

City of Beaverton

Minutes of City Council Meeting
May 19, 2025

Meeting called to order by Mayor Raymond Nau at 6:00 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Christine Gerace, Tiffany Burgess, Colleen Reader, Nellie List, Jennifer Harper

Absent: Nila Frei

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Harper, second by Burgess to approve agenda as written. All voting aye, motion carried

Public Comments: Rev. Karen Blatt thanked DPW for putting the benches at the splash pad so quickly, Karri Will state that there is a lot of excitement for the upcoming River Race on Memorial Day weekend, she also commented on the tree that will be planted at Ross Lake Park that is sponsored by the Leadership Program, Mayor Ray Nau stated that DPW employee Joe Stanton will be released from the hospital tomorrow

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion by Burgess, second Reader to approve minutes from Regular Meeting April 21, 2025. All voting aye, motion carried.

Motion by Harper, second by Burgess to open public hearing at 6:06pm. All voting aye, motion carried

Public Hearing: Keith Edwards, 109 Riverside Drive, stated that he appreciates the police patrol benefit and the fact that the City tried to obtain a grant for water and sewer service, Tim Duffy, 127 Riverside Drive, had questions on the dredging of Ross Lake that fronts Riverside Drive, City Manager Sirpilla stated that we will continue to seek any kind of grants available, Peggy Pirhonen, 106 Riverside Drive and 322 Porter Street, gave appreciation for all our work and efforts to take care of Riverside Drive, Tim Duffy, 127 Riverside Drive, asked about dredging of Ross Lake, Sirpilla gave information on the dredging, Duffy asked if it would take care of silt, Mayor Nau stated that it would help the water flow to move silt downstream

Motion by Harper, second by Reader to close public hearing at 6:17pm. All voting aye, motion carried

Business Agenda Items:

- A. Motion by Harper, second by Burgess to approve Resolution 2025-15 to dissolve urban coop agreement with Beaverton Township. All voting aye by roll call, resolution adopted
- B. Motion by Burgess, second by List to approve Resolution 2025-16 to dissolve urban coop agreement with Tobacco Township. All voting aye by roll call, resolution adopted
- C. Motion by Harper, second by Burgess to approve purchase of 4 bike racks from Ray's Bike Shop for \$125 each to be placed downtown. All voting aye, motion carried
- D. Motion by Burgess, second by Reader to hold sidewalk sales from 10:00am-3:00pm one Saturday/month from May through September. All voting aye, motion carried

Reports:

- A. County Commission's Report/Karen Moore: Moore thanked Beaverton PD, there is a position open at EDC, the first Leadership Annual Reunion was held and Rev. Karen Blatt was honored for starting the Leadership Program, on May 28th there will be a Community Event at the BAC to provide information about the Ross Lake Ecosystem and Beaverton Infrastructure improvement projects, even will be from 5:30-7:30, Thunder on the Strip was a success again this year with 130 cars participating and approximately 900 spectators, the Council of Local Government meeting is June 9th at 6:30pm for social time and meeting starting at 7:00pm at the Clement Twp Hall, there will be a pancake breakfast at the fire hall on Memorial Day from 8:00am-11:00am
- B. DPW Report/Pat Stanley: Written report provided, Rev. Blatt will check with the Rotary Club about cleaning up the splash pad, the gates also need to be put up
- C. Police Report/Chief Brad Davis: Written report provided, Chief Davis reported that the grass letters are going out, the chickens are gone and the case is closed, the pavilion that will be built at Ross Lake will be done in the fall, the Lions Club will be tearing down pavilion A and use some of the parts, Memorial Day parade will be Monday with lineup at 1:30pm in the DPW parking lot
- D. Mayor's Report/Mayor Ray Nau: Written report provided, flower planting will be July 7th meeting at 8:00am at Huntington Bank parking lot,
- E. City Manager Report/Shannon Sirpilla: Written report provided, Huntington parking lot purchase has been completed, Sirpilla is working with the assessor about the encroachment, intern Chloe Sprague is working with Sirpilla on updating the employee handbook to align with the Department of Labor rules, fiscal year budget workshop will be tonight after the council meeting, she's been working on the surrounding townships on the SRO matter, Rev. Blatt questioned if the townships needed information to understand the situation, Sirpilla stated that she outlined 3-4 pages of information which she gave to the townships
- F. Dir. Of Downtown/Comm. Development/Matt Lang: Written report provided
- G. Library Use Date Report: Printed report submitted
- H. Gladwin County Conservation District/Christine Gerace: Friday night is the start of the Canoe Race from Gladwin to Beaverton, Gerace gave information on the activities for Friday and Saturday, Burgess also presented information on activities

Ways & Means: Motion by Harper, second by Burgess to approve bills for April 2025: \$ 543,094.18

Accounts payable \$ 543,094.18 Tax disbursements \$ 0.00

All voting aye, motion carried

Committee Reports:

- A. Fire Board – Written report submitted
- B. Fair Board – Gerace went to the meeting and was the only one who showed up
- C. Parks and Recreation – they are discussing an outdoor workout area for public use, they are looking at placing bike racks around the downtown, the community garden is still a possibility, they are planning to place some can collection bins around town to collect funds for doing projects around town
- D. Police Committee – No report
- E. Personal Committee – No report

F. Downtown Development Authority – The DDA cancelled their meeting due to no quorum

Communication: Rev. Karen Blatt reminded attendees that there is a Community Event May 28th at 5:30pm to provide information on the Ross lake Ecosystem project and the Beaverton Infrastructure project. Meeting will be held at the BAC

Adjournment: Motion by Burgess, second by Gerace to adjourn meeting at 6:50pm. All voting aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janelle Keen-Burgoyne
City Clerk