

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

November 19, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Malakoutian and Councilmembers Hamilton, Lee, Nieuwenhuis, Stokes and Zahn

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m., with Mayor Robinson presiding. She asked everyone to refrain from speaking out of turn, interrupting others or making sounds while someone else is talking to ensure a productive and respectful meeting. She said members of the public should not approach Councilmembers or City staff during the meeting. If a person disrupts the meeting, Mayor Robinson will give a warning, end the person's remaining comment time or ask the person to leave the room for the rest of the meeting. She encouraged everyone to express themselves without name-calling, disparaging remarks or taunting.

2. Roll Call; Flag Salute

City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo called the roll and all Councilmembers were present. Councilmember Zahn led the flag salute.

(a) Transgender Awareness Week and Day of Remembrance Proclamation

Councilmember Stokes read the proclamation declaring November 13-19, 2024, as Transgender Awareness Week and Day of Remembrance in Bellevue. He encouraged everyone to join ceremonies and activities to raise awareness for transgender issues while reflecting on the unique identities and lives within the community.

Morgan Whitten, Board member and Information Technology Director for Pride Across the Bridge, thanked the Council for the proclamation honoring the lives that have been lost due to violence, hatred and fear. She said hatred and violence toward transgender individuals has increased to alarming levels and 650 anti-trans bills have been proposed across the country this year. She said suicide disproportionately affects trans and non-binary youth. While Washington state has some of the strongest protections nationwide, six anti-trans bills were introduced this year in the state legislature. Ms. Whitten encouraged everyone to reach out to trans individuals in their lives and to join in community organizations and events supporting them.

(b) World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims Proclamation

Councilmember Hamilton read the proclamation recognizing November 17, 2024, as World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. He urged community members to remember those impacted by traffic crashes and to consider what we all can do to improve road safety together.

Mr. Men introduced himself and his wife, May Wang, and shared that they lost their son last year due to a traffic accident. In memory of their son, they started the Bix Men Pedestrian Safety Foundation to raise awareness of pedestrian and traffic safety. Ms. Wang said traffic accidents can be prevented and should be considered violence when people do not obey the rules of the road. She encouraged pedestrians to wear reflective items to increase their visibility. Mr. Men said their foundation provides reflective sashes upon request through www.bixmenpsf.org.

Mike Ryan, Police Department and Fire Department Chaplain, described his role of responding to fatalities when individuals die outside of the hospital in the community. He described a fatal accident earlier this year involving a military recruiter and Afghanistan war veteran who was killed while riding his motorcycle in the Crossroads area. He commented on the difficulty of notifying families who have lost loved ones. He described a more recent incident involving a young child who was struck and killed by a truck in her apartment complex parking lot. He noted that moments of inattention can have lasting impacts on families and friends of loved ones who are killed in traffic accidents.

3. Approval of Agenda

→ Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

4. Oral Communications

City Clerk Arredondo said the total time for oral communications is for a period not to exceed 30 minutes and topics must relate to City of Bellevue government. Persons speaking to items on the agenda will be called first and if time remains, others will be called. The presiding officer is authorized to give preference to individuals who have not spoken to the Council within the past 60 days or who are speaking to items that will come before the Council in the upcoming 60 days.

(a) Court Olson, representing People for Climate Action, commented on the requirement to transition to selling only electric vehicles by 2035 in this state. Referring to Agenda Item 10(a), Mr. Olson suggested that the City's electric vehicle code elevate charging capacity requirements to 75 percent for certain buildings. He thanked the Council for addressing electric vehicle regulations.

(b) April Stevens, a volunteer for People for Climate Action, expressed concern that reducing greenhouse gas emissions is not a strong enough priority for the City. She encouraged

regulations to increase the required electric vehicle charging capacity for multifamily residences from 25 percent to 40 percent. She said the cost of providing the infrastructure is minimal for developers. She recommended increasing the total multifamily capability from 60 percent to 75 percent.

