occurred in the last year. She made mention that the new BURA Chair is Diane Shay, then Council Member Davis asked to have a Council Update about BURA goals and Objectives at a future meeting.

(00:33:17 in video) Brian Parker, Community Development Director, explained that the State Legislature passed a bill reconfiguring the Area of Impact rules. He further clarified the City of Bellevue is already compliant with those rules, but a provision of the legislation is the confirmation of Bellevue's Area of City Impact with the County Commissioners. He stated that we are essentially reconfirming what we've already done and can revisit the topic in the future if necessary. Mayor Giordani asked if we would need to go through this process again if we decided to renegotiate the Area of Impact. Parker explained that we have until the end of the year to make any changes regardless of whether the letter of support is signed.

(00:37:11 in video) Discussion transpired about Brian Parker's process in reviewing the Area of Impact and what other local jurisdictions had been doing. Council Member Bergin questioned whether this item should be part of a consent agenda. Mayor Giordani said there is a lot more discourse and dialogue with this new Council and she would look at constructing future agendas with that in mind. She explained that the option exists to pull an item out of the consent agenda for further discussion.

(00:40:53 in Vido) Council Member Wrede requested to pull line-item “f” from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Motion: Council President Shay moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Council Member Davis Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Bergin, Council Member Wrede, Council President Shay, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Davis. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

6. (00:42:31 in video) The BCRD presentation was canceled, so the Mayor stated this would be an appropriate time to have a discussion on what was previously item “f” on the Consent Agenda: Authorization for the Mayor to sign a Letter of Support for Nomination to LWCF by BLM for Strahorn Property: Brian Parker, Community Development Director | **ACTION ITEM**

(00:43:04 in video) Community Development Director, Brian Parker reminded the Council Members about the appraisal on the sixty-one (61) acre Strahorn Property that was given to Bellevue in an annexation- more or less for free for monetization in the future. The appraisal came in around 1.21 million. He explained that one of the avenues we’ve been pursuing is using land and water conservation funds through BLM to facilitate BLM becoming the owner of that property, which would allow Bellevue to receive the full appraised value, and it would stay classified as public conservation land. He further stated that the letter in front of the Council tonight is a letter of support for submitting the nomination. Signing the letter will not preclude The City from exploring other options or saying no in the future. Parker further clarified that this item is not about disposing of property or signing off on anything, it is essentially just preserving an opportunity.

(00:44:47 in video) Keri York from the Wood River Land Trust introduced herself and explained the background of the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and the benefits of this opportunity, including preserving open space and recreational access.

(00:50:59 in video) Council Member Wrede expressed that she is not opposed to this direction, but she raised concerns about the Wood River Land Trust’s pro-density ideals, and she hopes there will be no potential trade-offs with other nearby parcels in the process. Keri York clarified that there are no other strings attached with the letter of support.

(00:53:00 in video) Discussion was had about flexibility and other options relating to the parcel of land and others out Slaughterhouse Road. The Council’s discussion ended with clarification that the signing of this letter of support is to keep the option open, not to make a final decision on how to go forward with the parcel in question.

Motion: Council member Davis moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a Letter of Support for Nomination to LWCF by BLM for Strahorn Property. Council President Shay Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Bergin, Council Member Wrede, Council President Shay, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Davis. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of Approval of Resolution No. 25-10 establishing additional rules for the management of Bellevue City Parks and providing an effective date: Brian Parker, Community Development Director | **ACTION ITEM**

(00:57:50 in video) Brian Parker, Community Development Director introduced the Parks Committee recommendations to establish additional park rules specifically regarding seasonal events that require a reservation or recurring reservation. He explained the new rules aim to make the management of seasonal events, such as soccer and softball leagues, administratively easier and reduce the risk of damage to the parks. These rules would be implemented in 2026. The resolution includes a reservation window, a maintenance plan,

and the right to cancel reservations due to weather events. Mayor Giordani talked about a few (park) permit approvals that were made last year, while she was on Council, that didn't align with the recommendations from the Parks Committee that came through in 2023. She further explained that this resolution will be an official acknowledgement and provide accountability for decisions going forward and the proper fees and permit process would help balance the impact on the City parks.

(01:04:00 in video) Discussion on the need for research on the 2020 ordinance that removed references to the Tree Committee language in the "Bellevue Park and Tree Committee" was brought forth by Council President Shay. Further conversation brought up the role of the Clerk in the park's application process and the verbiage of the resolution, as well as implementation after approval.

(01:19:49 in video) Kristin Fletcher stated that the Committee members agree that they would like to be called The Parks Committee. She further expressed her concern with the amount of responsibility placed on the City Clerk with the resolution and urged the council members to help provide structure and support for the procedure of processing applications. Finally, she questioned who determines the wear and tear of O'Donnell Park and recommended that the City consult with experts to help train staff to make certain park related decisions.

