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**6:30 PM, Executive Session (Personnel, Security)**  
**7:00 PM, Work Session**  
**Council Business Meeting**

**AGENDA**

**7:30 PM Tuesday, September 3, 2024**  
**In-Person, Large Room,**  
**301 N. Spring St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER – Council President Bernier**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Bernier, <i>President, North Ward</i>	Ms. Purnell, <i>North Ward</i>	
Mr. Brachbill, <i>South Ward</i>	Ms. Sedgwick, <i>West Ward</i>	
Ms. Cleeton, <i>South Ward</i>	Ms. Tosti-Vasey, <i>West Ward</i>	
Ms. Dann, <i>Vice-President, South Ward</i>	Mr. Larson, <i>Jr. Council Member</i>	
Mr. Johnson, <i>Pro Tempore, North Ward</i>	Mayor Johnson, <i>At Large</i>	
Ms. McKean, <i>West Ward</i>		

**IV. ADDITIONS TO THE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

*Under Act 65 of 2021, If a matter is not on the Agenda, Council may not take official action on it with the following exceptions. Council can act on matters relating to potential or real emergencies. Council may add a matter of agency business to its agenda through a majority vote. The council must state why the action item is being added to the Agenda. Council may vote to add an action item(s) to the agenda.*

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Oral)**

As advised by the Borough Solicitor, Resolution 08052024-01 passed at the August 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 Council Meeting is null and void. For Public Comment, Borough Council will follow Resolution 20211220-01

**This Public Comment period is for oral comments regarding action items listed on this meeting agenda. You must be a Bellefonte resident, non-profit representative, business owner, or an official representative of another governmental agency. Speakers shall identify themselves by name and street, municipality, if outside of the Borough of Bellefonte. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes.**

**VI. COMMUNICATIONS (written)**

Letter to North Ward Council Members, Support of the Bellefonte Gaza Ceasefire Draft Resolution. This relates to an action item on the agenda. <b>Council may take action.</b>
Centre County Chamber of Business and Industry (CBICC) October 9 <sup>th</sup> Luncheon, Presentation of CC Economic Development Plan. Council members – let staff know if you would like registered. <b>FYI. No council action requested.</b>
Centre County Library & Historical Museum Letter of Thanks and Offer to Meet with Council. FYI. <b>No council action requested.</b>
Centre County Refuse & Recycling Authority August Newsletter. <b>FYI. No Council action requested.</b>
Centre County Government Accepting Liquid Fuels Grant Applications. Applications due October 18 <sup>th</sup> . <b>FYI, No council action requested at this time.</b>
Email asking the Borough Council to consider the Use of the Conservatorship Act for several properties on North Thomas Street. Council may refer this to the Bellefonte Area Industrial Development Authority. <b>Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to send this to the Bellefonte Area Industrial Development Authority for consideration.</b>

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be acted upon by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Council request specific items to be removed for separate action.

Finance	Budget V. Actual July 2024
Finance	Budget V. Actual Summary July 2024
General	Council Meeting Minutes August 5, 2024
Finance	Treasurer’s Report July 2024
Finance	Voucher summary July 2024

**Call for a Motion/ 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**VII. REPORTS**

<b>Elected Official and Staff Reports</b>		
<i>Please limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.</i>		
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>OFFICIAL/ STAFF</b>	<b>REPORT</b>
Mayor ➤ Proclamation, Patriotism Week	Mayor Johnson	Verbal
Junior Council Member Report	Mr. Larson	Submitted
Police ➤ July 2024 Report	Acting Chief Witmer	Submitted
Parking ➤ July 2024 Report	Ms. McCullough	Submitted
Office of Community Affairs (OCA): <i>See memo for report and updates</i> <b>No action items for Council.</b>	Ms. Thompson	Submitted
Code Enforcement ➤ July 2024 Report	Mr. Barr	Submitted
Borough Manager	Mr. Stewart	Submitted

**Liaison Reports**

*Reports will be submitted in writing for inclusion in the council meeting materials. Reports may include draft meeting minutes, notes, memos, etc. No verbal report is to be given unless there is a question regarding the report. If council action is requested, please clearly indicate it, including the wording, so that it can be stated on the council meeting agenda*

