



The Common Council of the City of Bellevue, Idaho met at a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 9, 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. *(00:00:07 in video)*

Roll Call: *(00:00:12 in video)*

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

Staff Present:

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

Others in Attendance: Tony Evans (Idaho Mountain Express), Chad Brooks, Catherine Feistner, and John Stone (Merrick).

1. Notice of Agenda Compliance: *(00:00:59 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 *June 5, 2025*.

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

2. CALL FOR CONFLICT (AS OUTLINED IN IDAHO CODE §74-404): ACTION ITEM

No conflict was noted at this time.

3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT: *(00:01:41 in video)*

Mayor Giordani provided an update on the Idaho Transportation Department's Bellevue pavement repair project on Highway 75. She stated that traffic control was to begin that day, with work starting on June 12th and an estimated end date of June 20th. The project scope included pavement repair, raising of manholes and water valves, and striping. She mentioned that a map was available on the city newsletter and social media for reference.

The Mayor also reported on attending the heritage court coronation ceremony on Sunday, where Lorna Kolash was honored.

Council Member Wrede brought up the topic of emergency preparedness and suggested prioritizing the dissemination of Code Red information through the city's newsletter and website. She proposed setting and tracking goals for resident participation in emergency alerts.

Marshal Kirtus Gaston explained that Code Red was the quickest way for them to get information out - through dispatch, especially in emergencies where they don't have time for door-to-door notifications or social media updates. Council Member Wrede clarified that she was referring to setting up notifications for residents and emphasized the importance of getting people to sign up for this county-wide alert system. There was a brief discussion about the types of notifications residents could receive and how to customize them.

4. **PRESENTATION: Water Project Status Report: Kristina Gillespie-Jaques, Merrick & company**

(00:08:33 in video) Christina Gillespie-Jaques from Merrick & Company presented an update on the water project. She introduced her colleagues Chad Brooks, Catherine Feistner(lead project engineer), and John Stone, who were present at the meeting.

Gillespie-Jaques provided an overview of completed activities from April 5th through June 5th, including:

- Ongoing communication with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding project schedule and requirements.
- Provision of a communication memorandum to the council on May 7th.
- Project status updates at April 14th and May 12th public meetings.
- Receipt of the executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the city and landowner on April 29th, 2025.
- Coordination with land surveyor Sawtooth Land Surveying for on-site activities.
- Correspondence with the Mayor and Public Works Director regarding survey activities.

She then outlined milestones and deliverables for June, including:

- Property boundary survey by Sawtooth Land Surveying.
- On-site water system evaluation by the City and Merrick.
- Information gathering on existing springs collection and transmission facilities.
- Identification of existing water system facilities and data collection.

Gillespie-Jaques emphasized the importance of the boundary survey as a critical first deliverable, noting that it may take several weeks to complete. She also mentioned that additional negotiations between the city and landowner might be required for future access to perform preliminary engineering investigations and studies.

Council members asked questions about the project's benefits, changes to the original plan, and potential cost savings. Gillespie-Jaques and Chris Johnson, Public Works Director, addressed these concerns, explaining that the work being done was crucial for understanding the city's legal rights to access, operate, and maintain the water system.

The discussion concluded with an agreement that once the survey work is completed, likely by the end of summer, Merrick would present more detailed information on proposed solutions, costs, and timelines for the project components.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION ITEMS** (00:47:44 in video)

- a. Approval of Minutes: May 12, 2025: Amy Phelps, City Clerk
- b. Approval of Claims May 28, through June 9, 2025: Shelly Shoemaker, Treasurer

c. Department Head Reports

Council President Shay had questions about the payables, specifically regarding a registration fee for the Association of Idaho Cities Conference.

Council Member Wrede inquired about an ongoing water issue in Chantrelle Subdivision. Chris Johnson, Public Works Director, provided an update on the situation, explaining that they had made changes to the well operation and were investigating potential valve issues in the system.

Chris Johnson also discussed the challenges with water pressure affecting sprinkler systems throughout the town, noting that this was a common occurrence and suggesting residents consider switching to lower pressure sprinkler heads.

Council members expressed appreciation for the detailed building permit report and charts provided. There was a brief discussion about how these statistics are being used and what goals are in place for code enforcement and customer service metrics

Motion: (01:02:48 in video) Council Member Bergin moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council Member Obenauf Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Obenauf, Council President Shay, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Bergin, Council Member Wrede. **Council Members Voting Nay:** none. **The Motion Passed.**

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE §74-206(F) : ACTION ITEM

Motion: (01:03:44 in video) Council President Shay moved to enter into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(F). Council Member Bergin Seconded the Motion **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Wrede, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Obenauf, Council Member Bergin, Council President Shay. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

Regular Session was resumed at 8:05 pm.

7. DISCUSSION:

- a. Discussion regarding proposed Ordinance 2025-XX amending Bellevue Code Title 3, Chapter 5, Mobile food Vendors- to expand Mobile Vendor Licensing to include non-food related businesses.