- (c) Deepa Sivarajan, Washington Policy Manager for Climate Solutions, expressed support for Agenda Item 10(a) regarding the electric vehicle roadmap and readiness proposal. They expressed support for the proposal from People for Climate Action regarding the need for increased charging infrastructure for multifamily residents.
- (d) Maria Hudson expressed concern that her child was trafficked out of the LifeWire domestic violence shelter after being sex trafficked in the Bellevue School District at Odle Middle School. She said individuals came into their apartment during the night and took her daughter and stole her vehicle. She said domestic violence workers lied to the police when they watched the video and did not tell her that her daughter's sex traffickers were on the video dated September 6. She said an Amber Alert and stolen vehicle report should have been issued. She said her daughter has autism. She said the Bellevue Police Department provides security officers for the LifeWire facility. Ms. Hudson said the Bellevue School District is withholding special education services for her daughter.

Mayor Robinson encouraged Ms. Hudson to provide her full comments in writing to the Council.

- (e) Joe Kunzler expressed concern regarding an individual who he believes is driving with a suspended driver's license. He said the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) has established a priority to address laws regarding disruptive behavior during public meetings. He said it is important to have a public meetings act that does not allow hate speech. He expressed concern about proposed state legislation to allow homeless encampments on transit, sidewalks and other public spaces and urged the Council to oppose it.
- (f) Alex Tsimerman said he is being prosecuted by the City, which he believes is because he is a Jew. He indicated his support for President-Elect Trump.
- (g) Lee Sargent expressed concern regarding traffic accidents and fatalities. He noted, however, that the country has made progress in reducing fatalities in recent decades.

5. Reports of Community Councils, Boards, and Commissions: None.

6. Report of the City Manager

- (a) Governor's Smart Communities Awards

City Manager Diane Carlson said the City was recently recognized with two 2024 Governor's Smart Communities Awards.

Emil King, Director, Community Development Department, said the City received awards for the Eastrail Wilburton Framework Plan, created in partnership with King County, and for the City's Housing Stability Program. He noted that partnerships with organizations that share the same goals allow the City to maximize its community impact.

Michael Shiosaki, Director, Parks and Community Services Department, introduced Jon Snyder, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Inslee for outdoor recreation and economic development. Mr. Snyder served on the Spokane City Council for six years, Washington Transportation Safety Commission, Spokane Transit Authority, and Spokane Regional Health District. He developed one of the state's first comprehensive complete streets ordinances and has worked for a number of state agencies.

Mr. Snyder said he was pleased to be able to recognize and celebrate local planning achievements under the Growth Management Act through the Governor's Smart Communities Awards. The awards have been presented annually since 2006 by the Department of Commerce. He said the award in the Smart Housing Strategies category recognizes the City's Housing Stability Program, which uses a dedicated revenue source to generate capital for projects to serve Bellevue's most vulnerable residents.

Mr. King said the City recognizes the importance of providing a safe, healthy and affordable place for everyone to live. The City adopted the 0.1 percent sales tax option provided under House Bill 1590 in 2020 to create the Housing Stability Program. So far, the program has invested nearly \$30 million in the development of new units, preservation of existing units, and development of supportive housing.

Mr. Shiosaki said the program prioritizes ongoing funding for behavioral health and housing related services. He noted the City's commitment to strengthening the diversity of the community.

Mr. Snyder said the City received a Judge's Merit Award for the Eastrail Wilburton Framework Plan. He said Bellevue is using trail development as an important part of its growth strategy for the Wilburton area and worked with King County Parks to create the Eastrail linear park. He congratulated and thanked the Council for their leadership and support of staff's efforts.

Mr. King said it was an honor to work with King County staff and to receive this recognition. He noted plans for activations along the Eastrail and for developing the Grand Connection to connect Eastrail and the Wilburton area to the downtown and Meydenbauer Bay.

Mayor Robinson thanked everyone for their hard work. She said one of the most courageous acts by the Council was to take advantage of the 0.1 percent sales tax under HB 1590 to address housing and related supportive services.

