

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday
September 4, 2025

City Hall & Remote
6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wan at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ken Wan (Chair), Andy Dupertuis (online) ¹, Ann Hajnosz, Gabby Lacson, Kurt Lutterman (Vice Chair), Michael Margolis, Mary Theisen

COUNCIL LIAISON: Councilmember Conrad Lee

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Lucy Liu, Director; Joe Harbour, Deputy Director; Scott Edwards, Deputy Director; Matt Thurber, Assistant Director; Dave Baisch, Assistant Director; Eric LaFrance, Utilities Planning Manager; Divya Pasupuleti, Utilities Planning Senior Engineer; Lorissa Warren, Senior Administrative Assistant; Andrew Williams, Senior Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Theisen was introduced and welcomed to the ESC.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Lutterman, seconded by Commissioner Hajnosz, to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously (6-0).

3. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Alex Tsimerman, 14150 NE 20th Street, Bellevue, WA, brought up the calendar and expressed concern about meetings that were not held by the Council.

4. COMMUNICATION FROM CITY COUNCIL, COMMUNITY COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

¹ Commissioner Dupertuis joined the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Councilmember Lee welcomed Commissioner Theisen and thanked all commissioners for their dedication and hard work.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Deputy Director Joe Harbour also welcomed Commissioner Theisen. He noted that they would be swapping out commissioners' iPads after the meeting. He also announced that Linda DeBoldt had retired, and her replacement would be Dave Baisch. Assistant Director Baisch introduced himself.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) JULY 10, 2025 MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Lutterman, seconded by Commissioner Theisen, to approve the 7/10/2025 minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (7-0)

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Storm and Surface Water System Plan Update

Utilities Planning Manager Eric LaFrance introduced this topic and explained this would be an informational presentation very early in the process. Draft policies can be expected to come to the ESC early in 2026.

Divya Pasupuleti, Utilities Planning Senior Engineer, presented some background on the Storm and Surface Water System, the purpose of the Storm and Surface Water System Plan, the reasons for updating, the process involved in updating the Plan, and where they are in the update process.

Chair Wan referred to the data collection part of the update process and asked if they look to other jurisdictions' storm water system plans for examples. Utilities Planning Manager LaFrance noted that the Puget Sound is a leader nationally. Planners are involved in conferences where they learn about new and emerging technologies. They also rely on a consultant for getting additional guidance and an outside perspective.

Commissioner Hajnosz was very happy to see public outreach done so early in the process. She asked about follow up public outreach efforts. Utilities Planning

Manager LaFrance reviewed expected outreach efforts. Commissioner Hajnosz said she would love a summary of what they hear from the public.

Commissioner Theisen asked if public outreach efforts are centered around areas that are more impacted by stormwater issues than others. Ms. Pasupuleti explained they are aware of where the issues are in the city, so when they do outreach, the focus is more on trying to reach diverse groups of people. Mr. LaFrance added that they do focus a lot on some of the most intensely developed areas.

Ms. Pasupuleti gave an overview of regulatory compliance requirements; system needs/asset management; environmental stewardship programs; Operations and Maintenance (O&M); Capital Investment Plan (CIP); and financial analysis. The final document update is expected to be completed by the end of 2026 or early 2027.

Commissioner Hajnosz asked what is considered when they talk about service equity as it relates to the storm water utility. Utilities Planning Manager LaFrance explained it looks at low-income areas and making sure that impacts to those areas are considered. Storm Water has received some grants to study the Kelsey Creek basin to see how they can improve areas that are the most heavily impacted. Commissioner Hajnosz was pleased to see service equity listed in the criteria but asked why it always seems to fall to the bottom of lists. Mr. LaFrance commented that they could look at that. He noted that sometimes it happens after the mandates are met but that doesn't mean that it is less important.

Commissioner Margolis asked how they prioritize issues. Mr. LaFrance explained they work with asset management's risk model to see if there is a high consequence of failure or likelihood to happen. Each project is ranked based on the criteria and assigned weights.

Chair Wan asked if this plan will address tire dust concerns and other similar issues that are impacting the storm water system. Ms. Pasupuleti explained they are looking at all of these kinds of things as well as potential solutions.

9. REVIEW OF COMMISSION AND COUNCIL CALENDARS

Deputy Director Harbour reviewed the calendars.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Hajnosz, seconded by Commissioner Theisen, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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