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>LIAISON</b>	<b>REPORT</b>
Bandshell/Performance Center Project Committee	Mr. Holderman	
Bellefonte Area Industrial Development Authority (BAIDA)	Mr. Holderman	
Bellefonte Emergency Medical Services	Mr. Rhoat	Submitted
Bellefonte Intervalley Chamber of Commerce	Ms. Brooks	Submitted
Bellefonte Police Pension Board	Mr. Stewart	
Centre County 2024 Solar & EV Charger Co-Op	Ms. Brooks	
Centre County Boroughs Association	Ms. Dann	
Centre County Government	Mr. Stewart	
CNET Board of Directors	Mr. Holderman	
Downtown Bellefonte Inc. (DBI)	Ms. Thompson	
Governor's Park	Mr. Holderman	
Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority	Mr. Holderman	
Penn State University Sustainability Projects	Mr. Holderman	
Shade Tree Commission	Mr. Holderman	
Union Cemetery Association	Mr. Holderman	
Zoning Hearing Board	Ms. Thompson	
<b>AUTHORITIES / COUNCIL APPOINTED</b>	<b>LIAISON</b>	<b>REPORT</b>
Bellefonte Borough Authority – August Draft meeting minutes	Mr. D. Johnson	Submitted
Centre County Airport Authority – June meeting minutes	Mr. D. Johnson	Submitted
<b>COMMISSIONS / COUNCIL APPOINTED</b>	<b>LIAISON</b>	<b>REPORT</b>
Civil Service Commission	Mr. Brachbill	
Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission	Mr. D. Johnson	
Spring Creek Watershed Commission	Mr. Brachbill	
<b>SPECIAL COMMITTEES / COUNCIL APPOINTED</b>	<b>LIAISON</b>	<b>REPORT</b>
Bellefonte Fire Department Executive Committee	Mr. Brachbill	
Centre County Library Board	Ms. Cleeton	
Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) Public Safety Committee	Mr. Brachbill	
Talleyrand Park Committee	Ms. Dann	
Workplace Safety Committee	Mr. Brachbill	
<b>SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS / APPOINTED</b>	<b>LIAISON</b>	<b>REPORT</b>
Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC)	Ms. Thompson	
Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)	Mr. D. Johnson	

### **IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS**

Bellefonte Elementary School Project, Airport Road. The Borough has received a number of noise complaints. The Borough does not have an ordinance that regulates construction noise to certain hours. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to have staff review construction-related noise ordinances that have been adopted by other boroughs.**

FYI- Spring Street Streetscape Phase II projected start date 9/4 with completion date of 11/7. Big Rock Paving expected to begin work on High and Spring and work towards Dollar General. Contractor will mobilize and work out of a trailer to be set-up in the Municipal Lot next to Cherry Lane.

FYI - Batting Cage at Governor's Park. Nastase Construction is to start in mid-September with completion in 6 weeks. Restroom renovation work will begin at the same time.

FYI - Public Works Union Contract. The Council's negotiation committee has been meeting and will continue to meet with AFSCME regarding negotiating a new Public Works Agreement.

### **X. NEW BUSINESS**

Draft Resolution 09032024-01 for Gaza Ceasefire. Council may act on this Draft Resolution or modify it. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Draft Resolution 09032024-01 with or without modifications.**

Resolution 09032024-02 Authorizing Petition to PA Liquor Control Board for extension of exemption from Amplified Music Regulations. The current exemption is set to expire in October. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Resolution 09032024-02.**

Civil Service Commission Eligibility List for Police Officers. Acting Police Chief Bill Witmer is recommending the selection of Noah Bollman. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to select Noah Bollman from the Eligibility List and to make an offer of employment.**

Installation of the Rivet / Discovery Space free Little LABrary in the landscape strip alone S. Spring across from the Dollar General. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to approve location and installation of the free Little LABrary.**

Armory building large Partner Desks, Filing cabinets and miscellaneous furniture surplus/not in use. Permission to put out for bid these items that are not in use. **Motion/2<sup>nd</sup> to put out for bid Armory building surplus furniture and filing cabinets.**

#### **XI. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA**

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#### **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The council meeting will be adjourned at or as close as possible to 9:00 PM

**The Council Code of Conduct and the 2024 List of Goals/action items will be included with each Agenda.**