7. Council Business and New Initiatives: None.

8. Consent Calendar

- Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following items were approved:
 - (a) Council Minutes
Minutes of October 29, 2024 Special Meeting
 - (b) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period October 1, 2024 – October 31, 2024.
 - (c) Resolution No. 10436 authorizing execution of Amendment 2 to a General Services Contract with Pacific Office Automation, for an additional one-year term and an amount not to exceed \$131,306.16 plus applicable taxes, for lease of copier equipment, related software, and maintenance services.
 - (d) Resolution No. 10438 authorizing execution of a grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce to accept up to \$1,000,000 of Connecting Housing to Infrastructure Program (CHIP) grant funding to reimburse the construction of utility infrastructure improvements for the Habitat for Humanity project.
 - (e) Resolution No. 10439 relating to local project permit review; adopting and implementing three streamlining measures in accordance with Section 7 of Chapter 338, Laws of 2023, and RCW 36.70B.160
 - (f) Resolution No. 10440 authorizing execution of a labor agreement between the City of Bellevue and the Teamsters Local 117, representing Police Captains and Majors, for a four-year contract period starting January 1, 2025, and expiring December 31, 2028. The executed agreement shall be substantially in the form of the agreement in the Council Library.
 - (g) Resolution No. 10441 repealing Resolution 5967 § 1 to sunset the City's Waterworks Utility Financial Policies, which policies shall be replaced by the City's Comprehensive Financial Policies.
 - (h) Ordinance No. 6814 adopting the City of Bellevue pay plan establishing pay ranges and employment classifications; and establishing an effective date.
 - (i) Resolution No. 10442: 1) adopting the Human Services Commission's 2025-2026 Human Services Fund funding recommendations; and 2) authorizing the City Manager or designee to enter into contracts with local human services agencies in accordance with the recommendations.

- (j) Resolution No. 10443: 1) adopting the Human Services Commission's 2025-2026 Behavioral Health and Housing- Related Services Housing Stability Program funding recommendations and 2) authorizing the City Manager or designee to enter into contracts with local human services agencies in accordance with the recommendations
- (k) Ordinance No. 6815 of the City of Bellevue updating the school impact fee schedule for Issaquah School District No. 411 and Renton School District No. 403; amending Section 22.18.100 of the Bellevue City Code; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

9. Public Hearing: None.

10. Study Session Items

- (a) Overview of Bellevue Electric Vehicle Roadmap and Electric Vehicle Readiness Proposal

City Manager Carlson introduced staff's presentation of the Electric Vehicle Roadmap, published in October 2024, and readiness options.

Community Development Department Director King said the transition to electric vehicles (EVs) is a key part of Bellevue's environmental planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. He said the current Environmental Stewardship Plan includes actions related to EV readiness, which includes electric charging infrastructure for buildings. He said the roadmap plan is provided in the meeting packet.

Mr. King said staff is asking the Council to consider options related to EV readiness and to consider directing staff to prepare an ordinance to amend the building code. He said EV capable stalls are parking stalls with a power supply for adding charging equipment in the future. An EV ready parking stall has the wiring for charging equipment as well as an outlet for using portable chargers. The highest level of service is providing a parking stall with charging equipment in place and operable.

The options for the Council's consideration are: 1) EV ready to a percentage exceeding the requirements of state law, 2) EV capable to a percentage exceeding state law, 3) adopting the state code and reevaluating the impact in 2026, and 4) alternate direction from the Council.

Jennifer Ewing, Sustainability Manager, said Bellevue has a higher percentage of EVs than other cities in the state and transportation generates approximately 45 percent of greenhouse gas emissions. The Electric Vehicle Roadmap includes a number of actions to accelerate the adoption of EVs in Bellevue. Current environmental stewardship goals are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 95 percent by 2050 and to transition to 100 percent EVs by 2050.

Ms. Ewing said the public engagement process to develop the roadmap involved single-family and multifamily residents, developers, property managers, current EV users and others. She said

public input indicated that people would prefer to charge their vehicles at home. Ms. Ewing said retrofitting EV charging for existing multifamily buildings is a major cost and barrier for property owners and landlords.

Colin Munson, Climate and E-Mobility Coordinator, noted that the preliminary budget recognizes the importance of EV infrastructure. He said state regulations dictate that only EV car sales will be allowed after 2035. He said Bellevue has three times the number of EVs as the rest of the state. The Electric Vehicle Roadmap envisions that 60 percent of Bellevue vehicles will be electric by 2035.