(01:22:10 in video) Mayor Giordani stated that her interpretation of the City Clerk's role in the parks reservation process would be the communication leg of the already existing work happening cross-departmentally in terms of managing and keeping eyes on the park. She said she understands how it leaves a little open to interpretation.

(01:23:44 in video) Christina Van Der Meulen lives across from O'Donnell Park, and she brought up her concern about parking issues, scheduling conflicts between different sports groups, and the impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

(01:28:58 in video) Riza Georgie, a representative from the Idaho Mavericks Baseball league, who had an approved park application for the 2024 summer season, spoke about an issue they had with a group of volleyball players that did not have a reservation. She said it would be helpful to have the reservations for the field posted in the park or online in English and Spanish to help alleviate these types of issues. Mayor Giordani mentioned she and Brian Parker were looking into an option for information kiosks to put up at each park.

(01:33:00 in video) Council Member Wrede raised a question about how the City determines the maximum number of vehicles that can be tolerated in the neighborhood during an event at the park, and wondered how we make a decision on the park curfew. The Mayor said those things will be referenced in the application – days of use, and times of use. She went on to explain that the window of time- from when the application is filed to the time of the park reservation - will allow the Clerk to plan accordingly. Kristin Fletcher said the Parks Committee made a recommendation in 2019 to utilize the right of way on 8th Street for extra parking.

(01:37:24 in video) Council Member Bergin stated that while the resolution is a step in the right direction, there is still more work to be done.

Motion: Council Member Bergin moved to Approve Resolution No. 25-10 establishing additional rules for the management of Bellevue City Parks and providing an effective date. Council Member Mahoney Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Bergin, Council Member Wrede, Council President Shay, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Davis. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

- b. Consideration of a Fee Waiver and/or Fee Reduction for an O'Donnell Park Application for a three-day-a-week, 12U Baseball League: Tiffany Robinson, Idaho Mavericks Baseball| **Action Item**

(01:40:21 in video) Mayor Giordani prefaced this item by acknowledging the Parks Committee’s task to outline a set of recommendations for decision making on Parks application fee waivers. Recommendations that currently exist are as follows: no waivers should be granted for porta potties, garbage fees, monetizing activity, celebrations, games, and sports. Fee waivers should be granted for activities hosted by the City of Bellevue (departments or Committees), other taxing districts, and entities directly partnered with the City. The recommendations will officially be brought to Council in the future.

(01:42:08 in video) Council Member Davis said she had reserved the park for a non-profit event looking to raise money for the City and she had not been authorized to have any fees waived in the past. Council Member Wrede said she does not support the waiver of fees, but she does support fund raising efforts of sports teams in the form of selling wreaths, etc.

(01:43:29 in video) Riza Georgie from the Idaho Mavericks explained that last year they mandated all their players to show up at least 30 minutes before practice to pick up trash, fix sprinklers, rake, etc. as a way of investing in their community and to make the park a nice place to be. She further stated that this year, the boys have an opportunity to play in Cooperstown, New York and are fundraising furiously to cover the expenses. They still must raise another \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 before the tournament in July and are asking for a fee reduction by half if possible.

(01:45:50 in video) Mayor Giordani gave clarification that the resolution just adopted contained an element of a maintenance plan, and while she appreciates all the work the Mavericks have done, part of park use includes maintenance. Christina Van Der Meulen, Parks Committee member, stated that application fees only cover porta potties, and the garbage pickup required the day after any event has taken place. She went on to share her observance of out-of-town license plates indicating that some participants are not residents of Bellevue, and as a taxpayer, she said she doesn’t feel that she should pay to have people from out of town using the park. Furthermore, she said the Parks Committee recommendations from 2019 stated that regular basic maintenance is done in the park, and it is the park user’s responsibility to maintain it to any other standard they would like.

(01:48:22 in video) Further discussion transpired about the types of maintenance needing to be done and if the City or the applicant needs to be responsible for the maintenance, taking into consideration hours of City operation, paying overtime for extra maintenance over the weekend, and how much money the City intakes for parks applications to cover those basic costs.

(01:50:23 in video) The Council discussed the time frame of the Mavericks applications. The Mayor clarified that no reservations would be taken for scheduled sports before May 1st, based on the recently adopted resolution. The Council examined the fees that were associated with the application and further discussed the timing of this reservation, which would be five months instead of six- meaning the fees could be broken down month to month instead of seasonally.

(01:54:29 in video) Council President Shay expressed this was a tough discussion and the Council Members discussed how much money we received from parks applications last year (approx. \$4000.00 in total) in comparison to how much the City spent on parks maintenance, etc., which was substantially more than what the applications brought in.

