

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

May 20, 2013  
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber  
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Davidson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m., with Mayor Lee presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call, all Councilmembers except Dr. Davidson were present. Councilmember Wallace led the flag salute.

- (a) Commendation for years of service to the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra Executive Director

Mayor Lee read a commendation honoring the contributions of Ruth Brewster as the longtime Executive Director for the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Ms. Brewster thanked the Council for its support of the orchestra.

- (b) National Public Works Week Proclamation

Mayor Lee read a proclamation recognizing May 19-25 as National Public Works Week in Bellevue.

Transportation Director Dave Berg thanked the Council for the proclamation and commended the work of public works employees.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Joe Pham, President of the Monthaven Homeowners Association, presented proposals to: 1) Reduce the current garbage can size and cost, 2) Provide residents with a means of collecting rain water, and 3) Complete the sidewalks on Newport Way. He submitted additional details in writing.
- (b) Joe Smith said he works with a nonprofit organization called At Work, which provides employment services for individuals with disabilities. He works specifically with students transitioning from high school. He thanked the Council for its essential support of this program and the positive outcomes it makes possible.
- (c) Lincoln Vander Veen, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, commented on the importance of transportation mobility for Bellevue businesses. He expressed support for the City's holistic focus on allowing market forces to guide public transit planning. The Chamber is on record for supporting buses as the preferred transit method for commuters. Mr. Vander Veen said it is important to work with neighboring communities as well. He said the Chamber has been involved in the Transit Master Plan process. He thanked City staff, including Dave Berg and Franz Loewenherz, for their outreach efforts to the business community.
- (d) Steve Pelluer said he is a commercial real estate broker specializing in assisting nonprofit groups. He is currently working with a nonprofit organization wishing to purchase the former batting cage property in the Newport Hills Neighborhood Business (NB) zone. He said this district limits uses, except for grocery stores or drugstores, to 5,000 square feet per use. He said this lowers property values and discourages businesses. He noted that many uses require conditional use permits. He encouraged the Council to review the regulations and to consider alternatives, for example, increasing the allowed size to 10,000 square feet. He submitted a copy of the land use classification chart.

Councilmember Balducci asked staff to provide an update on the Newport Hills business district. She recalled that the Council previously directed staff to review potential zoning changes for the area.

- (e) Deanna Hamamoto, a counselor and teacher advocate program facilitator for Asian Counseling and Referral Services, thanked the Council for its funding support. Two youths described how the Teen Peer Advocate Program has helped them. The mission of the program is to prevent teen dating violence and sexual assault.
- (f) Margaret Hinson, Director of Refugee Services for Jewish Family Service Seattle, described her organization's work with individuals seeking political, religious and economic freedoms denied in their native country. She thanked the City for its financial support of programs in Bellevue. Ms. Hinson said she was speaking for the Alliance of Eastside Agencies, a network of health and human services providers.

- (g) Laurie Lyford commended Councilmembers who last week suggested that staff conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the organizations to which Bellevue belongs. She expressed concerns about the previous week's discussion regarding a proposal to join the U.S. Conference of Mayors. She questioned the benefits for Bellevue and observed that the item was not on the Council's agenda yet membership was approved without due diligence. She noted more immediate priorities including traffic and street sanitation. Ms. Lyford submitted her comments in writing.

4. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions

(a) Library Board Report

Loretta Lopez, Library Board Chair, provided an update on the Bellevue Regional Library parking garage, which is nearly completed. The opening celebration is scheduled for June 22 and notices will be sent to approximately 25,000 addresses. The garage adds 163 new parking spaces for a total of 362 spaces. She thanked the Council and the public for their patience and support.

Deputy Mayor Robertson thanked Ms. Lopez and Library Board members for their service.

(b) Arts Commission

Brad Smith, Arts Commission, congratulated Ruth Brewster on her commendation earlier in the evening. He highlighted Agenda Item 8(f) regarding funding for the Eastside Arts Partnerships and Special Projects programs and Item 8(g) regarding three art projects in Newport Hills. The Special Projects program receives the most varied pool of applicants and increasingly reflects the diversity of the community.

Councilmember Balducci thanked all Board and Commission members for their volunteer service to the community. She announced that Mr. Smith is ending his service on the Arts Commission, and Genevieve Tremblay will take over as Chair. Ms. Balducci noted that the new director of the Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra is Trudi Jackson, an Arts Commissioner.

Mayor Lee thanked the Boards and Commissions for their invaluable work and advice to the Council.

