

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

June 8, 2026

Bellevue City Council met on Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Council President, Ronald Smith, where he offered a prayer to the Wallingford Family and the citizens of Bellevue for their recent loss of Law Director, David A. Wallingford. Council Members present: MR. BAKER, MR. DANIEL, MR. HILL, MR. MORRISON, MS. MUNIZ, MR. SHEPHERD, and MR. WYNBISSINGER.

The minutes of the regular City Council meeting were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Baker to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Ms. Muniz. The minutes were approved as written.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS: Starting with Mayor Strecker, who has worked with Mr. Wallingford as far back as 1991, each City Official gave a touching tribute to Law Director David A. Wallingford, who had recently passed. They spoke of his kindness, dedication, and willingness to help others. He was loyal to the City, the Community, and his family. When asked a question, he had a way to explain the answer so all could understand. He will be a big loss to the City and to all who knew him.

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, gave updates on roads and thermal stripes. The Route 18 Project started today and will be headed this way. ODOT projects moving a couple of medians and fixing catch basins. Mr. Brugnone said he is hoping to redo the bike trail from York Township Hall to Burger King. He plans to have the in-town streets list for the next meeting.

REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Treasurer Dave Freitag reported on RITA and the allocation of 2025 costs for income tax collection. The costs of collection are 1.03%. The total 2025 retainer is \$215,786.00 and our total collections were \$7,293,987.00. The refund amount for the City is \$140,383.00.

Mr. Shepherd asked if we can do an inspection of sidewalks that run parallel when doing the streets.

Mr. Wynbissinger reported that we need to look at E. Bikes and Scooters.

Ms. Muniz had a citizen inquire how close they can park to the driveway.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Council as a Whole – There was a committee meeting prior to Council tonight to discuss adding Ordinances 14-26, 15-26, and 16-26.

Mr. Wynbissinger moved to add Ordinance No. 14-26 and 15-26 to the agenda, seconded by **Mr. Hill**. The vote was aye.

Water Superintendent, Brandon Good – reported that they are making some upgrades with meters. A utility Tech. is checking all the meters in town, looking for dead meters. The list is minimal at this time. They are finalizing the water rate study compared to other cities.

Some citations have been issued on mowing and permit applications for driveway approaches.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Patti Gray, 252 Gunther St., reported that 3523 bags have been distributed at \$3.60 per bag.

Mrs. Gray also reported on behalf of the Tourism Bureau. They received a letter from the State Auditor and they found no issues.

Mrs. Gray also commented that some citizens enjoy the lighted flags in the City, she really likes to see real flags flying.

John Laviola, 858 Monroe Street, said he was happy to see the Union Pacific Big Boy stop in the City of Bellevue. There were about a 1,000 people in attendance. He thanked the City for their part in getting them to stop here.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Smith stated that Ordinance no. 16-26 should be added to the next council meeting's agenda.

Mr. Shepherd moved to add Ordinance No. 16-26, seconded by Mr. Morrison. The vote was aye.

Safety-Service Director Mr. Brugnone reported that Chief Linder will be at the next meeting concerning a couple of officers.

LEGISLATION:

Ordinance No. 14-26 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A JOB CREATION INCOME TAX CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH AUTOKINITON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Mr. Hill to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 14-26 its second and third reading by title only, seconded by Mr. Baker. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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Mr. Baker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 14-26, seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. The vote was 6-1 with Mr. Shepherd being the no vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-26 was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, CONVERSION OF OTHER STRUCTURES OR BUILDING INTO A DATA CENTER, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE, USE OR CHANGE OF USE THAT WOULD ALLOW DATA CENTERS FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE CITY ADMINISTRATION AND CITY COUNCIL TIME TO REVIEW APPLICABLE FEDERAL CODES, OHIO STATUTES, CODES AND REGULATIONS ALONG WITH THE CITY'S COFICID ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SUCH ACTIVITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Morrison moved to suspend the rules and give Ordinance No. 15-26 its second and third reading by title only. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

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Mr. Morrison moved to adopt Ordinance No. 15-26. Seconded by Mr. Daniel. The vote was 6-1, with Mr. Shepherd being the no vote.

Ms. Muniz moved to go into Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition, seconded by Mr. Hill. The vote was aye.

ADJOURNMENT after Executive Session:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baker. It was seconded by Mr. Hill. Everyone was in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Smith
President of Council

Vickie Dauch, for Rhonda R. Soper,
City Council Clerk