Mr. Munson said that 80 percent of all EV charging in the country occurs at home and 85 percent of Bellevue drivers prefer at-home charging. He said it is much more expensive to retrofit existing buildings with charging equipment than to provide EV chargers or readiness with new construction. He highlighted the three categories of EV readiness: 1) EV capable with electrical capacity to the building/parking facility, 2) EV ready with wiring and an outlet, and 3) EV charging station with Level 2 charger.

Mr. Munson said the current state building code regarding EV readiness requires that 10 percent of the total parking spaces have EV charging stations, 10 percent are EV ready and 10 percent are EV capable. The code requires one EV ready parking spot for each single-family dwelling unit. For multifamily residences, 10 percent of all parking spaces must have EV charging stations, 25 percent of the parking must be EV ready and 10 percent of the spaces must be EV capable.

Mr. Munson said there were two rounds of public engagement (January and summer 2024) with developers, property managers, affordable housing providers, climate advocates and others while developing the Electric Vehicle Roadmap. He said the options presented tonight seek to balance the benefits of EV charging with the increase in upfront costs to provide EV readiness at buildings.

Mr. Munson described two options for multifamily buildings. Option 1 increases the percentage of EV ready parking spaces from 25 percent to 40 percent. Option 2 increases the percentage of EV capable parking spaces from 10 percent to 25 percent. Both options result in potential EV parking for 60 percent of the parking spaces. A third option is to follow the state code and to reevaluate the policies in 2026. Mr. Munson said Bellevue is currently in compliance with state EV readiness minimum requirements and staff will continue to monitor the EV market.

Mr. Munson presented a cost comparison of the options for a 250-unit midrise building with a total development cost of \$114 million. Under current state standards, the cost of EV readiness is \$289,000. The upfront cost of providing EV readiness is \$366,000 under Option 1 and the cost under Option 2 is \$356,000.

Mr. Munson said staff prefers Option 1 because it keeps the City on track to meet its environmental stewardship goals. Option 1 provides a higher percentage of EV ready parking spaces and Option 2 provides a higher percentage of EV capable spaces.

Mr. Munson said there has been discussion about the added cost of EV infrastructure for housing affordability. He noted that the preliminary budget includes funding for EV readiness at affordable housing projects.

Councilmember Zahn commended staff for their work on the Electric Vehicle Roadmap plan. She commented on the importance of providing electrical capacity with new development because the buildings will be used for the next 50-100 years.

Ms. Zahn asked whether the electric grid has the capacity to support the future increase in EVs. She asked if there has been an analysis of whether a certain percentage of people will be sharing EVs or will not have cars. She recalled previous questions about fire safety related to EV charging stations. She asked whether the City has studied flexible charging technologies that are not affixed to a wall. She asked whether federal funding will be available to assist with EV readiness. She suggested a modified Option 2 with the percentage of EV capable parking spaces increased to 40 percent instead of 25 percent, for total EV parking in 75 percent of the spaces.

Ms. Ewing said staff has been working with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to understand the impacts on the electric grid capacity and to explore different technologies and incentives. She said it is typically better to charge EVs at night and incentives are likely to focus on overnight charging. She said there are ways to reduce the impact on the electric grid.

Mr. Munson said shared charging was not a major consideration in terms of increasing the number of EVs in Bellevue. However, EV car sharing is becoming more popular and the City will continue to explore it. Ms. Ewing said the number of vehicles is expected to increase. However, the number of vehicles in the future is not expected to match the number of new housing units.

Mr. King said staff would follow up with additional information regarding Ms. Zahn's questions.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian thanked staff for the presentation. He concurred with Councilmember Zahn's interest in the electric grid capacity and shared charging equipment.

Responding to Mr. Malakoutian, Mr. King said a drawback of Option 3, the state code, is potential lost opportunities for near-term construction and the risk of future retrofit costs. He said the City currently complies with the state requirements.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian expressed support for Option 1.

