

COUNCIL CHAMBER CITY OF BELLEVUE, CAMPBELL COUNTY, KENTUCKY

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL MAY 13, 2020

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Board of Council met in regular session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. The following members answered roll call:

MEMBERS: Guidugli, Witte, Hogan, Salzman, Kruse and Fisher. Mayor Charlie Cleves presiding.

FOR THE RECORD: Mayor Cleves read the following:

PURSUANT TO KRS 61.826 AND OAG20-05, THE STATE OF EMERGENCY REGARDING THE THREATS TO PUBLIC HEALTH PRESENTED BY THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC, AND MUNICIPAL ORDER 2020-03-01, THIS MEETING OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE CONDUCTED BY VIDEOCONFERENCE. ALL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS MAY BE ATTENDED BY THE PUBLIC BY VIEWING THE VIDEO CONFERENCE AT THE CITY'S FACEBOOK PAGE ONLINE AT: <https://facebook.com/cityofbellevueky/>

MOTION By Guidugli seconded by Fisher that the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council March 11, 2020 are accepted as received. Vote: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried.

MOTION By Kruse seconded by Guidugli that the following claims be paid:

General Fund	(29)	\$ 55,991.97
General Fund (3/31/2020)	(23)	62,586.11
General Fund (4/30/2020)	(43)	103,163.00
Municipal Road Aid	(3)	12,250.50
Municipal Road Aid (3/31/20)	(3)	2,991.44
Parks Fund (3/31/20)	(2)	1,584.00
Parks Fund	(1)	2,665.57
Lincoln Road Fund	(1)	5,080.00
Lincoln Road Fund	(1)	4,565.00
Capital Improvement	(4)	4,687.35
Capital Improvement (3/31/20)	(3)	7,862.38
Port Bellevue	(1)	39,984.38
Port Bellevue (3/31/20)	(1)	146.68
Police Forfeiture Fund	(1)	74.55

Vote Yes No 0. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Mayor Cleves reported on the following:

City has adopted policies and procedure related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Northern KY Chamber, KLC and Tri-Ed are providing assistance.

City Building closed to public, however staff are working, residents can call the City Clerk's Office at 431-8888 and staff will assist with needs.

City received notice that Joe's Crab Shack will be closing.

City received notice that the proposed Burger King development on Donnermeyer will not occur.

Appreciation to resident Carl Pitts and his wife who have assisted with boxed food giveaways and support for local food pantry.

Appreciation to local residents Alex Thompson and Brian Montgomery for bringing music to the residents with social distancing in place.

FOR THE RECORD:

Council Member Kruse reported that due to COVID-19 the Sesquicentennial is on pause waiting for restrictions to be eased. The committee is ready to start back with activities and encourage residents to purchase "150th" logo wear and items. Residents are encouraged to email Council Member Kruse at shauna.kruse@bellevueky.org to purchase. Residents are encouraged to write a few words (100) to capture their comments / feeling during this historic time (COVID-19 pandemic). There will be a box outside the home of Tina Neyer, 236 Foote as a drop off for these.

FOR THE RECORD:

Mayor Cleves further reported:

Memorial Day Parade has been postponed.

June concert at Thomas J. Wiethorn Memorial Beach Park has been cancelled.

City will hold a public hearing for Municipal Road Aid and budget beginning at 6:30 pm June 10. This will be videoconference / Facebook live.

FOR THE RECORD:

City Administrator, Frank Warnock reported that all department heads provided a written report to Council and highlighted the following from the reports. Administrator Warnock expressed appreciation for the departments.

Police Department – all officers performing duties as safely as possible. Personal Protection Equipment has been issued to every officer.

Fire Department – 52 fire runs and 92 EMS runs were made in April for a total of 154 runs. Department has implemented a detailed decontamination process for the ambulance, fire trucks and the firehouse. All employees wear PPE.

Code Enforcement – 91 Notice of Violations issued over March and April. Nine Citations were issued. This is grass-growing season please cut your grass.

Community Development – Darkness Brewing and Siam Orchid were both recipients of the NKY Restaurant Rescue Fund \$1,000.00 grant. Please continue to support local businesses.

Public Services – staying busy with limited manpower and no inmate help at this time.

FOR THE RECORD:

Administrator Warnock further reported:

Budget projections have been changing daily due to COVID-19. Anticipated shortfalls in revenue are under discussion but Cities are looking at 5-15% revenue decrease. Budget draft will be presented to Council one week prior to the first reading scheduled for June 10.

Appreciation for local residents Kevin Wright and Joe Nickol for temporary social distancing signage at the Beach Park as well as creative and interesting crosswalk signage at Grandview Elementary.

Witte Park update – Stones have been purchased and design is in place. Thanks to Council Member Witte for his work on this project.

Next meeting of Council and first reading of budget will be June 10. Special Meeting of Council and second reading of budget ordinance will follow.

