

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

November 17, 2014
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Balducci¹, Deputy Mayor Wallace, and Councilmembers Chelminiak, Lee, Robertson, and Stokes

ABSENT: Councilmember Robinson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m., with Mayor Balducci presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers except Councilmember Robinson were present. Councilmember Lee led the flag salute.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Latha Sambamurti, Washington State Arts Commissioner and the Artistic Director of Flavors of India, presented certificates to artists who participated in the educational outreach program.
- (b) Gildas Cheung, Board President of International Community Health Services (ICHS), thanked the City for its support of health care services for uninsured Bellevue residents. He described the organization's four federally-qualified clinics around Puget Sound including a school-based health center, mobile dental clinic, primary care, and mental health services. He noted that ICHS provides care in more than 50 languages.
- (c) Harpal Gill, representing the Northtowne Neighborhood Association, expressed concern about high traffic speeds along Bellevue Way between NE 12th Street and SR 520, including the intersection at NE 28th Street. He suggested a traffic study of this corridor, speed reader boards, additional policing, sidewalks, and crosswalks along Bellevue Way. He said residents would like to see a grand entry to Bellevue Way from SR 520.
- (d) Alex Zimmerman, representing StandUP-America, said he has lived in Bellevue for 25 years. He reiterated his request that the City Manager hold a monthly forum with citizens.

¹ Mayor Balducci left the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

- (e) John Mike, Capital Campaign Manager for The Salvation Army, described efforts to raise \$5.5 million for a new facility in the Crossroads area. He noted that homelessness and the demand for social services is increasing. He requested the Council's support of the capital campaign.

Mayor Balducci noted that the public hearing on the Budget is scheduled as Agenda Item 9.

- (f) Marco Torres said he and his family have been struggling for a long time and he is grateful for The Salvation Army's help in providing services.
- (g) Ricardo Benitez said he has a long history of drug addiction and he recently was released from jail. He has been homeless in the past and appreciates the help provided by The Salvation Army. He asked the Council to support the organization's capital campaign.
- (h) Jude Mercer said she recently graduated from the Bellevue Essentials class. She thanked the Council for sponsoring this informative and fun program with different speakers each week from the City's departments and from the City Council. She encouraged the Council's continued support of this program.
- (i) Robert Rose, past president of Bellevue Rotary Club, thanked the Council for the Parks Department's collaboration in working on the Inspiration Playground in Downtown Park. The campaign has raised more than \$1 million so far, not including the City's in-kind contribution. The Rotary Club hopes to break ground on the project within the next year.
- (j) Alice Fong thanked Councilmembers for taking the time to come to the Bellevue Essentials class to share their passion and enthusiasm. She has been volunteering with the City for a number of years, and the program demonstrates there are many more ways to be involved. She looks forward to participating in community engagement toward fulfilling the City's vision.

Mayor Balducci thanked the Bellevue Essentials members for their participation.

- (k) Heidi Dean, a Newport Hills resident, expressed concerns regarding housing tear-downs and rebuilds. She said she was upset by the November 3 article in *The Seattle Times*. She observed that issues are related to the City's zoning. She said no established neighborhood should ever be zoned R-5, as in Newport Hills. She said the tree canopy is decreasing and developers are coming in to exploit zoning greater than a density of R-3.5 (3.5 units per acre). She is concerned about increasing housing costs and how that will impact older residents as well as those who grew up in Bellevue and want to return.

4. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions

Arts Commission Chair Trudi Jackson thanked the Council for selecting Vikram Madan as a new member of the Commission. He is an experienced engineer and manager in the tech industry, an

emerging artist, and an immigrant. Commissioners are excited about the multi-layered perspective he will bring to the Arts Commission's work. Ms. Jackson said the Commission appreciates the arts funding provided in the Preliminary Budget. She described an increase in culturally diverse applications for arts events involving numerous volunteers and hundreds of attendees. Chair Jackson highlighted additional events including Wintergrass and the Bellevue Jazz Festival.

Transportation Commission Chair Scott Lampe and Vice Chair Janice Zahn expressed support for the City Manager's Preliminary Budget. Mr. Lampe noted that the Commission's letter to the Council emphasizes the importance of providing mobility for citizens using multiple modes of transportation. He said there was extensive discussion by the Commission regarding the NE Spring Boulevard improvements. While the project will yield small near-term mobility improvements, the significantly lower long-term costs to the City justify its inclusion in the Capital Investment Program. Chair Lampe said the Commission endorses a modest tax increase to complete some of the higher priority projects.

