

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

April 1, 2013
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Lee, Deputy Mayor Robertson, and Councilmembers Balducci, Chelminiak, Davidson¹, Stokes and Wallace²

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:14 p.m., with Mayor Lee presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call, all Councilmembers except Councilmember Wallace were present. Deputy Mayor Robertson led the flag salute.

(a) Proclamation celebrating Bellevue's 60th Birthday

Mayor Lee read a proclamation recognizing the 60th birthday for Bellevue, which covered four square miles with a population of 5,940 in 1953. The City now covers 31 square miles with a population exceeding 130,000.

(b) Proclamation recognizing World Parkinson's Awareness Month

Mayor Lee read a proclamation recognizing World Parkinson's Awareness Month.

Wayne Bergman accepted the proclamation. He described his exposure to insecticides containing DDT as a child and reported that 28 percent of Parkinson's patients have been exposed to insecticides. Only six percent of the occurrence of the disease is due to genetics. There are nearly 50 medications available for Parkinson's and all have severe side effects. There have been 137 drug trials submitted to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, all of which treat symptoms but are not targeted toward finding a cure. Mr. Bergman said approximately 400 Bellevue citizens have Parkinson's disease.

¹ Councilmember Davidson participated via speakerphone.

² Councilmember Wallace joined the Regular Session at 9:40 p.m.

Councilmember Chelminiak commented that it is appropriate to be doing this now. He noted the recent memorial service for former Governor Booth Gardner, who helped found the Booth Gardner Parkinson's Care Center at Evergreen Hospital. Mr. Chelminiak thanked Mr. Bergman for sharing his personal story and helping to raise awareness.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Ralph Guditz, a resident near West Lake Sammamish Parkway, recalled that he spoke the previous week regarding his concerns about the closing of that roadway. He has a construction project with a permit set to irrevocably expire in 94 days left. He said he cannot get contractors to bid on the project due to the restricted roadway access related to no southbound travel. Mr. Guditz said he had buyers from Microsoft who were ready to buy five of the units. However, they pulled out of the pending agreement earlier that day due to concerns about escalating project costs related to restricted access to the site and to the possibility that the permits will expire before the project can be completed. Mr. Guditz proposed letting him resume the permit period upon completion of the City's project. He said he spoke with City staff, who suggested that construction workers park at a Metro Park and Ride and that Mr. Guditz shuttle them to the site. Mr. Guditz said Metro told him that is not an allowed use of their Park and Ride

Mayor Lee recalled that the Council asked the City Manager to look into the matter, and that the Council received an email from Development Services staff earlier in the day. Mr. Sarkozy said the email received earlier in the day outlined the history of the project and permits. Staff is researching other projects that might experience delays due to the closure of southbound traffic on West Lake Sammamish Parkway. Mr. Sarkozy said it is the Council's prerogative if it would like to address the situation and consider alternatives.

- (b) Sam Bellomio expressed concern that the microphones was cut off during Mr. Zimmerman's comments in a previous meeting. Mr. Bellomio said 400,000 citizens in King County are living below the poverty line. He said the Council should be able to assist the previous speaker whose project is being impeded by a City project. He expressed concern that the Council is attempting to limit his comments. Mr. Bellomio encouraged a Town Hall meeting about red light cameras, which he said have not changed accident rates. Mr. Zimmerman began to laugh, and the Mayor asked them to adhere to the appropriate decorum for addressing the Council.

Mayor Lee noted that the Council has given Mr. Bellomio and Mr. Zimmerman a great deal of latitude, including allowing them to stand at the podium together. Mayor Lee said that speakers must not be disruptive. He said they may talk about whatever they want but the Council does not respond during oral communications.

Mr. Bellomio reiterated that he believes his right to free speech is being impeded. He said that other groups stand at the podium together to speak to the Council.