Proclamation recognizing May as Historic Preservation Month issued.

City recognizing the issues that local restaurants are having with reduced capacity upon reopening from COVID-19. City needs to be creative to help. Order 2020-05 coming before Council will address this by allowing the placement of tables and chairs on sidewalks and the public way.

Special thanks to Mayor Cleves for his work to ensure the safety of the Clerk's Office by reconstructing the front counter which will allow for a glass barrier.

FOR THE RECORD:

Mayor Cleves and Administrator Warnock responded to an email request from Kerri Koewler, 342 Bonnie Leslie to view her property and slippage. This parcel is part of a FEMA grant pending FEMA approval to proceed.

FOR THE RECORD:

City Attorney Dave Fessler read Ordinance 2020-03-01 establishing guidelines and requirements for the City of Bellevue's rental conversion grant program and off-street parking assistance program for a second time.

MOTION

By Kruse seconded by Salzman that Ordinance 2020-03-01, pass the second reading. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried. THE ORDINANCE BECAME LAW.

FOR THE RECORD:

City Attorney Dave Fessler read Order 2020-05-01 approving an amendment to the Bellevue Entertainment District rules changing the times and days BED activities are allowed to 10 am to 10 pm Monday through Saturday.

MOTION By Guidugli seconded by Fisher that Order 2020-05-01 be adopted as read. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read Order 2020-05-02 authorizing and directing a grant application to the Department of Local Government recreational trails program and / or the Community Development Block Grant program for the refurbishment of the Van Voast Avenue Historic Pedestrian Bridge.

MOTION By Salzman seconded by Kruse that Order 2020-05-02 be adopted as read. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0, Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read Order 2020-05-03 approving a Sanitation District No.1 Storm water public cost share agreement for Lincoln Road storm water management improvements.

MOTION By Salzman seconded by Fisher that Order 2020-05-03 be adopted as read. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read Order 2020-05-04 appointing Janet Shipp as citizen representative to the Board of the Fire Department of Bellevue / Dayton.

MOTION By Guidugli seconded by Salzman that Order 2020-05-04 be adopted as read. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Executive Order 2020-04-02 declaring April 22, 2020, Arbor Day in the City of Bellevue was issued by Mayor Cleves.

FOR THE RECORD: City Attorney Dave Fessler read Resolution 2020-05-01 supporting full state funding for the fourth street bridge over the Licking River, a primary transportation connection between Newport and Covington, and Campbell and Kenton Counties. Administrator Warnock provided a brief background of cities support for the bridge funding.

MOTION By Salzman seconded by Guidugli that Resolution 2020-05-01 be adopted as read. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: City Administrator Frank Warnock read Order 2020-5-05 approving allowing the placement of tables, chairs and other items on City of Bellevue sidewalks, the public way and private property adjacent to restaurants and tavern during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Administrator Warnock provided explanation for the need as restaurants will only be allowed to open with 1/3 capacity during the Governors reopening of the economy. By placing tables and chairs socially distanced on sidewalks and public way, businesses will be able to serve more and provide assistance to the businesses.

FOR THE RECORD: Mayor Cleves called for Council comments on Order 2020-05-05:

Member Salzman – fabulous idea and he would be eager to help in any way, he has already went out with tape measure to look at areas for this. Possibly extend tables with permission of adjoining property owners.

Member Witte – City will still be compliant with ADA while doing this. Mayor Cleves noted that the COVID-19 restriction of 6 ft is more restrictive than ADA requirement. Mayor Cleves stated that details still need to be worked out but seeing the tables and chairs on the sidewalks will draw people to the businesses. Member Witte noted that during normal times restaurants struggle this is a great idea to support the businesses.

Member Fisher – Thanks for putting this together during this time. The City will need to continue to think differently on ways to help the businesses succeed.

Member Hogan – City will need to be fluid in their thinking and reactions to helping the businesses – consider PNC parking lot as well as Thomas J. Wiethorn Memorial Beach Park.

Member Guidugli – Agree with all the comments – City needs to think out of the box.

Member Kruse – Agree on all the above comments.

MOTION By Kruse seconded by Hogan that Order 2020-05-05 be adopted as read. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Member Salzman stated the Community Garden is seeking Volunteers while remaining socially distanced.

MOTION By Guidugli seconded by Salzman that Council go into Executive Session at 7:50 pm pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (c) Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency, (f) Discussions or hearings with might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee, member, or student without restricting that employee's, member's or student's right to a public hearing if requested and (g) Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business. VOTE: Yes 6 No 0. Motion carried.

FOR THE RECORD: Council returned to Regular Session at 8:50 pm – No action taken.

MOTION By Guidugli seconded by Salzman to adjourn at 8:51 pm. Motion carried.

Mayor Charlie Cleves

ATTEST:

Mary H. Scott, City Clerk