Vice Chair Zahn said the Transportation Commission supports the creation of the proposed Opportunity Fund as a resource for responding to emerging issues and to leverage opportunities, including grants and partnerships with other agencies, to improve mobility. She expressed support for the proposed regional trail along the rail corridor and for neighborhood sidewalk and traffic calming improvement projects. Ms. Zahn said the Commission supports the Bellevue College Connection project. She said City funding could directly advance design and position the project for securing future grants and investments.

Councilmember Lee thanked the Commissioners for the report and their hard work.

Mayor Balducci thanked everyone as well. She said the Transportation Commission provides strong technical advice for the Council.

5. Report of the City Manager

(a) Management Brief providing Bellevue Essentials Synopsis

City Manager Brad Miyake noted the management brief in the meeting packet regarding the Bellevue Essentials class. The purpose of the program is to cultivate new community leaders by educating individuals on City operations and processes.

Julie Ellenhorn, Community Relations Coordinator, said the initial class in 2013 graduated 28 individuals, and the 2014 class of 33 participants recently graduated. Session topics included history, demographics, the public process, Boards and Commissions, parks, art, neighborhoods, planning, environmental stewardship, the City Budget, transportation projects, public safety, and development services.

Ms. Ellenhorn shared comments from participants who were unable to attend the meeting. She thanked the Council and City Manager for supporting the program and speaking on a number of

topics.

Mayor Balducci said the Council is delighted with the way this program has come together. She thanked the participants, Neighborhood Outreach Manager Mike McCormick Huentelman, Ms. Ellenhorn, and everyone else involved in organizing and implementing the program.

- (b) Management Brief regarding Bellevue City Code Chapter 5.16 For Hire Vehicles - Transportation Network Companies.

[Item postponed.]

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

Mayor Balducci noted a Council consensus to skip the regular reports in order to allow sufficient time for the Budget Public Hearing.

7. Approval of the Agenda

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to approve the agenda, and Deputy Mayor Wallace seconded the motion.

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

8. Consent Calendar

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Chelminiak seconded the motion.

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

- (a) Council Meeting Minutes
 - Minutes of October 20, 2014 Study Session
 - Minutes of October 20, 2014 Regular Session
 - Minutes of October 27, 2014 Extended Study Session
- (b) Resolution No. 8828 authorizing the execution of a two-year contract with MacDonald Miller Facilities Solutions, with a two-year option to renew in an amount not to exceed \$670,108, for preventive maintenance services at City Hall.
- (c) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period October 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014.
- (d) Ordinance No. 6191 establishing speed limits on arterial roadways in the Eastgate Annexation Area and adjacent related streets.

- (e) Resolution No. 8829 ratifying four proposed amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) relating to the potential annexation areas for the cities of Maple Valley, Issaquah and Sammamish, the urban growth area map near the City of Maple Valley, and clarification of policy DP-17 for adding land to the urban growth area.
- (f) Resolution No. 8830 authorizing the payment of \$29,332.72 for a Release of All Claims and final settlement for a claim against the City for property damage to the residence of Maria Smeraldo caused by root intrusion into a side sewer.
- (g) Motion to award Bid No. 14112 for Sewer Pump Station Generator Receptacles Phase 2, to Capstone Solutions, Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in the amount of \$55,571.25 (CIP Plan No. S-16).
- (h) Resolution No. 8831 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement for AC Water Main Replacement (2015) Phase 3 and AC Water Main Replacement (2016) Phases 1, 2 and 3, with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. (Stantec), for engineering design services, in an amount not to exceed \$655,550 (CIP Plan No. W-16).
- (i) Resolution No. 8832 authorizing execution of the first amendment to an existing easement agreement (Easement Agreement No. 31880 (1967) with the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission concerning ongoing use of State property for the Bridle Trails water reservoir.
- (j) Arts Commission request for Council approval of the 2015 Guidelines for Eastside Arts Partnerships and Special Projects funding programs.

9. Public Hearings

- (a) Third and Final Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Operating Budget and 2015-2021 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan

Mayor Balducci introduced the public hearing.

→ Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The following citizens came forward to comment:

- 1. Cynthia Welti, Executive Director of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, expressed support for continuing to enhance the Trust's long-term partnership with the City. She

- served on the Eastgate/I-90 Citizens Advisory Committee and was grateful that one of the highest priorities identified through that work was to complete the Eastgate gap in this major regional trail. She requested continued funding for the Eastgate/I-90 Plan implementation, including completion of the trail.
2. Lisa Quinn, Executive Director of Feet First, spoke to the important connection between walkable communities and public transit usage. She expressed support for pedestrian and transit elements of Bellevue's Transit Master Plan.
 3. McKayla Dunfey, representing the Cascade Bicycle Club, encouraged the Council to continue to support investments that will enhance and expand trails and bicycle facilities throughout Bellevue.
 4. Kathy Haggart, representing the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue, said the Hidden Valley Fieldhouse is under construction in partnership with the City. She reported that the organization has raised well over half of the \$10 million needed for a new Downtown facility. Ms. Haggart requested the City's investment in this facility, which will be available for a vast array of City-sponsored adult programs throughout the day.
 5. Robbie Bach said he has been on the Board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue for 15 years, during which time the organization has expanded services into East Bellevue. He noted the need for a new Downtown club to serve both young and adult citizens.
 6. Leo Backer, a Board member and former Board Chair of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue, commended the partnership with the City at the South Bellevue Community Center. He encouraged the Council to support a partnership for a new Downtown facility as well, which will serve both children and adults.
 7. Rich Bray, Chairman-elect of the Boys and Girls Club Board, encouraged the Council's support of the proposed 27,000-square-foot Downtown facility.
 8. Dave Borlin, Center Manager at Hopelink Bellevue's service center, requested the Council's ongoing support of the organization's programs and services. During fiscal year 2014, Hopelink served nearly 5,300 Bellevue residents. He encouraged the City to continue to provide funding to A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) as well.
 9. Todd Woosley, Hal Woosley Properties, expressed general support for the proposed transportation projects and observed that new revenues are needed. He recalled that projects identified in the City's Mobility and Infrastructure Initiative were to be partly funded through property tax increases. He said those projects will support economic development and generate increased tax revenues. As an Enatai resident, he expressed support for new transportation capacity on Bellevue Way. He expressed concern regarding the impacts of six years of light rail construction along that corridor.
 10. Betty Spieth-Croll, representing Wright Runstad and the Spring District Development,

expressed support for the City Manager's proposed budget. She encouraged funding for the Spring Boulevard Zone 1 project, which is needed to support economic development in the Bel-Red corridor.

11. Lincoln Vander Veen, representing the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, said the budget must ensure that Bellevue remains competitive and distinct when compared with neighboring jurisdictions in terms of tax rates. The Chamber believes that the top transportation priority in Bellevue is adding capacity to Bellevue Way. He said the Chamber does not oppose, and believes the City should consider, a tax increase to help fund certain mobility projects. Mr. Vander Veen expressed concerns regarding the City's personnel costs and the future impact of the healthcare "Cadillac tax."
12. Kristen Webb, KidsQuest Children's Museum, described the growth of the museum and requested the City's support of a new facility in the former doll museum in Downtown Bellevue.
13. Hannah Adams, a Senior at Newport High School, said she is in her fourth year of volunteering at KidsQuest Museum. She encouraged the Council's support of a new Downtown museum.
14. Mike Hubbard, Board of Trustees Co-Chair of the KidsQuest Children's Museum, described the positive impact of the museum within the community. He requested \$2 million from the City to help develop the new museum.
15. Patrick Bannon, Bellevue Downtown Association, said the BDA will be sending a formal letter with comments on the Preliminary Budget and Enhanced Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan later in the week.
16. Gina Yarwood, Director of the YWCA Family Village transitional housing in Redmond, said the program provides housing and employment-related services. She thanked the City for its continued commitment to housing solutions through A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH).
17. Vic Bishop, President of the West Lake Sammamish Association, thanked the Council for progress to date on the West Lake Sammamish Parkway project, and encouraged the City to accelerate the next phase.
18. Steve Roberts, Director of Congregations for the Homeless, thanked the City for its overall support of social services. He thanked everyone who worked on establishing the Eastside Winter Shelter. He thanked the City for its support of housing projects through ARCH.
19. Kayla Schott Bresler, Policy Manager for the Housing Development Consortium of King County, thanked the City for its ongoing support of ARCH, which has contributed to funding nearly 3,000 homes on the Eastside.