- (c) Alex Zimmerman, StandUP-America, said the Council should be representing its citizens. He said the use of red light cameras is racketeering. He said the Council must follow the Constitution and represent the people. He asked the Mayor and Council who they represent. He said the Council is corrupt and primitive.
- (d) Lance Latimer, a resident of Renton, introduced Jerrell Gillette, the Bellevue Boys and Girls Club 2012 Youth of the Year. Jerrell said he lives near Robinswood Park and attends Interlake High School. He shared his difficulties earlier in high school which he was able to turn around with the help of the Boys and Girls Club. He is now active with the club and in school, has a 3.3 GPA, and plans to join the U.S. Marines upon his graduation.
- (e) Wendy Jones and Brooks Beaupain, Enatai residents, and Scott Lampe and Arjun Sirohi, Surrey Downs residents, spoke on behalf of the Enatai Neighborhood Association and the Surrey Downs East Link Committee. Ms. Jones asked the Council to retain both trenches in the light rail B segment along Bellevue Way SE and 112th Avenue SE. She said the cost savings options have serious, significant additional impacts to more homes in both neighborhoods. She said the added mitigation costs would likely cut into or eclipse the cost savings of the options. Sound Transit is currently spending millions of dollars on home retrofits, new sound walls, and ongoing attempts to mitigate noise impacts in Seattle. Mr. Lampe said the Enatai neighborhood continues to support the trench along 112th Avenue SE. He expressed concern about visual, noise, and vibration impacts and preserving full access via SE 4th Street. Mr. Beaupain expressed concern about the increased impacts with the cost savings option for Bellevue Way that places the train at grade in front of the Winters House, shifts the roadway to the west, and installs significant retaining walls. Mr. Sirohi asked the Council to carefully weigh the true costs of the alignment design options.
- (f) Laurie Lyford spoke about the February 26 Neighborhood Leadership Gathering held by the Neighborhood Outreach Team to identify and bring together neighborhood leaders. A concern was raised at this meeting that leaders spend an unbalanced amount of time on advocacy, which leaves less time for working on other neighborhood enhancements. She and three other neighborhood leaders had a follow-up meeting with Mayor Lee and Mike McCormick Huentelman, Neighborhood Outreach Manager. The citizens requested that Bellevue Essentials, the new educational program for leaders, be open to anyone wishing to participate at no charge. She suggested that the sessions be recorded to allow all citizens to access the information. Ms. Lyford submitted her comments in writing.
- (g) Joe Rosmann commented on the East Link light rail project. He recalled that, six weeks earlier, he provided detailed documentation regarding Sound Transit's noise mitigation program in south Seattle. More than 400 homes have been mitigated for noise in the Rainier Valley and more will be mitigated. He said that four homes located 375 feet from the train are experiencing significant impacts. Their doors and windows are being replaced, and they are receiving new insulation and ventilation systems. He said there are

three intermediary structures, 20-40 feet tall, between the homes and the train, which he believes should be mitigating the noise. He reminded the Council that Sound Transit is following federal noise standards and not Bellevue's noise control code.

4. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions: None.
5. Report of the City Manager
 - (a) Management Brief regarding United Way of King County Campaign Coordinators of the Year Award

City Manager Steve Sarkozy introduced discussion regarding the Campaign Coordinators of the Year award presented to two City staff at the United Way's Spirit of Caring Celebration on March 19.

Mike Brennan, Development Services Director, introduced the recipients of the award: Kathie Gillis, Development Services Department, and Julie Ellenhorn, Planning and Community Development Department.

Chris Salomone, Director of Planning and Community Development, congratulated the employees and said the award reflects the spirit of the entire organization. He noted that the event featuring United Way campaign co-chair and former Mariners player Dan Wilson was well attended and a highlight of the campaign.

Ms. Ellenhorn said the City's additional fundraising activities included root beer float and bake sales, Soupfest II, food bank collections, cash contributions, and payroll deductions. While Planning and Development Services coordinated the campaign this year, additional departments held their own fundraising events.

Ms. Gillis commended City employees for coming together in support of the Giving Campaign. She thanked the Council for the opportunity of employees to participate.

Mayor Lee congratulated the award recipients.

- (b) Consent Calendar Highlights

Moving on, City Manager Sarkozy highlighted three items on the Consent Calendar: 8(i), 8(j), and 8(l). He said the City is moving forward with the 120th Avenue NE Stage 1 and Stage 3 projects, as well as Phase 4 of the SCATS adaptive traffic signal control system implementation.

Ron Kessack, Assistant Director of Transportation, said the 120th Avenue NE project is the first construction contract award for the Mobility and Infrastructure Initiative plan. Stage 1 covers the segment between NE 4th and NE 7th Streets. The project provides five lanes including a two-way left-turn lane. The project is scheduled to begin construction in May and is timed to coincide with the installation of franchise utility work already underway. The Stage 3 project contract

approves final design for the segment between NE 12th Street and Northup Way. The City is coordinating closely with Sound Transit on work between NE 12th and NE 16th Streets.

