## CITY OF BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL

## Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 3, 2025 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers Bellevue, Washington

<u>PRESENT</u>: Deputy Mayor Malakoutian and Councilmembers Bhargava, Hamilton, Lee, Nieuwenhuis and Sumadiwirya

- ABSENT: Mayor Robinson
- 1. <u>Call to Order</u>

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m., with Deputy Mayor Malakoutian presiding.

2. Roll Call; Flag Salute

City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo called the roll and all Councilmembers except Mayor Robinson were present. Councilmember Lee led the flag salute.

(a) Pride Month Proclamation

Councilmember Sumadiwirya read the proclamation declaring June 2025 as Pride Month in Bellevue and reaffirming the City's commitment to standing in solidarity with LGBTQ+ communities. She encouraged everyone to participate in events, celebrations and community dialogues honoring the meaningful and lasting impacts of the LGBTQ+ community on Bellevue's diverse history and culture.

Axton Burton, Executive Director of Pride Across the Bridge, accepted and thanked the Council for the proclamation. He said it is especially meaningful and supportive during the current social and political climate in the country. He said Pride Across the Bridge is a celebration and a call to action to enhance visibility, dignity and a sense of belonging for LGBTQ+ communities. He urged the Council to confirm a proposed resolution sent to them by Pride Across the Bridge to celebrate Pride Month and to clearly outline where the City will invest resources to support and protect the rights of diverse communities. Mr. Burton said the cities of Bothell, Redmond and Sammamish are supporting the resolution.

Dr. Linda Whitehead, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, commented on efforts by the City and community organizations to make Pride Month a time for celebrations, learning, and meaningful impacts. She invited the public to the Pride on the Plaza event at City Hall on June 4. She thanked the Council for its continued support.

## (b) Men's Health Week Proclamation

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis read the proclamation declaring June 9-15, 2025, as Men's Health Week in Bellevue and urged everyone to encourage the men and boys in their lives to practice healthy habits and to seek regular medical advice and early treatment for disease and injury.

## 3. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>

- → Councilmember Hamilton moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Nieuwenhuis seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.
- 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. Each speaker is allowed up to three minutes to speak and a maximum of three speakers are allowed to speak to any one side of a particular topic. In compliance with Washington state campaign laws regarding the use of public facilities, no speaker may support or oppose a ballot measure or candidate.

- (a) David Bonathan, a member of the Meydenbauer Bay Neighborhood Association (MBNA), suggested moving all parking in the park to the east parcel behind the Chevron station. He said that would ease traffic congestion on surrounding streets while reducing intrusive lighting and noise and improving pedestrian safety. He encouraged a simpler natural park design without the elevated walkway, viewing pavilion and parking garage. He said this would reduce project costs and preserve neighborhood character. Mr. Bonathan expressed concern regarding plans to reduce the number of boat slips at the marina. Based on a survey, 64 percent of respondents were not fully satisfied with the Phase 2 plan. Mr. Bonathan encouraged the Council to consider a more compatible alternative with more greenspace and infrastructure scaled to fit the surroundings.
- (b) Rod Bindon, MBNA President, said the Phase 2 development of Meydenbauer Bay Park will add to the already heavy traffic in the area. He encouraged the cities to plan for this increased traffic with adequate access on 100th Avenue SE by ensuring the width is not compromised and that delivery, garbage pickup and emergency vehicles are able to access the area. He suggested emphasizing the history of 100th Avenue as Bellevue's first street. He encouraged a more natural environment in the park without large structures. He said most cities are increasing the size of their marinas instead of reducing the number of boat slips. He encouraged the Council to retain as much parking as possible during Phase 2.