5. Report of the City Manager

(a) 2013 Annual Performance Measures Survey Topline Results

Acting City Manager Brad Miyake referred the Council to page 5-1 of the meeting packet for a management brief on the 2013 Annual Performance Measures Survey results. This is Bellevue's 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive, statistically valid survey, which is used for multiple purposes including the Budget One process.

Rich Siegel, Performance and Outreach Coordinator, presented the 2013 topline survey findings. Citizens continue to rate Bellevue highly, with 96 percent indicating that it is a good to excellent place to live. Overall quality of life scored similarly, and 83 percent of survey respondents indicated that the City is heading in the right direction and that they are getting their money's worth for their tax dollar.

Bellevue surpasses both the national and Pacific West benchmark cities in terms of the quality of services provided, satisfaction with overall quality of life, and whether the City is headed in the right direction. Nearly three in ten (27 percent) residents indicated that overall quality of life in Bellevue is extremely close to their ideal, while an additional 60 percent report that it is close to their ideal. Bellevue's best attributes include low crime/safe community, parks and green space, and schools.

Mr. Siegel said the City is purchasing a performance management system that will consolidate a number of existing tools and processes into one system. The system will be accessible by staff, the Council, and the public. Staff will provide a briefing to the Council in the near future.

(b) Management Brief regarding American Public Works Association (APWA)  
National Awards

Mr. Miyake introduced staff to announce three awards from the American Public Works Association (APWA), which is the professional organization that conducts the accreditation of the Transportation, Utilities, and Civic Services Departments.

Transportation Director Dave Berg introduced Katherine Claeys, Washington State Chapter Delegate to APWA, and Mike Clark, Washington State Chapter Secretary.

Ms. Claeys said that APWA awards on the national level are very competitive and prestigious. APWA has nearly 30,000 members covering 10 regions, including Canada. The Washington State Chapter is the second largest chapter behind Texas. Washington State members received four awards, three of which will be awarded to the City of Bellevue during the International Public Works Congress and Exposition in Chicago in August.

Ms. Claeys announced that Bellevue's Neighborhood Traffic Safety (NTS) program received the award for *Exceptional Performance for Journalism*. This team includes Karen Gonzalez, Vangie Garcia, Rebecca Rodni, Linda Glas, John Murphy, and Dave Rendle.

Mr. Clark announced that the 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE improvements project received an award in the category of *Public Works Project of the Year – Transportation*, less than \$5 million in value. He recognized Project Manager Steve Costa and Inspector Melisa Floyd, who led a team of staff from the Transportation, Utilities and Parks Departments and West Coast Construction.

The West Lake Sammamish Parkway Slide Repair project was selected as the *Public Works Project of the Year – Disaster or Emergency Construction Repair*, less than \$5 million in value. Project Manager Paul Krawczyk and Inspector Bill Cross led the recovery effort and emergency

repairs, working closely with Westwater Construction. With the diligence of staff in managing and documenting the emergency response, FEMA has reimbursed the City for 87.5 percent of the FEMA-eligible project expenses.

Mayor Lee thanked all public works staff for their role in the City's achievement of these awards.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Chelminiak highlighted an article from that day's edition of *The Seattle Times* regarding a Brookings Institution study about the suburbanization of poverty.

Mr. Chelminiak reported that he attended the East Link Open House and meetings of the Probation Services Board, State Building Code Council, and the Trade Development Alliance.

Deputy Mayor Robertson reported that she and Councilmember Stokes attended a meeting of the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board. Ms. Robertson received a briefing on the Shoreline Management Program update. She attended the last meeting of the PSRC transportation prioritization working group. She attended a number of fundraisers including the Rotary Auction and hosted a table for the Eastside Legal Assistance Program event. She attended a two-day conference of the Washington State Municipal Attorneys Association.

Ms. Robertson said she is pleased to see Brad Miyake filling the role of Acting City Manager.

Councilmember Balducci reported that she toured the 65-percent-completed University of Washington light rail station and tunnel bores. She chaired the PSRC Transportation Policy Board meeting and attended a number of fundraisers.

Councilmember Stokes attended the Bellevue Schools Foundation Luncheon and other fundraising events. He visited the Bellevue Botanical Garden and commented on the rapid progress with the new visitor center. Mr. Stokes attended the Climate Change Open House hosted by the City and the Police Department awards and promotion ceremony. As the alternate for Councilmember Davidson, Mr. Stokes attended the King Conservation District workshop.

Councilmember Wallace noted he would not repeat the fundraisers and events mentioned by others that he attended. He reported that he attended a meeting of the Eastside Transportation Partnership. He noted his understanding that additional Community Development Block Grant funds might be available to the City and requested information on that issue.