Mark Poch, Traffic Engineering Manager, provided an update on SCATS implementation, which will upgrade the entire traffic signal control system with the installation of an adaptive system. Bellevue is the first city in the state to use this system. The system allows staff to monitor traffic and put signal timing on the street in real time. Timing plans are updated continuously instead of once or twice a day. SCATS also provides the option of the flashing yellow arrow, which further reduces traffic delays.

The City began working on this project in 2008 with the installation of fiber optic infrastructure. The project upgrades all 186 signals citywide and is being implemented in six phases. Three phases have been completed, and Phase 4 in 2013 upgrades 45 intersections in the Overlake, Crossroads and Bel-Red areas. He noted that 60 percent of the expenditures are grant funded, and he thanked Jen Benn for her efforts to secure grant funding. Phases 5 and 6 are planned for 2014 and 2015 but could be accomplished entirely in 2014.

Responding to Councilmember Balducci, Mr. Poch encouraged citizens to contact him with concerns and suggestions on fine tuning the system.

Deputy Mayor Robertson said she heard from a citizen who requested information from Mr. Poch and was very impressed and pleased with staff's response and follow up.

Councilmember Chelminiak expressed support for the project as well.

Councilmember Stokes said he finds the flashing yellow lights to be especially effective in keeping traffic moving.

Mayor Lee commended staff on the program and the significant travel time improvements.

Responding to Mr. Lee, Mr. Sarkozy said staff can provide information on the cost effectiveness of the program.

- (c) Management Brief regarding Neighborhood Leadership Gathering of February 26, 2013

Mike McCormick Huentelman, Neighborhood Outreach Manager, reported that 84 neighborhood leaders attended the February 26 event. They were asked to respond to two fundamental questions: 1) Where are you spending most of your time?, and 2) What are your top priorities for the coming year? They indicated that a majority of their time is spent in two areas: neighborhood improvement projects and advocacy. Primary activities also include building effective neighborhood communication, community development work, and preserving neighborhood identity and character.

Mr. McCormick Huentelman said the attendees discussed concerns about improving communication between each other and with the City. Many neighborhood associations are beginning to create web sites and they are requesting support from the City in developing these sites and learning from each other. Participants were unanimous in their concern about residential property crimes.

Mr. McCormick Huentelman said staff followed up with the Police Department and learned that there has been an increase in both residential and commercial property crimes. Neighborhood Outreach staff is working with Lt. Lisa Patricelli in the Police Department to educate the public about crime prevention.

Mr. McCormick Huentelman said citizens are looking for help in revitalizing neighborhood associations and enhancing their ability to connect with neighbors who might have cultural or language barriers.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Robertson, Mr. McCormick Huentelman said one issue that was raised during the recent meeting is that the City has a good core group of neighborhood leaders. However, the City could be doing more to assist new and emerging leaders. He said staff has identified approximately 30 emerging leaders and is developing a Bellevue Essentials class to engage them in public life and public work.

Ms. Robertson suggested allowing citizens to self-select for the class rather than requiring that they be identified by current leaders. She concurred with Ms. Lyford's comments earlier in the meeting during oral communications, including the suggestion to provide videos of the classes on the City's web site. Ms. Robertson said she would like a written follow-up on this issue.

Councilmember Balducci said she, Mayor Lee, and Councilmember Stokes attended the February Neighborhood Leaders event. She commented on the issue of who gets to take the training. Ms. Balducci said a City of Snoqualmie representative made a presentation on their Citizens Academy at a recent Sound Cities Association networking dinner. So far Snoqualmie has been able to fill classes without turning anyone away. Ms. Balducci agrees with the philosophy of making the class open to all but cautioned that there needs to be a way to prioritize or choose participants so that the classes are not too large in Bellevue.

Councilmember Stokes said he was at the SCA meeting as well. He thanked City staff for organizing the February event and observed that it provided a good forum for bringing the community together and addressing common issues.

Mayor Lee said the community has many neighborhood associations. However, some are more active than others. He recalled that, in the past, City staff was able to assist the associations with organizing and communicating with citizens. However, he noted the importance of being realistic about how much assistance employees can offer within their workloads. He believes that these large citywide meetings will continue to be beneficial.

