

May 22, 2017
Work Session

The Bellevue City Council met on Monday, May 22, 2017 in a Work Session at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Christopher J. Roling presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. The roll was called as follows:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Allen Ernst, Jayson Heiar, Gary Feuerbach, Darla Lawson and Tim Roth. Also present were City Administrator Loras Herrig, Marcia Abbott, Paul Arkenberg, Jenny Back, James Budde, Suzanne Fondell, Becky Giesemann, Sue Griebel, Julie Kirk, Nicholas A. Lange Sr., Dave Lippstock, Shirley and Merwin Monner, Tami and Ron Purvis, Tessa and Craig Putman, Amy Reiter, Martha Roe, Tammy Stoecken, Mathew Schmidt, John Theisen and Rick Zeimet.

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Roling reviewed the Agenda and declared it approved.

DISCUSSION ON HOME OCCUPATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Christopher Roling indicated the meeting's purpose is to review the City of Bellevue's current Home Occupation Ordinance. The Council would also like to gather visitors' input to determine if the ordinance's current definition is accurate or if any changes should be made and lastly, how the ordinance should be enforced.

Various citizens shared their thoughts including the following:

- Recognize the importance that home occupations serve to the City.
- Allow a larger sign to be installed, such as an outside dimension of two to three feet.
- Consider grandfathering in existing home occupations and then have a new ordinance for future home occupations.
- Limiting the total footage that would be available for a home occupation, specifically in a property's rear yard.
- Fencing or enclosing areas of the yard that has material storage on them.

Visitors also provided comments on more enforcement for nuisance violations and the stray cats/dogs ordinance. A discussion was also had over the former laundry mat building that is located along South Riverview Street.

The Council then agreed to discuss home occupations more, including reviewing a new ordinance, at the next Council meeting on June 5, 2017. If a new agreement is reached on how to regulate home occupations, then all home occupations will receive a copy of the draft.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Council, Ernst moved with a second by Heiar to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator

Mayor