Mr. Wallace said an Eagle Scout project for Troop 600 was held over the weekend in the Woodridge neighborhood. He noted that the Troop Leader is Ron Smith, a former Bellevue Mayor. Mr. Wallace said this is a good example of a project benefitting both the Parks Department and the scouts.

Mayor Lee welcomed Mr. Miyake as the Acting City Manager. He commended the Council for their work on behalf of the City and the region.

Mayor Lee said he met with staff, the City's lobbyist, and Senator Tom about the State transportation package.

Mr. Lee attended a number of fundraising events including the Bellevue Schools Foundation lunch and the Rotary Auction. He attended the opening of the Shaolin Academy in Bellevue, the University of Washington Bothell Chancellor's Annual Dinner, and the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce lunch. He attended the kickoff meeting of the Downtown Livability Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). He attended a Bellevue Sister Cities Association event hosting visitors from the Czech Republic.

Mayor Lee reported that he attended the memorial service for Aubrey Davis, a longtime public servant.

7. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

8. Consent Calendar

→ Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Stokes 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 April 22, 2013 Extended Study Session

(b) Ordinance No. 6111 authorizing and providing for the acquisition of interests in land for the purpose of completing the 120th Avenue NE Street Improvement Project, Stage 2; providing for condemnation, appropriation, taking of land and property rights necessary therefore; providing for payment thereof including payment in part by consideration of special benefits and related special assessments, and directing the initiation of appropriate proceedings in the manner provide by law for said condemnation; and repealing Ordinance No. 6090.

(c) Resolution No. 8583 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Schreiber Starling & Lane Architects, in an amount not to exceed \$237,562, for Fire Facilities Long Range Plan.

- (d) Motion to award Bid No. 13082 to Synergo LLC, for construction of the Zipline Aerial Tour expansion of the Challenge Course at South Bellevue Community Center (SBCC), in the amount of \$156, 283.87.
- (e) Motion to award Bid No. 13108 to Blackwater Marine, LLC, as the lowest responsible bidder for the Meydenbauer Marina moorage, dock removal, and Clyde Beach swim pier replacement projects, in the amount of \$434,831.25.
- (f) Motion authorizing allocation of funds to artists and arts groups serving Bellevue through the Eastside Arts Partnerships and Special Projects Funding Programs.
- (g) Resolution No. 8584 authorizing execution of a General Services Agreement with Myers Sculpture, in an amount not to exceed \$118,187, to fabricate and install three art elements in the Newport Hills neighborhood business district on 119th Avenue SE between SE 58th and SE 60th (CIP Plan Nos. CD-11 Public Art Program, CDE 17 Gateways and Neighborhood Identity, and CD-22 Enhanced ROW and Urban Boulevards).
- (h) Motion to award Bid No. 13002, NE 20th Street Rockery Replacement (2-60) Project (CIP Plan No. PW-M-19) to Westwater Construction Company, as lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$370,985.00.
- (i) Resolution No. 8585 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Murray, Smith & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$600,000, for engineering services for the Sanitary Sewer Pipeline Replacement Project (CIP Plan No. S-66).
- (j) Resolution No. 8586 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Jacobs Project Management Company, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for on-call construction management and inspection services for various Utilities CIP programs (CIP Plan Nos. D-64, S-24 and W-16).
- (k) Resolution No. 8587 authorizing execution of a one-year General Services Agreement with Bravo Environmental NW, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$125,000, with three options to renew for additional one year periods with a total contract value not to exceed \$500,000, to perform Storm Drainage Condition Assessment.
- (l) Resolution No. 8588 authorizing approval of payment in the amount of \$29,542.43 for a Release of All Claims in final settlement of a claim against the City for property damage to the Brar rental property caused by a water system failure.
- (m) Resolution No. 8589 authorizing approval of payment in the amount of \$30,224.62 for a Release of All Claims in final settlement of a claim against the

City for property damage to the McDonald residence caused by a wastewater system failure.

- (n) Motion to award Bid No. 13058 for Sunset Creek/Richards Creek Flood Control and Habitat Improvement Phase II to Pivetta Brothers Construction, Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$525,649.28 (CIP Plan No. D-94).
  - (o) Resolution No. 8590 authorizing execution of all documents necessary for approval of payment in the amount of \$90,000, to implement settlement of the lawsuit filed by King County against the City of Bellevue.
9. Public Hearings: None.
  10. Land Use: None.
  11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
  12. Unfinished Business: None.
  13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
  14. New Business: None.
  15. Executive Session: None.
  16. Adjournment

Mayor Lee declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC  
City Clerk

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