Moving on, City Manager Sarkozy noted the news that day that the 4th of July Lake Union fireworks in Seattle have been cancelled. He assured the Council and citizens that Bellevue's 4th of July celebration is budgeted and will go forward.

Councilmember Balducci said she hopes the City will prepare for the additional attendees likely to come to Bellevue due to the cancellation of Seattle's fireworks show. She noted concerns about traffic management and crowd control.

Mayor Lee concurred with concerns about traffic congestion related to the 4th of July event.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

There was no discussion.

7. Approval of the Agenda

→ Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to approve the agenda, with the removal of Item 11(b), Land Use Code amendment related to Retail Auto Sales, and deferring action on that item to April 15. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Ms. Robertson said she would like the Council to have more time to ask questions of staff and to request additional information on the Land Use Code amendment, if needed. She suggested a two-week deferment.

Responding to Ms. Robertson, Chris Salomone said the seller has indicated that he would have difficulty extending escrow and that the matter is time sensitive.

Councilmember Balducci suggested the consideration of holding a public hearing on the proposal.

Councilmember Stokes expressed support for the motion and for addressing the matter within two weeks at the latest.

Mayor Lee said he senses general support for the motion. He agreed with Ms. Balducci about having a public hearing or other public process.

Deputy Mayor Robertson noted that the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the issue. She said that can be discussed on April 15, however.

→ The motion to approve the agenda, as amended, carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. Consent Calendar

→ Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Balducci seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved.

- (a) Minutes of January 3, 2013 Legislative Breakfast (Modified)
Minutes of February 19, 2013 Study Session
Minutes of February 19, 2013 Regular Session (Modified)
Minutes of February 25, 2013 Extended Study Session (Modified)
Minutes of March 4, 2013 Study Session
Minutes of March 4, 2013 Regular Session
Minutes of March 11, 2013 Extended Study Session
- (b) Resolution No. 8553 amending the adopted City of Bellevue Federal Legislative Agenda for the 2013 legislative session.
- (c) Resolution No. 8554 authorizing the Finance Director to write off 51 uncollectible accounts totaling \$88,760.29.
- (d) Resolution No. 8555 authorizing execution of a two-year General Services Contract with Behavioral Interventions (BI) Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$93,000, with the option to renew for an additional two years, for the Bellevue Electronic Home Detention Program.
- (e) Resolution No. 8556 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Hayre McElroy & Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$149,054, to complete materials testing and inspection services required to construct the Visitor Center and site improvements at the Bellevue Botanical Garden.
- (f) Resolution No. 8557 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Makers Architecture and Urban Design, LLP, in an amount not to exceed \$220,000, to provide planning, architectural analysis, and urban design services related to the Downtown Livability Initiative/Land Use Code Update.
- (g) Ordinance No. 6104 amending Ordinance No. 6026 by extending the existing boundaries of Residential Permit Parking Zone 2 to include 165th Place NE, between NE 21st Place and NE 19th Place.
- (h) On-Call Construction Inspection Services

Resolution No. 8558 authorizing execution of a construction inspection services contract with Jacobs Project Management Co., in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, to provide on-call construction inspection and support for the West Lake Sammamish Parkway Improvements Phase I, I-90 Roundabout to SE 34th Street project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-141), and other 2013 construction projects as needed to insure proper construction inspection and management; and

Resolution No. 8559 authorizing execution of a construction inspection services contract with Kristen Betty & Associates Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, to provide on-call construction inspection and support for the NE 4th Street Extension – Stage I, 116th Avenue NE to Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad ROW project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-160), and other 2013 construction projects as needed to insure proper construction inspection and management.