Motion: Council Member Wrede moved to deny a Fee Waiver and/or Fee Reduction for an O’Donnel Park Application for a three-day-a-week, 12U Baseball League. Council Member Davis Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Bergin, Council Member Wrede, Council President Shay, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Davis. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

- c. Consideration of Fee Waiver and/or Reduction of Fees for the Memorial Park of \$125 for Saturday, May 4, 2025, for the Annual Clean Sweep/Bellevue City-Wide Trash Clean Up: Ashton Wilson, Environmental Resource Center | **Action Item**

(02:03:37 in video) Council Member Bergin questioned whether a permit is required for this event because of the way in which the Ordinance is written. Mayor Giordani argued that this type of use is historically defined as an event. More conversation was had about recognizing and advertising as a community event.

(02:07:39 in video) **Council President Shay moved** to approve the fee waiver for the Memorial Park for the Annual Clean Sweep.

Council Member Bergin expressed he didn't feel this was different than the waiver they just dealt with. Council Member Wrede stated that the event would benefit Bellevue because of the amount of trash removed from the City. Council Member Davis expressed that this event is in conjunction with the City of Bellevue and the County, so it resonates with the Parks Committee's recommendations.

(02:09:16 in Video) **The motion was seconded by Council Member Wrede.**

Motion: Council Members Voting Aye: Council Member Bergin, Council Member Wrede, Council President Shay, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Davis. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

- d. Request for Funds for the purchase of two Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Cameras and approval of Resolution No. 25-11 authorizing the Marshal to execute a contract with Flock Safety, Inc for an amount not to exceed \$7,300.00 for FY25 and \$6,000.00 for FY26: Kirt Gaston, Bellevue Marshal | **ACTION ITEM**

(02:11:23 in video) Marshal Gaston introduced Kristen McLeod from Flock Safety to give a presentation on ALPR technology.

(02:28:14 in video) Marshal Gaston said the Sherriff's office is willing to offer \$1,000.00 to help with the funding towards the initial costs. He Stated this technology would be extremely helpful to fight crime and could even save lives. The Marshal's proposal includes a stringent, ICRMP approved, department policy for officer protocols. He explained that the total amount of the contract for this Fiscal Year has already been approved, but because he is signing a contract, he wanted to put it in front of the Council for approval and prioritize transparency.

(02:31:08 in Video) The Council had a discussion regarding the electrical cost. Kristen MacLeod from Flock explained the Cameras are \$3000.00 per camera per year. She further explained that some installation fees may apply depending on using an existing pole or a Flock Pole. Discussion was had acknowledging that tools such as these have the potential for abuse, but the Council expressed faith in the Marshals office and department policies to manage the tools responsibly. Mayor Giordani highlighted the technology's ability for tracking and accountability and the potential to increase transparency.

(02:37:27 in video) Council Member Bergin asked if there is a restriction on contracting for two years instead of one sighting budgetary reasons. Discussion was had revolving around other contracts that had been signed for two years or more and that the Marshal's office would plan to allocate next years funds for this purpose.

Motion: Council Member Davis moved to Approve a Request for Funds for the purchase of two Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Cameras and approval of Resolution No. 25-11 authorizing the Marshal to execute a contract with Flock Safety, Inc for an amount not to exceed \$7,300.00 for FY25 and \$6,000.00 for FY26. Council Member Wrede Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Bergin, Council Member Wrede, Council President Shay, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Davis. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

8. Adjournment:

(02:40:50 in Video) With no further business coming before the Common Council at this time, Council Member Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Council President Shay seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.


Christina Giordani, Mayor

Attest:


Amy Phelps, City Clerk



Fwd:Public Comment: DEQ Water Project Information Request

From City of Bellevue <support@bellevuehelpdesk.zohodesk.com>

Date Thu 3/20/2025 9:12 AM

To Amy Phelps <aphelps@bellevueidaho.us>

2 attachments (207 KB)

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From: Wrede

Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2025 08:00:47 -0600

Subject: Public Comment: DEQ Water Project Information Request

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Name : Suzanne, Wrede
Email : swrede@bellevueidaho.gov
Address : 24 Muldoon Canyon Road, Bellevue, 83313
Subject/Topic : Public Comment: DEQ Water Project Information Request
Your Comments : For the Public Record: I am submitting a copy of the email I sent to DEQ asking for assistance in c
Drinking Water Project, specifically Bellevue compliance with the DEQ Amended Compliance Agre

The email seeks information using a Compliance Checklist of items consolidated from the Amende
is to verify resident understanding of the Water Project and our compliance obligations as well as 1
all supporting materials. A copy of the email and a copy of the Compliance Checklist are included 1

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