- (c) Scott Lampe, MBNA Board Member, said he previously served 10 years on the City's Transportation Commission, including two years as the chair. He encouraged the City to provide adequate parking at Meydenbauer Bay Park. He said the study conducted by the City's consultant assumed no spillover parking from Main Street customers and Downtown Park visitors, which residents believe is unrealistic. That consultant assumed an average vehicle occupancy of 4-5 individuals. He said a recognized consultant retained by MBNA concluded that is an unrealistic assumption and that the average number of vehicle occupants is 2.5. Mr. Lampe said that assumption would require 57 more parking spaces. He said the City consultant's study relied on weekly average parking space usage, which does not reflect peak usage on warm days and weekends.
- (d) Pradnya Desh expressed support for the Inclusive Innovation Forum partnership resolution [Agenda Item 10(b)] proposed by staff. She encouraged adoption of the draft Innovative Design Partnership Policies so that startups, non-profit organizations and schools can test new solutions on City land and rights-of-way under a single set of transparent rules. She encouraged requiring every partner to demonstrate a community benefit, digital equity, workforce training, climate resilience and lower cost housing before approved. She suggested establishing performance metrics, an online dashboard and a final report for each project to evaluate the program's effectiveness. She encouraged procurement flexibility to allow the City to buy successful pilot products. Noting her involvement with Bellevue College, she said students want internships that solve real civic problems and allow them to test their products.
- (e) Valentina Vaneeva expressed strong support for the Planning Commission's recommendation for the middle housing Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA). She commented regarding the high cost of housing. She said 81 percent of Bellevue residents support middle housing near transit and jobs and two-thirds of residents support middle housing in residential areas. She said new construction will increase local tax revenue and new residents will contribute to the overall economy.
- (f) Cameron Kast expressed support for the middle housing LUCA as recommended by the Planning Commission. He said allowing a variety of housing types will provide more affordable housing for people who work in Bellevue. He expressed concern regarding declining enrollment in the Bellevue School District. He said a City survey indicated that 81 percent of Bellevue residents are supportive of middle housing near transit and jobs.
- (g) Jay Thaler said he heard that there is a proposal to install 70 automatic license plate reader cameras throughout Bellevue and he has a number of concerns. He said a court decision on May 29, 2025, determined that a Texas police officer conducted a nationwide search of camera databases, which does not require a warrant, to try to find a woman who had an abortion. He said the officer was able to search data from at least two cities in Washington state. He said agencies in Spokane share their data with agencies in Idaho, where abortion is also illegal. He said there are also reports that the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency is using license plate reader data for its aggressive deportation program. In some instances they have purchased complete access to databases, and in others, they simply contact one local sympathetic police officer to run

searches for them, bypassing any restrictions in place for data sharing. He said a lawsuit has been filed against the City of Norfolk (Virginia) asserting that their citywide license plate readers violate the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights of their residents. A judge denied the City's motion to dismiss, citing a U.S. Supreme Court ruling regarding similar usage of cell phone tower data to track people's movements. Mr. Thaler said civil rights are hard won but easily lost, and these devices put everyone in jeopardy by tracking innocent residents and allowing warrantless search. He said Washington state does not regulate the use of license plate reader data. He asked the Council to protect civil rights by putting a hold on any new deployments of license plate readers and to deny all permits for homeowners associations and private entities to install them on public throughways until legal regulations are in place.

- (h) Fay Hou, a Newport Hills resident, expressed concern about the removal of trees for redevelopment, water and mold in her crawl space, and cracks in her foundation. She encouraged neighborhood protections related to housing regulations.
- (i) Joe Kunzler thanked the Council for the Men's Health Week proclamation and encouraged a similar recognition of mental health issues. He expressed concern regarding a specific individual's language during oral communications.
- (j) Nick Ton said there are two groups trying to influence the Council regarding housing policies. One is a group of wealthy, retired individuals who want to keep newcomers, renters and others from moving to Bellevue. The other group is largely individuals who are 20-40 years old and would like to be able to raise a family in Bellevue. He encouraged inclusion principles in the housing LUCA.
- (k) Shada Al-Nasser said she is not a Bellevue resident but she is deeply invested in the community. She spent 15 years working at Microsoft and is now an investor in several local businesses and nonprofits. She said she comes to Bellevue daily, including to deliver food from restaurants and local businesses to food banks and low-income housing. She expressed strong support for the Inclusive Innovation Forum framework.
- 5. <u>Reports of Community Councils, Boards, and Commissions</u>: None.
- 6. <u>Report of the City Manager</u>
  - (a) Accredited Services of the City of Bellevue

City Manager Diane Carlson introduced an update regarding the City's numerous accredited programs and departments.