- (i) Motion to award Bid No. 13001, 120th Avenue NE - Stage 1, to Johansen Excavating, Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in an amount of \$3,863,429.45 (CIP Plan No. PW-R-161).
- (j) Resolution No. 8560 authorizing execution of Amendment #2 to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Parsons Brinkerhoff, Inc., increasing the contract amount by \$2,455,157.57 for a contract total of \$5,410,632.75, to develop the final design for 120th Avenue NE, Stage 3, from NE 12th Street to Northup Way (CIP Plan No. PW-R-168), including the preparation of construction contract documents for the full implementation of 120th Avenue NE between NE 12th Street and NE 16th Street.
- (k) Motion to award Bid No. 13032, NE 8th Street Sidewalk, in the area between 116th Avenue NE and 120th Avenue NE, as part of the Pedestrian Access Improvement Program, to NPM Construction Co., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$108,993.50 (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-56).
- (l) Resolution No. 8561 authorizing execution of Amendment #7 to the purchase agreement with Transcore ITS, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$473,000, to install Phase 4 of the SCATS traffic adaptive signal control system in Crossroads, Bel-Red, and West Bellevue and key corridors NE 20th Street, 156th Avenue NE, Bel-Red Road, 140th Avenue NE/SE, and Bellevue Way SE.
- (m) Ordinance No. 6105 authorizing execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Seattle-King County Department of Public Health to accept \$59,377.29 in grant reimbursement funds, to implement hazardous waste prevention and education programs in accordance with the Local Hazardous Waste Management Plan; amending the 2013-2014 budget for the Solid Waste Fund; appropriate unanticipated and future revenues to that fund; and authorizing expenditures of said grant funds.
- (n) Resolution No. 8562 authorizing and directing execution of a Service Agreement with King County Flood Control District, King County, and the City for reimbursement of costs associated with the Lower Coal Creek Flood Hazard Reduction Alternatives Analysis, in an amount not to exceed \$365,000 (CIP Plan No. D-106).

- (o) Resolution No. 8563 authorizing execution of a two-year General Services Agreement, with Davidson-Macri Sweeping, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$100,000, with the option to renew for an additional two years with a total contract value not to exceed \$200,000, to perform citywide pipeline root removal and cleaning.
- (p) Motion to award Bid No. 13016 for Coal Creek Culvert Replacement, to Scarsella Brothers, Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$3,376,569.65 (CIP Plan No. D-103 and Parks Levy P-AD-89).
- (q) Resolution No. 8564 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Agreement with CH2MHill, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000, for construction management and inspection services for the Coal Creek Culvert Replacement Project (CIP Plan No. D-103 and Parks Levy - Trail and Natural Areas P-AD-89).
- (r) Resolution No. 8565 authorizing execution of a Purchase Agreement with Russelectric Incorporated, in an amount not to exceed \$331,652, for the purchase and installation of the Emergency Power Switchgear at City Hall.

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

[Councilmember Wallace joined the Regular Session.]

- (a) Providing for Issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds
 - (1) Ordinance No. 6106 imposing a local option sales and use tax to be credited against the state sales and use tax for local revitalization financing (LRF) pursuant to RCW 82.14.510.

Mr. Sarkozy said the next two items are related to debt financing for capital projects. Staff recommends extending long-term debt for approximately \$85 million to provide funds for certain capital improvement projects. Bellevue is one of 89 cities in the country that maintains Aaa bond ratings from both Moody's and Standard and Poor's.

Ordinance No. 6106 utilizes local revitalization funding (LRF) under state law which provides a credit for the state sales and use tax to the City in the amount of \$500,000 annually to be used for capital improvement projects. Ordinance No. 6107 relates to the long-term bonding.

Finance Director Jan Hawn said that Ordinance No. 6106 establishes the tax rate for the local revitalization funding credit. It is not an increase in the overall sales tax rate. The second ordinance provides approximately \$85 million to fund major capital projects in the early years of the 2013-2019 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan. It includes the delegation of authority to allow staff to purchase the bonds under the most favorable timing and terms.

→ Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6106, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 6106 carried by a vote of 7-0.

- (2) Ordinance No. 6107 providing for the issuance of limited tax general obligation bonds of the City in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$85,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance, reimburse or refinance a portion of the cost of the City's capital improvement program; authorizing a preliminary and final official statement; providing for the disposition of the proceeds of sale of such bonds; providing for continuing disclosure; and delegating the authority to approve the method of sale for and final terms of the bonds.

→ Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6107, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chelminiak said he has opposed this type of financing in the past and he will vote no on the motion. He expressed concern about the potential for obligating another \$11 million to \$18 million in the future for the proposed southbound HOV lane on Bellevue Way that he does not support. He said that funding all of this by debt is the wrong way to go.

Councilmember Davidson acknowledged that he generally opposes long-term debt. However, he understands that the bonds could be repaid after 10 years without a penalty and will support the ordinance and debt issuance.

