



HISTORIC Bellefonte™

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6:30 PM, Work Session
Council Business Meeting

AGENDA
7:30 PM Monday, October 21st, 2024
In-Person, Large Meeting Room,
301 N. Spring St, 1st Floor

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Recordings can be viewed on CNET, Comcast’s Government Education Channel 7, or at www.cnet1.org **ATTEND IN PERSON.** The meeting room is open with normal occupancy limits.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Council President Bernier

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Mr. Bernier, President, <i>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, Vice-President, <i>South Ward</i>	Mr. Larson, Jr. <i>Council Member</i>	
Mr. Johnson, Pro Tempore, <i>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)

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)

Fee Waiver Request, Governors Baseball Club use of Governors Park John Montgomery Ward Field for tournament. Council may take action to modify the motion. Motion/2nd to reduce the field rental fee to an amount specified in the motion.
Gas compressor Upgrade Open House for Project Information. Tuesday, October 22 nd , 2024, 5:30-7:30PM, Lambert Hall. FYI. No council action is requested.
Request to Discuss Centre County Long Range Transportation Plan, Work Session on November 18 th . This topic will be scheduled for a 20 minute time allotment. FYI. No council action is requested.

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 September 2024
Finance	Budget V. Actual Summary September 2024
General	DRAFT Council Meeting Minutes October 7 th , 2024
General	Solicitor Stover Invoice
General	Labor Counsel Invoice
Finance	Treasurer’s Report September 2024 will be in the next packet
Finance	Voucher summary September 2024 will be in the next packet

Call for a Motion/ 2nd to approve the Consent Agenda.

VII. REPORTS

Elected Official and Staff Reports		
<i>Please limit all reports/rebuttals/deliberations to three minutes maximum.</i>		
DEPARTMENT	OFFICIAL/ STAFF	REPORT
Mayor	Mayor Johnson	Verbal
Police ➤ September 2024 Report	Chief Witmer	Submitted
Parking ➤ September 2024 Report	Ms. McCullough	Submitted
Office of Community Affairs (OCA): <i>See memo for report and updates</i> No action items for Council. ➤ Planning Commission meeting is Monday, November 11 at 5:00 p.m. ➤ HARB meeting is Tuesday, November 12 at 8:30 a.m. ➤ See memo for email regarding business permitting program.	Ms. Thompson	Submitted
Code Enforcement ➤ September 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

ADMINISTRATIVE	LIAISON	REPORT
Bandshell/Performance Center Project Committee		
Bellefonte Area Industrial Development Authority (BAIDA)		
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		
Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority		
Penn State University Sustainability Projects		
Shade Tree Commission		
Union Cemetery Association		
Zoning Hearing Board	Ms. Thompson	
AUTHORITIES / COUNCIL APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Bellefonte Borough Authority – October Draft meeting minutes	Mr. D. Johnson	Submitted
Centre County Airport Authority – Sept. 12 th meeting minutes	Mr. D. Johnson	Submitted
COMMISSIONS / COUNCIL APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Civil Service Commission	Mr. Brachbill	
Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission	Mr. D. Johnson	
Spring Creek Watershed Commission	Mr. Brachbill	
SPECIAL COMMITTEES / COUNCIL APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Bellefonte Fire Department Executive Committee	Mr. Brachbill	
Centre County Library Board	Ms. Cleeton	Submitted
Centre Region Council of Governments (COG) Public Safety Committee	Mr. Brachbill	
Talleyrand Park Committee	Ms. Dann	
Workplace Safety Committee	Mr. Brachbill	Submitted
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS / APPOINTED	LIAISON	REPORT
Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC)	Ms. Thompson	
Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization (CCMPO)	Mr. D. Johnson	

IX. CURRENT and OLD BUSINESS

An Executive Session for Personnel and Legal Matters was held at the conclusion of the October 7 th , 2024 Council Meeting. FYI. No council action is requested.
Update on the Waterfront Development Project. Development may start in 2025. FYI. No council action is requested.
Lease Agreement with Bellefonte Area School District re: Governors Park Ballfield. At the council agenda planning meeting, it was recommended that a copy of the lease be provided to council. FYI. No council action is requested.
Bandshell Group/Stage at Talleyrand Request for Big Spring wells information from Borough Authority. The information was forwarded and included here for your review. FYI. No council action is requested.
Large Wooden Desks at 301 North Spring Street. The desks have been posted on Municibid.com. This information is on the borough website as well. The closing for bids is November 18 th . FYI. No council action is requested.
Water Service Line Inventory Submitted. The Authority is under a mandate from PA DEP/US EPA to complete a water service line Inventory by October 16, 2024. The Authority has complied with this mandate. Letters must be sent to water system customers within 30 days that have “unknown” or unverified water service line materials. FYI. No council action is requested.
Centre Count Liquid Fuels Grant Application. Council approved an application to fund streetlighting materials. Staff conversed with the Penn Dot Municipal Services representative regarding the project. Since our streetlighting is separately taxed, it was recommended that we choose a different project. Staff submitted an application for \$25,000 for stamped crosswalks on Spring from High to Bishop. FYI. No council action is requested.

Centre County Economic Development Plan. This plan was unveiled on October 9th. The entire plan can be reviewed at centrecountyforward.com. FYI. No council action is requested.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Bellefonte Fire Department Use of Space, Ground Floor of 301 North Spring Street. On Monday, October 14th, Fire Department reps looked at the space and indicated there interest in establishing an office and small meeting room. Borough staff will clean out the space and get it ready as time/labor permits. **FYI. No council action is requested.**

a. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA

This Public Comment period is for oral comments regarding items not listed on this meeting agenda. Speakers shall identify themselves by name and street, municipality, if outside of the Borough of Bellefonte. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes maximum.

b. 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.

Executive Session – Personnel Matters