Nathan McCommon, Deputy City Manager, said accreditation is a strategic investment in a third-party validation of the City's policies and practices. It encourages data-informed decisions, continuous improvement, excellent public service and strategic planning. Achieving accreditation can take up to one year and is typically valid for 4-5 years. Annual reports are

produced to provide accountability. Mr. McCommon said the accreditation process fosters collaboration across all City services, which further validates Bellevue's One City approach.

Mr. McCommon said the City's accredited departments provide public safety and public works programs: 1) Fire and Emergency Medical (since 1998), 2) Parks and Community Services (since 2005), 3) Transportation (since 2007), 4) Police (since 2005), and 5) Utilities (since 2004). He said the evaluation is a rigorous examination of primary services and considers the quality of support services (e.g., Human Resources Department, Information Technology Department, financial and legal counsel, equipment readiness and fleet services). He said only 14 percent of fire departments in the nation are accredited. The Transportation Department is one of 12 with accreditation in Washington state. Mr. McCommon said the Bellevue Utilities Department was the first agency in the state to achieve APWA (American Public Works Association) accreditation. He said less than six percent of police agencies in the country are accredited.

Mr. McCommon said accreditation demonstrates the City's commitment to doing its best for the community. He said accredited departments help advance the Council's strategic investments and uphold the public trust. He thanked staff for all of their hard work every day.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian commended staff for their dedication and service.

- 7. <u>Council Business and New Initiative</u>: None.
- 8. <u>Consent Calendar</u>
- → Councilmember Hamilton moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Nieuwenhuis seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved:
  - (a) <u>Council Minutes</u> Minutes of May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting
  - (b) Ordinance No. 6844 relating to compost procurement; adding a new section to Chapter 4.28 of the Bellevue City Code; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
  - (c) Ordinance No. 6845 relating to speed limits; amending Chapter 11.32 of the Bellevue City Code to reduce the speed limit on four corridors that are currently 35 mph to 30 mph and 25 mph; and establishing an effective date.
  - (d) Resolution No. 10514 adopting the City of Bellevue 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
  - (e) Resolution No. 10515 determining that a portion of an existing water easement located at 3245 158th Ave SE is surplus to the City's needs and is no longer

required for providing continued water service; and setting a time and place for a public hearing to consider the partial release of this easement.

- (f) Resolution No. 10516 authorizing contracts between the City of Bellevue and four arts organizations awarded Capital Facility grants for the 2025-26 grant cycle.
- (g) Resolution No. 10517 authorizing execution of an agreement with ProForce Law Enforcement for the purchase of firearms, in an amount not to exceed \$437,742.24, plus applicable taxes.
- 9. <u>Public Hearings</u>: None.
- 10. <u>Study Session</u>
  - (a) Update from King County Library System

City Manager Carlson welcomed King County Library System staff to provide an update for the Council and the public.

Heidi Daniel, Executive Director, King County Library System, said that in 2024, more than 22 million items were checked out from the libraries including: 1) nearly 11 million digital checkouts, which is second in the country and fourth in the world, and 2) 11 million physical item checkouts. The library system had 676,537 active cardholders and 361,541 program participants in 2024.

Ms. Daniel highlighted programs related to literacy and lifelong learning, afterschool activities and mentoring. She commented on facility improvements and said an accessibility audit was conducted to ensure that all users can access services and facilities. She highlighted recurring story times and the summer reading program.

David Frappier, Bellevue Regional Manager, noted two large upcoming events for the public at the Newport Way Library on June 21, 3:00-6:00 p.m., and Lake Hills Library on June 28, 12:00-5:00 p.m. In 2024, King County libraries served 857,262 visitors and issued 10,028 new library cards. Mr. Frappier highlighted the story times, English language learning services, and basic technology courses available through the libraries. He described the Emerging Radiance project, a partnership with the City to honor the untold stories of Japanese-American farmers who lived in Bellevue from 1920 to 1942. He described the Memory Lab project with the Mellon Foundation to collect stories of the community and highlighted additional programs.

Mr. Frappier said the King County Library System will host a community event later this year to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of libraries in Bellevue. He said the Redmond Library will host the community court in the coming months. He encouraged everyone to attend the One Bellevue One Book program on July 31 with Ross Ishikawa discussing Japanese-American incarceration.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian thanked everyone with the library system for all of their work and investments in Bellevue.

