

## MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2015

The regular City Council meeting of February 23, 2015 began at 7:30 p.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer was offered by Pastor Michael Alcorn of the Bellevue Alliance Church. Council persons present: MR. BAKER, MR. FEUERSTEIN, MRS. HENRY, MR. HILL, MR. MILLER, MRS. MISSLER, and MISS NASCONE.

The minutes from the February 9, 2015 regular Council meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Feuerstein made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Baker seconded the motion. All were in favor. The minutes are approved as written.

### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICIALS:

**Mayor Berkey** stated that he was at a Goodwill board meeting Friday and a motion was passed to allow Eric Kochendoerfer, President of the area Goodwill, up to \$610,000.00 to upgrade the former Pamida building. They will be starting on the improvements immediately. They hope to be in by June or July. This will add many jobs and it will be a great benefit to the City.

**Safety-Service Director, Mr. Crosby** stated he is happy to announce how well the City is doing with health insurance. The cost to the City went down five percent when so many others are experiencing rising costs of insurance premiums. The City is eligible to take up to nine months off from payment of premiums. It cannot be taken all at once, but in two month increments. The City employees have done a great job and It is a very positive thing for the City.

**Law Director, Mr. Wallingford** stated that a public hearing was held this evening prior to the regular City Council meeting. It was regarding Ordinance 1-15, revising and amending the planning and zoning code. There was a presentation by a Randy Mielnik of Poggemeyer Design Group and some public comments were made.

### REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

**Mr. Feuerstein** thanked Mr. Mielnik for attending the public hearing tonight and giving a presentation. It has been a large undertaking which was long overdue and it will make many improvements to the City.

**Mr. Hill** congratulated the Bellevue boys wrestling team for their accomplishments in being co-champions this year. He also wished the Bellevue girls basketball team good luck in tonight's basketball championship game in Willard. He thanked the City Street Dept. for doing a good job with snow plowing.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Miss Nascone** reminded everyone that a Budget & Finance Committee meeting will be held directly after Council meeting tonight regarding the final budget.

**Virginia Robinson of the Committee to Grow Bellevue** stated that the committee is getting excited for warmer weather to arrive. Also, this year's "Power of the Purse" ladies' night fundraiser will be held on Thursday, March 26 at the VFW.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

**President Smith** reminded everyone that Thursday, March 5 will be the Mayor's "State of the City" luncheon at The Willows at 12:00 noon. Please RSVP Vicki so they can keep record of how many will be in attendance. Mayor Berkey stated that he invited Steve Leichstein, the owner of the former Pamida building, to the luncheon so the City can recognize him for his contribution to Goodwill. He then turned the time over to Mr. Wallingford for tonight's legislation.

LEGISLATION:

**Ordinance 6-15** was given its first reading: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Ordinance 1-15** was given its third and final reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE REVISING AND AMENDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, INCLUDING REVISIONS TO THE BELLEVUE CITY ZONING MAP.

Motion was made by Mrs. Missler to adopt Ordinance 1-15. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

**Ordinance 2-15** was given its third and final reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REVISING THE DOWNTOWN ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STANDARDS (CHAPTER 1331 CITY CODE).

Motion was made by Mr. Feuerstein to adopt Ordinance 2-15. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hill. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

**Ordinance 3-15** was given its third and final reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REVISING THE EXTERIOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE (CHAPTER 1335 CITY CODE).

Motion was made by Miss Nascone to adopt Ordinance 3-15. The motion was seconded by Mr. Feuerstein. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0.

**Ordinance 4-15** was given its third and final reading by title only: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHANGES TO THE CITY'S FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION REGULATIONS, THEREBY REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 2-11 (CHAPTER 1329 CITY CODE), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion was made by Mr. Baker to adopt Ordinance 4-15 and as an emergency. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Missler. A vote was taken. Motion passed by the vote 7-0 and as an emergency.

CLOSING REMARKS:

**Mayor Berkey** stated that it is five weeks before opening day of the Cincinnati Reds and the day of the luncheon at the City to celebrate.

**President Smith** thanked everyone for attending.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Feuerstein and seconded by Mr. Baker. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ronald Smith  
President of Council

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Rhonda R. Soper  
Clerk of Council