

Bellevue Common Council
Monday August 10, 2020
Bellevue City Hall, 115 E Pine St, Bellevue
Regular Meeting Minutes

6:02 p.m. Call to Order:

Mayor Burns called the Regular Meeting to order. A roll call attendance was conducted, and Council members present were Kathryn Goldman (arrived 6:05pm), Greg Cappel, Tammy Davis, Doug Brown, Chris Johnson, and Shaun Mahoney 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. A quorum was present for the entire meeting. Staff present were Rick Allington, City Attorney; Greg Beaver, Fire Chief; Diane Shay, Community Development Director; Frank Suwanrit, Public Works Director; Mike Shelamer, Deputy Marshal; and Marian Edwards, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Notice and Hearing Compliance:

The posting of this regular meeting amended 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 City Hall and on the website on August 5, 2020. Davis motioned that the notice was in compliance with Idaho Code 74-204. Johnson 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 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.
Burns announced that the City had been presented with a State Certificate of Achievement for the Development and Implementation of a Certified Source Water Protection Plan. The Council thanked Suwanrit, Steven Grigsby, Dusty Lindt, Ashley Dyer and former Water Superintendent Kelly West for their efforts on the project.

Davis announced that the non-profit Neighbors Helping Neighbors was working with Atkinson's Valley Market in Bellevue to do a socially distanced free 'drive in' movie in their parking lot using a large screen and projector. Burns requested that the organization work with the Marshal's office and Suwanrit will explore having City provided garbage cans and a targeted streetlight reduction to improve visibility.

Blaine County Commissioner Fosbury gave an update on local census activities and noted that field work has been cut by the federal government and will end September 30, 2020. Fosbury noted that the County is running behind in responses and asked the City to help in any way it can to get reminders out to citizens. Fosbury noted that the local census team will be running a signup events in Bellevue at Atkinson's Valley Market in the near term.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of July 22, 2020 and July 27, 2020
- b. Claims from July 28, 2020 to August 10, 2020
- c. Department Head Reports

Goldman motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented. Brown seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.

4. Continuation of Council Discussion of Whether to Consider Holding the Bellevue Labor Day Festivities, Tabled on July 13, 2020 to the date certain of August 10, 2020. Burns noted that the organizers could not get an insurance premium that fit their budget and were no longer organizing the 2020 event. Brown noted that the City should not appear to blame the organizer for the cancellation. The Council noted that local businesses could do socially distant smaller outside events to celebrate the holiday and give Bellevue residents options for music. Johnson motioned to support the Labor Day Committee's decision to cancel the 2020 event. Davis seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- no, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Public Hearing: Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021, beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021. Edwards noted that the budget public hearing was appropriately noticed pursuant to Idaho Code 50-1002, with a conforming legal notice published on July 29, 2020 and August 5, 2020 and a detailed version of the proposed FY2021 budget posted to the City website on July 29, 2020. Davis motioned that the budget public hearing was appropriately noticed. Goldman seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed. Burn's opened the public hearing for comments. Tom Bergin and Tony Evans made public comments. There were no written comments received. Burns closed public comment. Goldman thanked the commenters for participating in one of the most important agenda items of the year.

Edwards requested that the Council continue the FY2021 budget public hearing to the date certain of August 24, 2020 in order to allow a public hearing for consideration to forego property taxes be appropriately noticed and occur at the same time as the budget public hearing was conducted per the new state law. Edwards noted that she was unable to notice both hearings at the same time initially as the County property tax detailed information arrived after the notice for the budget hearing was published. Johnson motioned to continue the public hearing to the date certain of August 24, 2020. Goldman seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.

- 6. Council FY2021 Budget Discussion and Directed Changes.** The Council discussed staff salaries, benefits, hours worked, the potential of a hiring freeze, and the ability to withdraw raises if given. The Alderman noted that they wanted to recognize and show the staff that they are valued with pay increases, but the current and projected economic uncertainty may make that very difficult. Goldman noted that the Council needed to address efficiencies department by department and get a sense of priorities. Goldman noted that the budget should meet the goals for the City. Goldman motioned to continue the FY2021 budget discussion and directed changes to the date certain of August 24, 2020. Johnson seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.
- 7. Council Consideration of COVID19 Relief Funds (CRF) via the Idaho COVID-19 Financial Advisory Committee (CFAC) To Cover 10 Months of Payroll for Public Safety Employees with the State provided value of \$161,168 by Foregoing a Three (3) Percent Increase to Property Taxes for FY2021 of \$21,300 to a future fiscal period.** Edwards noted that the Council would have a formally noticed public hearing for the property tax forgone issue on the August 24, 2020 agenda and would have a formal opportunity to vote on a Resolution to either forego an increase in property taxes to a future period or decline to do same. Edwards noted that this current agenda item was an opportunity to share or discuss information as a state provided number of \$161,168 had been received along with the actual amount of a three (3) percent property tax increase. Cappel noted that he would like to see a legal opinion of the legality of the state's provided funding due to the media coverage and risk of having to return funds and Allington will review to see if possible.
- 8. Adoption of Ordinance 2020-05: Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021, beginning October 1, 2020 and ending September 30, 2021.** Edwards requested that the Annual Appropriation Ordinance be tabled to the next regular meeting. Goldman motioned to table Ordinance 2020-05 to the date certain of August 24, 2020. Johnson seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.
- 9. Appointment of Alexis Lindberg to Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission.** Burns confirmed his appointment of Lindberg to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 10. Adoption of Resolution #2181, appointing Alexis Lindberg to the Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission.** Johnson motioned to approve Resolution #2181 as presented. Cappel seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.
- 11. Presentation of the BLM Wood River Valley Recreation and Access Environmental Assessment.** John Kurtz, BLM Recreation Specialist gave a presentation on the Bureau of Land Management's assessment of the area's adjacent to Bellevue and requested that the City

provide public comment to BLM. Kurtz pointed out the potential for a small campground on BLM property near the land deeded to the City by the Strahorn developer for a future City park. The commenting Aldermen did not think a campground was in harmony with the expected subdivision to be built in the Slaughterhouse Canyon. The Council asked questions and thanked Kurtz and the BLM for the thoughtful and comprehensive recreation plan.

12. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution #2182 to Establish a Fire Department LGIP Savings Account to Assign Funds for a Fire Department EMS/First Responder Program. The Council discussed capital planning formalization and the potential to allow the various departments to set up capital savings accounts. Johnson motioned to approve Resolution #2182 as amended to be contingent of the approval of the Seagraves grant. Brown seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.
13. Consideration of Adoption of Resolution #2183 to Assign \$20,000.00 to the Fire LGIP EMS/ First Responder Program Account as of September 30, 2020 from unallocated General Funds. Johnson motioned to approve Resolution #2183 as amended to be contingent of the approval of the Seagraves grant. Cappel seconded. Roll call vote results: Mahoney- yes, Davis- yes, Goldman- yes, Cappel-yes, Brown- yes, Johnson-yes. Motion passed.
14. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Pending Litigation and/or Land Acquisition Pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206. There was no executive session.
15. Adjournment. Goldman motioned to adjourn. Cappel seconded. All in favor. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.



Ned Burns, Mayor



Marian Edwards, City Clerk/Treasurer