

Bellevue Common Council
Friday April 17, 2020
Bellevue City Hall, 115 E Pine St, Bellevue
Special Meeting Minutes

11:33 a.m. Call to Order:

Mayor Burns called the Special Meeting to order. A roll call attendance was conducted, and Council members present were Kathryn Goldman, Greg Cappel, Chris Johnson, and Doug Brown, all appearing by teleconference. For the record, Mayor Burns and Clerk/Treasurer Edwards were physically present in the official meeting location of the Council Chambers of City Hall. Tammy Davis and Shaun Mahoney were absent. A quorum was present for the entire meeting. Staff present were Rick Allington, City Attorney; Greg Beaver, Fire Chief; Frank Suwanrit, Public Works Director; Diane Shay, Community Development Director; Kelly West, Water Superintendent; Mike Shelamer, Deputy Marshal; Dorothy Judd, Division of Building Safety; Jim Lynch, Division of Building Safety; and Marian Edwards, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Notice and Hearing Compliance:

The posting of this meeting agenda complied with Idaho Code 74-204. The special meeting agenda was posted more than 24 hours prior to the meeting at the Bellevue Post Office, the bulletin board outside City Hall and on the website on April 16, 2020. Brown motioned that the notice was in compliance with Idaho Code 74-204. Goldman seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

1. Call for Conflict as outlined in Idaho Code §59-703 (f) – 704 With Any Agenda Item.
Burns noted that the entire Common Council takes the state law of noting conflicts very seriously. Burns called for conflict from any Alderman with any agenda items. No conflicts were noted.
2. Public Comment for Items of Concern not on the Agenda.
Goldman noted that the Wood River Land Trust is planning a pollinator seed pod event at the Howard Preserve for Earth Day and that she will remind them that maintaining appropriate social distancing will be necessary. Goldman stated that the Wood River Land Trust wishes to speak before the Council regarding the Biodata Plan and will be in contact with the Mayor to schedule for a future agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Public Hearing: COVID-19 Guidelines and Limitations for Construction Sites and Certain Trades Operating Within Blaine County, Idaho. Ned Burns, Mayor and Diane Shay, Community Development Director. Burns noted that the City had received prior legal advice that a public hearing was not necessary under the current emergency but wanted to give citizens the opportunity to speak if so desired. Shay gave an overview of the guidelines. Burns opened the meeting for public comment. Dorothy Schinella, Jo Kidder and Ted Higgenbottom gave public comments. Edwards read a letter from the Wood River Contractors Association. Burns closed

public comment. The Alderman discussed the guidelines. Goldman questioned Burns on the current infection trends and the capacity of South-Central District Health to perform contact tracking. Burns noted that the information he has been receiving via the periodic meetings with the County and other local cities shows that there were declining rates of infection, but that he had no clear data on the health districts contact tracking due to patient confidentiality.

Shay stated that she and the Building Department officials, who were present at the meeting, would visit each Bellevue construction site and give a presentation on following the health protocols. Shay noted that complaints would be handled by her department, not the Marshal, and that violations could result in the project being red tagged to stop work and could result in fines. Cappel requested assurance that if infection trends showed a spike that the Council would be able to revoke the re-opening of construction activities and Burns agreed to same. Johnson noted that the guideline title should be limited to Bellevue, not Blaine County.

4. Adoption and Authorization to the Mayor to sign COVID-19 Guidelines and Limitations for Construction Sites and Certain Trades Operating Within Blaine County, Idaho. Brown motioned to Adopt COVID-19 Guidelines and Limitations for Construction Sites and Certain Trades Operating Within Blaine County, Idaho amending the title to read Bellevue, Idaho instead of Blaine County. Goldman seconded. Roll call vote results: Goldman- yes, Brown- yes, Cappel- yes, Johnson-no. Motion passed.
5. Public Hearing: Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-03, amendment of local additions to, and adoption of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare order to self-isolate dated March 25 as extended on April 15, 2020. Burns noted that the City had received prior legal advice that a public hearing was not necessary under the current emergency but wanted to give citizens the opportunity to speak if so desired. Burns opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments. There were no other written comments received. Burns closed public comment. Burns asked questions of Allington as to whether the Council needed to address the Emergency Order and Allington noted that the Order was needed as it was the document referencing the Guidelines just adopted. The Aldermen discussed the order and safety considerations.
6. Adoption and Authorization to the Mayor to sign Public Health Emergency Order No. 2020-03, amendment of local additions to, and adoption of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare order to self-isolate dated March 25 as extended on April 15, 2020. Brown motioned to adopt the Public Health Emergency Order 2020-03. Goldman seconded. Roll call vote results: Goldman- yes, Brown- yes, Cappel- yes, Johnson-no. Motion passed.
7. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Pending Litigation and/or Land Acquisition Pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206. Goldman motioned that the Council enter executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 subsection (1) under (a) and (f). Johnson seconded. Roll call vote results: Goldman- yes, Brown- yes, Cappel- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed and the Council entered executive session at 12:40pm.

Goldman motioned to leave executive session. Cappel seconded. All in favor and the Council returned to the special meeting at 12:57pm.

8. Adjournment. Johnson motioned to adjourn. Goldman seconded. All in favor. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:59pm.



Ned Burns, Mayor



Marian Edwards, City Clerk/Treasurer