Councilmember Hamilton, the most recent liaison to the former Bellevue Library Advisory Board, thanked staff for the update and for their partnership with the City. He praised the Emerging Radiance project, Memory Lab, and community court programs at libraries. Mr. Hamilton expressed an interest in the possibility of allowing the use of the downtown library parking garage when there is a low demand for library patron parking.

Councilmember Lee said libraries are an important resource and Bellevue residents value education and information. He expressed support for the numerous programs, including the Emerging Radiance project. He thanked all of the library staff and volunteers. He commented on the importance of libraries as gathering spaces.

Councilmember Sumadiwirya thanked the library staff for their work. She commented on the importance of books and the library for her son when he was younger and unable to participate in sports. Responding to Ms. Sumadiwirya, Mr. Frappier said the Bellevue Regional Library has books in 23 different languages. Ms. Daniel said they continue to expand the range of languages and to modify the catalog to make it easier for someone to find items in their native language.

Councilmember Bhargava thanked King County Library System staff for the presentation and commended their partnership with the City. He commented that his children have been frequent users of local libraries. Responding to Mr. Bhargava, Mr. Frappier said the Redmond community court has been in the library since 2018.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis thanked library staff for their work with the City. Responding to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Ms. Daniel said active cardholders refers to individuals who have actively utilized the libraries within the past two years. He encouraged partnering with the libraries for cultural and community events.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Malakoutian, Mr. Frappier said they have not hosted a community event or survey to obtain feedback regarding Bellevue libraries since the Library Advisory Board was discontinued. Mr. Frappier suggested a community listening session during library open house events. In further response to Mr. Malakoutian, Ms. Daniel said it has been more than 15 years since the library system had a ballot measure. The library system is considering a ballot measure to secure funding for expanding hours of service, moving projects forward and balancing the library's collection.

At 7:37 p.m., Deputy Mayor Malakoutian declared a short break. The meeting resumed at 7:47 p.m.

(b) Overview and updates from the Inclusive Innovation Forum including introduction of a resolution to establish a technology innovation policy framework that includes policy support to increase innovative design partnerships.

City Manager Carlson introduced staff's presentation regarding the Inclusive Innovation Forum.

Sabra Schneider, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Department, recalled staff was last before the Council in early February before the Inclusive Innovation Forum was launched. She said staff is seeking direction to return with a resolution supporting innovative design partnerships through the forum. When staff first started thinking about the Inclusive Innovation Forum, they wanted to talk to the public about how to drive more innovation across City services in partnership with the community.

Ms. Schneider said that in September 2024, the process to create the forum began with informal brainstorming sessions of City staff and outside stakeholders. A survey was released in October and a kickoff event was held in November. The first forum was held in March 2025.

Ms. Schneider said the City is launching a partnership ecosystem to grow collaboration and beneficial relationships between startups, nonprofits, corporations, investors, academia and residents. Three sub-teams (i.e., digital equity, policies and priorities, and growing thriving innovation ecosystems) have been meeting outside of the Inclusive Innovation Forum to develop short- and long-term goals, work plans and performance indicators. Ms. Schneider said more details will be shared during the second forum on June 4. The digital equity sub-team is collecting baseline information on needs and data and is focusing on free technology support, classes, access to technology, free and low-cost internet connectivity, and training and education partnerships for job readiness.

The policies and priorities sub-team is focused on driving innovation in City services, making it easier to test and grow innovative ideas with the City, ensuring City policies support equitable technology development, and advising on emerging technology policy (e.g., AI, privacy, Smart Cities). The thriving innovation ecosystems sub-team focuses on enhancing Bellevue's ability to test and support innovative ideas, creating a neutral space to test ideas and bring partners together, partnering with educational institutions and supporting small businesses and startups. Ms. Schneider said staff is considering the potential for creating a neutral physical space where innovation teams could come together to experiment, learn and grow.

PJ Rodriguez, Chief Operating Officer, Information Technology Department, described the draft resolution providing a framework for partnerships to test ideas, enabling a path for startups and small businesses, and supporting innovation pilot programs in City services. The goals of the resolution are to foster sustainable innovation, improve City services and ensure community engagement. Design partnerships will help Bellevue test, evaluate and demonstrate new unproven solutions.