Noting the increasing intensity of a windstorm in progress and the potential for losing power to the building, Mayor Robinson suggested taking action on the budget ordinances and returning to this agenda item.

11. Land Use Reports: None.

12. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

City Manager Carlson introduced Council action on legislation to approve the 2025-2026 Operating Budget and the 2025-2030 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan.

John Resha, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Asset Management Department, noted that the consent calendar approved earlier also included legislation related to the budget [Agenda Items 8(g), (h), (i), (j) and (k)]. He thanked the residents and businesses in Bellevue for their input and engagement throughout the budget process. He thanked department directors and staff for their extensive efforts related to the budget.

Mr. Resha thanked Evan Phillips, Director of Financial Strategy and Performance, for his leadership and long hours in making the budget more transparent and understandable. He thanked Councilmembers for their support and collaboration with staff.

- (a) Ordinance No. 6816: 1) adopting the Human Services Commission recommendations for the use of 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; 2) authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit a proposal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2025 CDBG Program; 3) authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept a grant award contract with HUD; 4) and authorizing the City Manager or designee to enter into agreements with grant subrecipients and contractors.
- (b) Resolution No. 10444: 1) adopting the 2025-2026 Human Services One-Time Funding recommendations and 2) authorizing the City Manager or designee to enter into contracts with local human services agencies in accordance with the recommendations.
- (c) Ordinance No. 6817 regarding development services under the Bellevue City Code; fees for applications requiring construction, land use, fire, survey, sign, transportation, utility, and clearing & grading review and inspection services; providing for severability; and repealing Ordinance No. 6762.
- (d) Ordinance No. 6818 establishing revised sewerage service charges for the Sewer Utility for the City of Bellevue; repealing Ordinance No. 6694; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
- (e) Ordinance No. 6819 establishing revised charges for water service, water consumption, and water standby capacity for private fire protection for the Water Utility for the City of Bellevue; repealing Ordinance No. 6693; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
- (f) Ordinance No. 6820 establishing revised storm and surface water drainage rates and charges for the Storm and Surface Water Utility of the City of Bellevue; repealing Ordinance No. 6695; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

- Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6816, Resolution No. 10444, Ordinance No. 6817, Ordinance No. 6818, Ordinance No. 6819, and Ordinance No. 6820. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
 - (g) Ordinance No. 6821 establishing the amount of property taxes to be levied for the year 2025, the first year of the City of Bellevue’s 2025-2026 fiscal biennium; and establishing an effective date.
- Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6821, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Mr. Resha confirmed that the one percent property tax is included in the ordinance and generates approximately \$900,000 in revenue. Mr. Resha said the 2022 parks levy, Fire facilities levy and the neighborhood transportation levy also benefit from the property tax.

- The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
 - (h) Resolution No. 10445 providing for the banking of levy capacity pursuant to RCW 84.55.005, 84.55.0101, 84.55.050, and 84.55.092.
- Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to adopt Resolution No. 10445, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
 - (i) Ordinance No. 6822 adopting the City of Bellevue’s 2025-2026 Biennial Budget and 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan; setting forth the estimated revenues and appropriations; incorporating by reference pay grades and employment classifications; and establishing an effective date.
- Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6822, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Robinson gave Councilmembers an opportunity to comment on the budget.

Councilmember Lee complimented Mr. Resha for a good, transparent budget process and said he looks forward to continued discussion regarding certain items at the Council retreat.

Councilmember Stokes expressed appreciation for staff’s work with the Council and the community in developing the budget.

Councilmember Zahn said she felt that this budget review process was especially thorough and comprehensive. She said she liked the new format and appreciated staff's hard work. She noted that the community's needs continue to increase, including in the areas of human services, environmental sustainability, housing and the Vision Zero program.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis commented that Bellevue is in a better financial position than many cities as they continue to recover after the pandemic. He thanked the residents and other stakeholders who participated in the budget process. He thanked his colleagues and staff for their hard work on the budget. He said he would like to see the one percent property tax adjustment as a separate item in the next budget. He thanked City Manager Carlson and department directors for their leadership.

