

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 26, 2026

Bellevue City Council met on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor and Council President, Ronald Smith. 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 of May 11, 2026, were presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Morrison to approve the minutes as written. It was seconded by Mr. Daniel. The minutes are approved as written.

### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

Safety-Service Director, Mr. Brugnone, stated that Rumpke reported that over 13 tons of recycling was done during the month of April.

He turned the time over to Water Pollution Control Superintendent, Kegan Lilly, who gave an update on his department. They have been working on ongoing maintenance replacing meters and cleaning tanks. He thanked Council for approving the purchase of the vacator truck. It was cleaned and updated and is running around the streets pretty much every day that there isn't rain. They have cleaned out basins and sewers.

Last year they found a new chemical to use that initially costs more, but they will use less of it and save money. It is also safer to use. It seems to be doing well. They are going to see how it does in the summer.

### REPORTS FROM CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Shepherd stated he was officiating at an outdoor wedding recently when he noticed that a neighbor's property had a massive number of egregious violations. He inquired how long they had all the issues and was told it has been since the tornado of 2013. He wondered if the City could possibly reduce the time granted to fix violations or increase penalties when they weren't fixed.

and see if it is an ordinance issue. Mr. Baker inquired if there is an update regarding water meters. Mr. Brugnone stated that Water Superintendent, Mr. Good, will be attending our next meeting and can give an update. The program seems to be working well with Mr. Doster.

**Mr. Hill** gave kudos for a great job done with Bellevue's Memorial Day Parade. The title of Grand Marshall given to Mr. Ruffing was well deserved.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Council President, Mr. Smith** scheduled a Committee of the Whole work session for Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. to discuss a proposed ordinance imposing a temporary moratorium on the establishment of data centers and a proposed ordinance regarding an income tax credit agreement with Autokiniton. Also to be discussed is the renewal of DORA as they expire every five years.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** welcomed all the students in attendance from the Bellevue Senior High's government class.

He stated that Law Director, Mr. Wallingford, is excused tonight. He then turned the time over to Council Clerk, Mrs. Soper, for tonight's legislation.

#### LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance No. 13-26 was given its third reading by title only:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 731.02 THROUGH 831.09, INCLUSIVE, OF THE BELLEVUE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, CONCERNING CANVASSING, SOLICITATION, AND PEDDLING.

A motion was made by Ms. Muniz to adopt Ordinance No. 13-26. It was seconded by Mr. Wynbissinger. A vote was taken and passed by a vote of 7-0.

CLOSING REMARKS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

seconded by Ms. Muniz. Everyone was in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Ronald Smith**  
**President of Council**

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**Rhonda R. Soper**  
**City Council Clerk**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A JOB CREATION INCOME TAX CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH AUTOKINITON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, City Council passed Ordinance No. 1-14 on January 27, 2014, establishing a job creation income tax credit program; and

**WHEREAS**, application has been received from Autokiniton for such a credit under Ordinance 1-14, which application is hereby submitted to City Council for approval; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council now wishes to approve the agreement that would grant such a credit to Autokiniton;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Bellevue, Huron, Sandusky, and Erie Counties, Ohio:

**SECTION 1:** That the Bellevue City Council hereby approves the written agreement of the City with Autokiniton, which is based on their application attached hereto, and authorizes the Mayor to sign this agreement. Said Bellevue income tax grant agreement with Autokiniton, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", and the application of Autokiniton, to the City is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "B".

**SECTION 2:** Bellevue City Council has reviewed the exhibits carefully and has decided to authorize the income tax credit to be granted pursuant to the terms of the exhibits and Ordinance 1-14.

**SECTION 3:** The income tax rebate grant to Autokiniton, will be an annual grant equal to 50% of Autokiniton's city payroll tax withholdings for new employees located in the City, for a term of no more than five (5) years. The years shall be determined by the City and Autokiniton.

**SECTION 4:** The City Administration is representing to City Council that the attached agreement complies with any administrative guidelines set up for the Job Creation Income Tax Credit Program.