Councilmember Stokes expressed support for the motion. He noted that the Council has discussed this issue a number of times. He believes this is a good time to utilize debt to complete projects.

Councilmember Balducci recalled that she voted against the Budget in December because she felt it did not adequately address a long-term financial strategy. She observed that this approach is similar in terms of backing into a long-range financing plan without doing the hard work of developing a long-term strategy. She acknowledged that the ordinances are consistent with the Budget approved in December but said that, to be consistent, she will again vote no.

Deputy Mayor Robertson observed that interest rates are low and this is a good time to borrow. She recalled that the Council voted 7-0 to support investments related to the Sound Transit East

Link light rail Downtown Tunnel, which obligates the City to fund certain projects. She said the City has historically used short-term debt to manage the CIP Plan. However, short-term debt is not available in this economy and long-term debt has a low interest rate. She will support the motion.

Mayor Lee said he too, like Dr. Davidson, generally prefers to avoid taking on debt to fund projects. However, current interest rates provide a good opportunity to complete needed investments to benefit the community. He said that long-term capital financing will be addressed later in the year. He will support the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 5-2, with Councilmembers Balducci and Chelminiak opposed.

- (b) Ordinance 6108 amending the Land Use Code relating to Retail Auto Sales in the Office/Limited Business (OLB) District in Eastgate; specifically amending Section 20.10.440 Wholesale and Retail, footnote (6) of the Land Use Code; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

[Item postponed to April 15, 2013.]

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications: None.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session

→ At 9:52 p.m., Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to extend the meeting to 10:45p.m. Councilmember Chelminiak seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Lee declared recess to Executive Session for 30-45 minutes to discuss one personnel matter.

The Regular Session reconvened at approximately 10:42 p.m. All Councilmembers were present, including Councilmember Davidson via speakerphone.

→ Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to amend the agenda to add two items: 1) Resolution regarding the City Manager's separation agreement authorization; and 2) Resolution appointing Brad Miyake as Acting City Manager. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion.

→ The motion to amend the agenda carried by a vote of 7-0.

- Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to adopt a Resolution [subsequently numbered 8566] approving an agreement for separation from service for City Manager Steve Sarkozy and authorizing the Mayor to sign said agreement on behalf of the City of Bellevue. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Robertson said that, over the past couple of weeks, the Council has undertaken the City Manager's performance evaluation. During the course of that evaluation and discussions with the City Manager, the Council and the City Manager have jointly determined that it is now time for a new City Manager.

Ms. Robertson said the Council is very proud of the accomplishments that Mr. Sarkozy has performed for the City with the City Council, and the Council looks forward to the new opportunities ahead.

Ms. Robertson said the Council and the City Manager have reached an agreement on the specific separation, which is aimed at confirming his assistance in a smooth transition, meeting the obligations of the City Manager's contract for severance, and ensuring that all potential legal issues have been covered. This transition will begin immediately this week and, at the end of his time with the City, which is designated as May 15, Deputy City Manager Brad Miyake will become the Acting City Manager.

Ms. Robertson said that Mr. Sarkozy has served 12 years as the City Manager, which is one of the longest tenures of current city managers in the state. During those 12 years, he has dealt with very difficult issues. The Council is looking forward to his future success in his next endeavor, as well as bringing a fresh perspective to the City of Bellevue. In any high-performing organization, there is a time to bring in a fresh perspective; and the Council and Mr. Sarkozy believe that time is now.

Mayor Lee said the Council believes that the City is in great shape. It is well managed, fiscally sound, supports a vibrant economy, and is well positioned for new opportunities. The Council agrees that Steve Sarkozy has served the City very well for more than 12 years. Mr. Lee noted that the City will conduct a national search for a new City Manager.

Mayor Lee called for a vote.

- The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
- Councilmember Stokes moved to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m. Deputy Mayor Robertson seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
- Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to approve a Resolution [subsequently numbered 8567] to designate Brad Miyake to perform the duties of the City Manager pursuant to RCW

35A.13.150(2), (i.e., designated Acting City Manager), and making this effective May 16, 2013. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Robertson said she has every confidence that Mr. Sarkozy and Mr. Miyake will continue to provide good service to the City to ensure a smooth transition.

Mayor Lee said the Council intends to move swiftly to make the transition as smoothly as possible.

16. Adjournment

At 11:00 p.m., Mayor Lee declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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