(01:04:32 in video) Mayor Giordani introduced the discussion item, explaining that the intention was to expand the current ordinance centered around mobile food vendors to include all mobile vendor licensing and permitting. The goal was to regulate mobile vending fairly across all categories.

Council members engaged in a discussion about the potential implications of such an ordinance. Concerns were raised about:

- The impact on existing brick-and-mortar businesses
- The types of businesses that might qualify under the new ordinance
- The use of parking spaces for mobile vendors
- Enforcement challenges
- The potential proliferation of mobile vendors in the business zone

There was debate about whether the ordinance would enable or discourage certain types of mobile vending. Some council members suggested gathering more input from existing merchants and residents about the potential impact.

The discussion also touched on zoning regulations, parking requirements, and how to differentiate between mobile vendors and other temporary sales activities like yard sales or lemonade stands.

Mayor Giordani concluded the discussion by stating that she would take the feedback and revisit the issue with staff and appropriate department heads. She indicated that they would either pursue an ordinance that prohibits certain types of mobile vending or continue to refine the current proposal.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of an Encroachment Permit application submitted by KV Twin Falls for the installation of Natural Gas for 420 N 6th Street: Chris Johnson, Public Works Director
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(01:26:39 in video) Chris Johnson, Public Works Director presented the encroachment permit application for Intermountain Gas at 420 North 6th Street. He explained that it was for the installation of a gas line to a private residence and that no fee would be charged due to the franchise agreement with Intermountain Gas.

Council members asked for clarification on whether the installation would require crossing the street, to which Johnson replied that it appeared to be just a connection from an existing point to the house.

There was a brief discussion about the process for approving such permits, with Johnson suggesting that it would be more efficient if he and the Community Development Director could review and approve these applications without requiring council approval each time.

Motion: (01:31:24 in video) Council Member Bergin moved to approve an Encroachment Permit application submitted by KV Twin Falls for the installation of Natural Gas for 420 N 6th Street. Council President Shay Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Wrede, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Obenauf, Council Member Bergin, Council President Shay. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

- b. Consideration and approval of Strahorn Phase 2 road seal project: Chris Johnson, Public Works Director
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(01:31:56 in video) The Public Works Director, Chris Johnson presented the Strahorn Phase 2 road seal project, explaining that it was a friction seal application costing less than \$35,000, to be paid by the developer. Johnson explained that this sealing method was proven in mountain areas with plowing and had an expected lifespan of 8-12 years. He emphasized that this project would help prolong the life of some of Bellevue's better streets while saving capital funds for roads that need more extensive repairs.

Council members asked questions about the timing of the project, the source of funds, and the impact on residents. Johnson addressed these concerns and explained the minimal disruption expected during the application process.

Motion: (01:40:16 in video) Council Member Obenauf moved to approve Strahorn Phase 2 road seal project. Council Member Bergin Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Obenauf, Council Member Bergin, Council President Shay. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. Council Member Wrede Abstained from voting. **The Motion Passed.**

C. Consideration of a Resort Restaurant Liquor License Application for Lucy's Breakfast, LLC:
Kirt Gaston, Bellevue Marshal | **ACTION ITEM**

Marshal Kirtus Gaston presented the Resort Restaurant Liquor License application for Lucy's Breakfast, LLC. He reported that all previous issues had been rectified, and a site visit on May 31st found no violations. The applicant had completed the required alcohol training course.

Council members discussed the specifics of the license, including:

- The prohibition on promoting or operating the restaurant as a bar or lounge
- The hours during which liquor could be served (4 PM to 10 PM)
- The requirement to serve the full menu while alcohol is being served
- The applicant's plans to serve beer and wine until 2 AM

There was some discussion about the clarity of the license conditions and whether they should be more explicitly stated on the application form. Mayor Giordani explained that the conditions were referenced in the ordinances cited on the application and that applicant received education on these requirements.

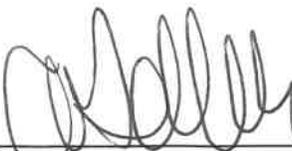
Motion: (01:50:18 in video) Council Member Wrede moved to approve a Resort Restaurant Liquor License Application for Lucy's Breakfast, LLC. Council Member Obenauf Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Obenauf, Council Member Bergin, Council President Shay, Council Member Wrede. **Council Members Voting Nay:** Council Member Mahoney. **The Motion Passed.**

9. **Public Comment:** for Items of Concern Not on the Agenda – (Comments are limited to 3 minutes)

(01:51:33 in video) Tony Evans, Idaho Mountain Express raised questions about the City's sewer system, including when it might be back up and running, potential insurance claims, and concerns about toxic gas sensors in response to smell complaints. He requested an overall update on these issues.

10. **Adjournment:** (01:52:24 in Video) With no further business coming before the Common Council at this time, Council President Shay moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Obenauf seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 08:53 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.




Christina Giordani, Mayor

Attest:


Amy Phelps, City Clerk