Ms. Schneider said the proposed resolution does not force the City into any partnership. However, it allows staff to more easily create them when certain criteria are met. Ms. Schneider said the next Inclusive Innovation Forum will be held on June 4.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian commended staff for their work and thanked them for the information.

Councilmember Lee expressed strong support for partnerships and collaboration. He expressed support for the overall Inclusive Innovation Forum program. He said he looks forward to

learning more about specific projects. He encouraged staff to involve the Council. He suggested performance metrics to track the effectiveness of the program.

Councilmember Bhargava expressed support for the program and proposed resolution. He said digital equity is fundamental, including internet access and digital literacy. He said he liked the emphasis on partnerships. He asked whether the City has established clear open data policies.

Ms. Schneider said the City established open data policies when it launched Bellevue's open data portal approximately 7-8 years ago. She suggested a review of those policies would be appropriate to ensure they are up to date. In further response to Mr. Bhargava, Ms. Schneider acknowledged that some of the Inclusive Innovation Forum products or projects will not be successful. Ms. Schneider said staff wants to ensure they are aligned with the Council's and City's priorities to be innovating for a purpose. She said it is important to make it feasible for staff to support the partnership.

Councilmember Bhargava commented on the importance of balancing innovation with public responsibility. He suggested approaching projects in phases and maintaining transparency and communications. He suggested establishing clear decision-making protocols and governance.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis expressed enthusiasm for the Inclusive Innovation Forum and thanked Deputy City Manager Joe Todd for his support of this initiative. Mr. Nieuwenhuis concurred with the need for performance metrics to evaluate the program.

Referring to partnerships, Mr. Nieuwenhuis said he wants to make sure the City hears from all voices. He suggested pursuing grant funding to support some of the work. He asked about the role of youth in the Inclusive Innovation Forum. Ms. Schneider said they have been lucky to have youth attend the forum and take information back to their high schools. She concurred with his interest in greater youth involvement.

Councilmember Sumadiwirya said partnerships and education are good for the community. She commented on the importance of proactive and consistent communications. Responding to Ms. Sumadiwirya, Ms. Schneider said the intent, once the work plan for the forum is established, is to measure what the program is trying to achieve. She said some of the performance measures will not be identified until specific partnerships are formed.

Ms. Sumadiwirya asked how to ensure that the digital equity process can reach the most underserved vulnerable community. Ms. Schneider said the digital equity sub-team is compiling data sources to make sure the resources have an impact.

Councilmember Hamilton thanked everyone for their questions and discussion. He said he spoke to a member of the public recently who was interested in using AI to facilitate the beginning of the building permit process. He expressed support for expanding partnerships through the Inclusive Innovation Forum.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian expressed support for staff's efforts and noted the benefit to the community. Responding to Mr. Malakoutian, Ms. Schneider said staff has been working on

operational policies for AI. Approximately two years ago, the Leadership Team adopted interim operational principles that allowed staff to use AI under certain circumstances. Ms. Schneider confirmed that staff is taking a number of things into consideration including ethics, procurement fairness, risks and other issues.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Malakoutian, Ms. Schneider said staff has talked with Startup425 representatives regarding the potential for sharing physical space and partnering in projects. She said they hope to involve more Eastside partners in the fall.

- → Councilmember Hamilton moved to direct staff to return on a consent calendar the proposed resolution to establish a technology innovation policy framework that includes policy support to increase innovative design partnerships. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Ms. Schneider thanked all of the community partners involved with the Inclusive Innovation Forum.

- 11. Land Use: None.
- 12. Other Ordinances, Resolutions, and Motions
  - (a) Meydenbauer Bay Park Community Design Process and Phase 2 Development

City Manager Carlson said staff is seeking Council direction to proceed to the architectural and engineering contract stage to support permitting and the construction of Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 2.

Pam Fehrman, Planning and Development Manager, Parks and Community Services Department, recalled the previous discussion with the Council on May 13. She said staff recently concluded a two-year public engagement process to review the 2010 Meydenbauer Bay Park Land Use Plan. The first phase of the park's development was completed in 2019 and included an ecologically enhanced ravine, nature trails, expanded beach and play area, curved pier and kayak launch. Phase 2 of park implementation is partially funded by the 2022 parks levy. Ms. Fehrman said Phase 2 development provides an important opportunity for enhanced waterfront access for the community and beautiful lake and mountain views.