20. Stan Kehl, Executive Director for the Eastside Legal Assistance Program (ELAP), thanked the Human Services Commission for its funding recommendation and requested Council support. He said this funding will help implement a new program focused on domestic violence services.
 21. Paula Matthyse, representing the Chinese Information Service Center, described the services provided to residents throughout the area, including through the Crossroads Mini City Hall. She thanked the City for its annual contribution to the ARCH Trust Fund. She thanked the City for its leadership in human services.
 22. Phil Moser spoke in support of the Newport Way sidewalk and bike lane project.
 23. Diana Thompson, representing The Bellevue Network on Aging, thanked the City for its support of adult and senior recreation and education programs. She thanked the City for social services funding for programs that serve older adults including the Home Repair Program, Elder and Adult Day Services, Volunteer Chore Services, and Meals on Wheels. Ms. Thompson urged the Council to support the Hearing Assistance for Public Spaces budget proposal, which will provide looping technology in specific City facilities.
 24. Mason Cave, Intravest Development, said they recently acquired an interest in the Ford dealership on 116th Avenue. He thanked the Council for its leadership and direction in planning the Grand Connection between the Downtown and the Wilburton area. He asked the Council to begin the study as early as possible.
 25. Steve Kasner, representing the East Bellevue Community Council, thanked the Council for not funding sidewalks that the neighborhood believed were not necessary. He thanked the Council for funding the traffic signal on 148th Avenue and for providing funding for the Newport Way sidewalk project which is needed to keep residents safe. He expressed support for the proposed restoration of the Neighborhood Enhancement Program. He thanked the City for the Bellevue Essentials program and noted that East Bellevue Community Councilmember Betsi Hummer is a recent graduate. He encouraged Councilmembers to visit the redeveloped Kelsey Creek Center. He announced a new web site: <http://wearelakehills.org> .
- Councilmember Robertson moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Balducci left the meeting at 9:50 p.m. due to illness, and Deputy Mayor Wallace took the gavel.

10. Land Use

- (a) Ordinance No. 6192 approving the rezone application of Jack Burns (Bel-Kirk Office Park) to rezone 7.62 acres to change the land use zoning district designation from Light Industry (LI) to Office (O).

City Manager Brad Miyake said this item was previously discussed with the Council and comes back tonight for formal action.

- Councilmember Stokes moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6192, and Councilmember Chelminiak seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 5-0, with Mayor Balducci and Councilmember Robinson absent.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Ordinance No. 6193 authorizing execution of an Intergovernmental Land Transfer Agreement with King County to purchase County-owned real property at 11101 NE 6th Street (as identified by King County Assessor's Tax No. 322505-9216) in connection with the City's East Link MOU Commitments Project, CIP Plan No. PW-R-181.

Deputy City Manager Kate Berens said the land transfer agreement will conclude a multi-year effort to gain control of the remaining portion of the City Hall block. Sound Transit will use the area as a staging area for the East Link project, during which time the City will plan for its long-term use of the site.

- Councilmember Robertson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6193, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Lee said this is a significant achievement regarding an important property for the City. It is immediately adjacent to City Hall and the future light rail station, and across the street from Meydenbauer Convention Center. He thanked everyone involved in this effort.

Deputy Mayor Wallace thanked Ms. Berens for her leadership and expertise in this extremely difficult negotiation. Ms. Berens said a number of staff were involved in this effort as well.

- The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

- (b) Ordinance No. 6194 amending Chapter 22.18 of the Bellevue City Code, modifying the school impact fee schedule as requested by the Issaquah School District, and establishing a fee schedule and authorizing the collection of impact fees on behalf of the Renton School District.

Deputy Mayor Wallace noted previous Council discussions on the remaining action items.

→ Councilmember Robertson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6194, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

(c) Resolution No. 8833 authorizing execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Renton School District for the collection of school impact fees on behalf of the District.

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to approve Resolution No. 8833, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

(d) Ordinance No. 6195 approving amendments to the Bellevue Fair Housing Practices Code (Chapter 9.20 of the Bellevue City Code).

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6195, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

(e) Ordinance No. 6196 approving minor amendments to the Clearing and Grading Code (Chapter 23.76 of the Bellevue City Code).

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6196, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

(f) Ordinance No. 6197 approving clean-up amendments to the Land Use Code (Title 20 of the Bellevue City Code).

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6197, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

(g) Resolution No. 8834 adopting findings that use of portions of the Lincoln Center north building as an interim startup/incubator facility furthers the City's Comprehensive Plan and its Economic Development Plan; and authorizing such use.

→ Councilmember Robertson moved to approve Resolution No. 8834, and Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

Chris Salomone, Director of Planning and Community Development, said the resolution authorizes the use of the Lincoln Center north building as an interim startup/incubator facility, as part of the City's Economic Development Strategy.

Councilmember Lee said there is a great deal of talent in Bellevue and it is important to provide an environment that fosters new businesses and their success. He noted the challenge of finding affordable office space in Bellevue. He supports this program to provide opportunities for entrepreneurs and ongoing economic development.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications: None.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 10:00 p.m., Deputy Mayor Wallace declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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