Councilmember Hamilton said he appreciated all of the public input through the budget process. He thanked City Manager Carlson, Mr. Resha and all of the staff who worked on the budget. Mr. Hamilton commended his colleagues for their diligence and careful review of the budget.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian thanked the community for their engagement and input. He thanked staff for their hard work and comprehensive preparation of the budget. He said it is clear that staff listened to the Council and the community in developing and refining the budget. He said he sees clear alignment between Bellevue's values and the Council Vision in the budget.

Mayor Robinson complimented staff for restructuring the preparation of the budget and for making it more accurate and realistic. She said a number of cities have had to address budget deficits this year while Bellevue was fortunate to have a flat budget. She said the budget is both responsive and responsible to the community. She would like to discuss potential new revenue sources during the mid-biennium budget process next year. She thanked her fellow Councilmembers for their work and due diligence.

10. Study Session Items [continued]

- (a) Overview of Bellevue Electric Vehicle Roadmap and Electric Vehicle Readiness Proposal

The Council resumed discussion regarding the City's approach to EV readiness.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis commented on the City's priorities to maximize the amount of affordable housing and to achieve greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. He expressed concern about the costs associated with requirements for EV readiness under Options 1 and 2.

Mr. Nieuwenhuis said he preferred requiring EV capable over EV ready parking with a wired connection because technology changes quickly. As an example, he described a facility in Detroit in which an EV could charge by parking on a specific pad without connecting to any type of plug-in charger.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis said he hears comments from employers and employees that many people prefer to charge their EV at work instead of at their home. Ms. Ewing said staff heard similar comments in meetings with Bellevue Chamber of Commerce members.

Mr. Nieuwenhuis said the Chamber recommended consulting with Puget Sound Energy and the Fire Department insurance specialist regarding fire safety and liability issues associated with EV charging stations. Mr. Munson said PSE recommends charging vehicles at night when demand for electricity is lower.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis noted his ongoing interest in an electrical capacity and reliability study. He said it would be ideal to complete such a study before making a decision on EV readiness regulations.

Mr. Nieuwenhuis expressed concern about adding to the cost of providing affordable housing and asked about staff's engagement with affordable housing providers. Mr. Munson said they talked to a number of housing providers who expressed concern about development costs.

Responding to Mayor Robinson, Matt Larson, Puget Sound Energy, commented on bi-directional charging, which can be used to both charge a vehicle and to return power from a vehicle back to a building or the electric grid. Mr. Larson said he was willing to work with City staff to explore the potential for bi-directional charging.

Mayor Robinson wondered whether the infrastructure is changing so rapidly that it would make sense to learn more before making a decision. Even with the charging pad technology, an electric connection is needed to charge the pad. Mr. Larson suggested that this is a good opportunity for the City and PSE to work together to conduct a more comprehensive review of all of the issues.

Ms. Robinson said she appreciated staff's work to date. She said gathering more information now could avoid problems or issues in the future. She suggested including any related needs in the Council's state legislative agenda.

Councilmember Hamilton spoke in favor of continuing to study and discuss EV readiness, including with community involvement, before making any decisions. He thanked staff for the extensive information provided in the meeting packet. He highlighted actions taken by the state in recent years to prepare for the expansion of EV usage. He expressed concern about the impact of regulations under both Options 1 and 2 on the cost of providing affordable housing. He spoke in favor of grant funding to assist housing developers in providing EV infrastructure.

Councilmember Stokes thanked staff for their work and for their focus on environmental sustainability goals. He looks forward to further study and discussion before providing Council direction.

Councilmember Lee concurred with his colleagues that more information is needed, including about other technologies, before making a decision. He encouraged involving the community to learn more about their needs and to consider the options.

Mayor Robinson noted that the Council has a number of questions and an interest in more data and discussion. She expressed an interest in exploring bi-directional charging and collaborating with other stakeholders, including PSE. She said more information is needed about planning for the future and the regional needs and capacity.

Councilmember Zahn asked for more details about the proposed citywide EV working group and suggested it include other cities as well.

13. Written Reports: None.
14. Unfinished Business: None.
15. New Business: None.
16. Executive Session: None.
17. Adjournment

At 8:50 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC
City Clerk

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