Ms. Fehrman said the community engagement process has involved park neighbors, Downtown stakeholders and other residents and businesses. She said one of the final surveys sought to gain a sense of the community's satisfaction with the refined park design. She said, community-wide, the proposed designs of all future phases were well supported.

Camron Parker, Assistant Director, Parks and Community Services Department, said Phase 2 of the park focuses on a plaza, pathways and parking. The project will include intersection improvements at Main Street and 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue to connect to a new gateway plaza. The pavilion

reflected in some of the plans is not included in Phase 2. The canopy walk extends from the plaza down to the water, and the plaza and canopy walk are built over new parking spaces. Near the water's edge, Phase 2 plans include an interim path that extends through the promenade area to connect to the Phase 1 park development. Mr. Parker said Phase 2 does not include improvements to Sunset Terrace or Lake Washington Boulevard, reducing the number of boat slips, the elevated feature or shoreline restorations.

Mr. Parker recalled Council feedback on May 13 to advance the 2010 Master Plan vision, deliver an iconic Grand Connection segment, ensure a view of the bay from the Meydenbauer Bay Park plaza, assure sufficient parking, improve wayfinding and accessibility, and provide loading/dropoff areas. He said the Council emphasized the importance of budgeting and cost estimate monitoring, leveraging funding opportunities, designing with attention to views, mitigating construction and park use impacts, and communicating with neighbors.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian thanked staff for the update.

Councilmember Hamilton thanked staff for following up on issues previously raised by the Council. He encouraged continued collaboration with the park's neighbors as Phase 2 planning moves forward. He would like to see as much waterfront and parking as possible through the new design. He expressed support for moving forward with the Phase 2 scope of work.

Councilmember Bhargava expressed an interest in continued public input throughout the process.

Councilmember Lee expressed support for the concerns of the park's neighbors. He said it is important to consider the impacts of the park development on them and the broader community. He noted an interest in making Bellevue more accessible to people by boat. He encouraged an emphasis on the historical context of the park.

Mr. Parker confirmed that staff will continue public outreach with neighbors and will continue to evaluate parking needs. Responding to Mr. Lee, Mr. Parker said data was supplied to staff by the Meydenbauer Bay Neighborhood Association. Mr. Parker said there will be more parking spaces than are available today.

Responding to Councilmember Sumadiwirya, Ms. Fehrman said staff anticipate approximately one year for design before they can apply for permits, and permit processing will take approximately three years.

Ms. Sumadiwirya acknowledged residents' concerns about parking. She asked about screening and privacy impacts during Phase 2 construction.

Responding to Councilmember Nieuwenhuis, Ms. Fehrman said the marina and the number of boat slips will not change with Phase 2. Mr. Nieuwenhuis encouraged staff to continue robust outreach to the neighbors most impacted by the project.

Mr. Nieuwenhuis expressed concern about the adequacy of the parking facilities. He asked about the accuracy of earlier public comment that indicated the parking study assumed 4-5 people per vehicle. Ms. Fehrman said that was not one of the study's assumptions.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis expressed concern about the overall high demand for parking in the area of Meydenbauer Bay Park, Downtown Park and Old Bellevue. He encouraged increasing the number of parking spaces. He thanked staff for the community driven approach to the planning process.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Malakoutian. Mr. Parker said there are currently 117 parking spaces in Meydenbauer Bay Park. Phase 2 currently adds 80 new parking spaces. However, that is offset by parking spaces that will be lost along the waterfront and promenade area. Mr. Malakoutian encouraged as much parking as possible.

- → Councilmember Hamilton moved to direct staff to proceed to the architectural and engineering contract stage to support permitting and the construction of Meydenbauer Bay Park Phase 2. Councilmember Nieuwenhuis seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.
- 13. <u>Written Reports</u>: None.
- 14. <u>Unfinished Business</u>: None.
- 15. <u>New Business</u>: None.
- 16. <u>Executive Session</u>: None.
- 17. Adjournment
- At 9:10 p.m., Deputy Mayor Malakoutian declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC City Clerk

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