**SECTION 5:** The City Auditor is authorized to draw his warrant or warrants for any expenditures or refunds made necessary by this ordinance in connection with this grant/rebate under the "Job Creation Income Tax Credit Program".

**SECTION 6:** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Bellevue, and in order to approve this agreement as soon as possible to promote industry and employment in the City for the benefit of the community and its citizens and its employers and employees.

**WHEREFORE**, this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RONALD SMITH**  
**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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**RHONDA R. SOPER**  
**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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**KEVIN G. STRECKER**  
**MAYOR**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ -26**

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, CONVERSION OF OTHER STRUCTURES OR BUILDINGS 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 CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO SUCH ACTIVITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the Ohio Revised Code, provide that municipalities have the power to enact laws that are for the health, safety, and welfare of their citizens which may include restricting areas used for certain businesses and trades; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council finds it to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Bellevue to adopt a twelve (12) month moratorium on the establishment, construction, conversion of other structures for data centers or commencement of construction of data centers within the City, while it undertakes a review and/or study of the ordinances of the City of Bellevue, including zoning, building, and business regulation sections of the City of Bellevue Codified Ordinances to assure that such facilities are properly zoned, safe for the community, properly constructed or rehabilitated to mitigate the potential harmful impact such facilities can have on residential and commercial area; and

**WHEREAS**, Council wishes to study the impact of data centers on the public health and safety of surrounding neighborhoods and consider and study the benefits that a data center may bring to the community. Council acknowledges citizens have raised concerns about property values, noise, safety, the power grid, the environment and water usage in areas surrounding these facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council will be able to enact reasonable regulations to protect the health, safety, welfare, peace, and comfort of the citizens of the City of Bellevue more effectively if a moratorium is in place.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Bellevue, Huron, Sandusky, and Erie Counties, Ohio:

**SECTION 1:** That the Council hereby imposes a twelve (12) month moratorium on the consideration, approval or authorization of any licenses, permits, permitted uses, special uses, accessory uses, site plans, conditional uses or variance that would enable the granting of any permits, allow establishment, construction, conversion of other structures into data centers, or commencement of construction of data centers within the City of Bellevue. Said moratorium extends to the submission, consideration or approval of all applications for licenses, permits, general development plans, final development plans, special or accessory use permits, occupancy permits, or building permits. Data centers are defined for this moratorium as AI data centers, enterprise data centers, managed services data centers, colocation data centers, cloud data centers or edge data centers, crypto mining data centers, as well as physical facilities that organizations use to store their computing machines and related hardware.

This moratorium includes construction of structures that house information technology (IT) systems, infrastructure like servers, data storage drives, and network equipment and construction of accompanying accessory uses such as utilities, external mechanical equipment, water towers, and security facilities that may be located on the same site of a data center. This moratorium does not apply to the repairing or replacement of existing data centers contained in existing businesses within the City of Bellevue.

**SECTION 2:** That this moratorium shall become effective on the date that this ordinance passes and following its passage by Council, shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months unless extended upon a majority vote of Council. Council may also lift the moratorium prior to its expiration.

**SECTION 3:** That the City Administration is hereby directed to begin or take part in a study to recommend what action, if any, the City of Bellevue should take to preserve the public health, safety and welfare through the provision of adequate planning, zoning, land-use, or other regulatory controls that are specifically applicable to data centers.

**SECTION 4:** If any section, phrase, sentence, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

**SECTION 5:** That it is found and determined that all formal actions of Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this ordinance were taken in an open meeting of Council and that all deliberations of Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

**SECTION 6:** That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City of Bellevue, Ohio, and for the further reason it is immediately necessary to impose a temporary moratorium on the consideration, approval or authorization of any applications for any activities set forth herein in the City of Bellevue to give City officials adequate time to consider what, if any, changes are required to current ordinances to adequately protect the public health, safety and welfare of the community.

**WHEREFORE**, this Ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately upon its passage by Council and approval by the Mayor.

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**RONALD SMITH**  
**PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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**RHONDA R. SOPER**  
**CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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**KEVIN G. STRECKER**  
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