## CITY OF BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL

## Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

November 22, 2021 6:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting Bellevue, Washington

- <u>PRESENT</u>: Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis, and Councilmembers Barksdale, Lee, Robertson, Stokes and Zahn
- ABSENT: None.
- 1. <u>Call to Order</u>

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., with Mayor Robinson presiding.

2. <u>Roll Call; Flag Salute</u>

City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo called the roll. All Councilmembers were present and participating remotely. Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis led the flag salute.

- 3. Approval of Agenda
- $\rightarrow$  Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
- 4. <u>Oral Communications</u>
- (a) Craig Spiezle, President of the Lochlaven Community Association, expressed concern regarding detached accessory dwelling units (DADUs) and their impact on the community. He said Northwest Bellevue is not a homogenous neighborhood but consists of several sub-neighborhoods with different characteristics. He expressed concern regarding the impact of DADUs on property values, community health, and traffic and parking considerations. He said the residents' previous submission to the Council dated November 3 outlined 11 key conditions, the majority of which are already codified as they apply to detached structures and/or ADUs. He suggested that the minimal rental period should be 120 days to ensure that DADUs do not become Airbnbs. He suggested establishing a sunset clause to provide time for the City to assess the impact of DADUs on the community before continuing to issue permits. Mr. Spiezle expressed concern that

a DADU could be repurposed for business use. He encouraged the City to continue working with developers to increase the number of affordable housing units in the downtown core.

- (b) Katherine Hughes said she has lived in the Northwest Bellevue community for 14 years. She encouraged the City to allow sub-neighborhoods to participate in planning. She asked the City to require policies with clear directions for their operations, metrics, programming, and budgeting cycles for the neighborhoods. She asked the City to retain the data collected in 2018, 2020 and 2021 as a baseline for plans going forward after the next update to the Comprehensive Plan. She urged the Council to not accept the incomplete and flawed Northwest Bellevue neighborhood plan. Ms. Hughes thanked City staff for working diligently with residents.
- (c) Chuck Doland, a resident of the Lochlaven neighborhood, said he enjoyed representing his community on the subarea advisory council in approximately 1980 regarding the establishment of the central business district. He later participated in planning for the development of the Downtown Park. He expressed concern that DADUs could be used as Airbnbs or as office/commercial uses. He encouraged the Council to adopt a four-year sunset clause to evaluate whether DADUs are achieving their purpose.
- (d) Dick Thompson, a Northtowne area resident, commented regarding the Northwest Bellevue and Northeast Bellevue neighborhood plans to be considered later in the evening. He said the planning process was severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. He said City staff did an outstanding job of bringing neighbors together in a virtual environment to collect their thoughts. However, he expressed concern that the data collected was not translated into meaningful goals and policies. He said there was no discussion among residents and no consensus was developed. He said the City has deferred further neighborhood planning until the next major Comprehensive Plan update is completed. He asked the Council to defer approval of the Northwest Bellevue and Northeast Bellevue plans as well. If the Council wishes to approve the plans now, he asked them to adopt the revisions submitted by the neighborhoods.
- (e) Jessica Clawson, land use attorney with McCullough Hill Leary, spoke on behalf of the Eastside Housing Roundtable regarding Ordinance No. 6620 [Agenda Item 12(a)]. She suggested that the Council direct staff to look into exempting affordable housing projects from development services application fees. She said that would align with the goal of the City's Affordable Housing Strategy to reduce the cost of building affordable housing. She asked the City to shorten permit timelines as well.
- 5. <u>Reports of Community Councils, Boards, and Commissions</u>
  - (a) Arts Commission Recommended Funding Allocations

City Manager Brad Miyake introduced discussion regarding the Arts Commission's funding recommendations for arts organizations.

Lorie Hoffman, Arts Community Manager, Community Development Department, introduced Maria Lau Hui, Chair of the Arts Commission, to present the recommendations.

Chair Lau Hui recalled that the City awarded 45 arts grants for 2021 through the Eastside Arts Partnerships (EAP), Power Up and Special Projects programs. Of those, 32 EAP grants were distributed to 18 community partners and 14 pro partners for a total of \$112,550. Three Power Up grants of \$5,000 each were given to the Pacific Ukrainian Society, American Asian Performing Arts Theatre and the Bellevue Arts Museum. Ten Special Projects grants were given to six individuals and four nonprofit organizations.

Ms. Lau Hui highlighted the grant allocation timeline. The application guidelines were published in July 2021 and the deadline for applications was mid-August. The City received 46 grant applications totaling \$272,530, 12 of which were new applicants, for the \$145,000 in available funding. The allocations committee, comprised of three Arts Commissioners and two community members, scored each application and made recommendations for funding. The recommendations were approved by the Arts Commission on November 2.

Chair Lau Hui described the 2022 recommended funding allocations: 1) EAP, \$119,590 total, 32 grants to 16 community partners and 16 pro partners, 2) Power Up, \$5,000 each to Northwest Sound and Theatre33, and 3) Special Projects, \$15,410 total, 11 grants to nine individuals and two nonprofit organizations. Ms. Lau Hui said the Arts Commission anticipates that the artists and organizations receiving grants will serve 1.1 million residents and visitors in 2022 through in-person and virtual programs, performances, cultural festivals and arts education. The City's support provides free or reduced admission to arts activities for 188,000 individuals and 17,000 educational scholarships. She said the City's arts investments support a diverse group of organizations and boost Bellevue's tourism and creative identity.

Mayor Robinson thanked Chair Lau Hui for the presentation and for the commission's hard work.

Councilmember Stokes, liaison to the Arts Commission, expressed support for the recommendations and thanked everyone for their work.

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the Arts Commission recommendations for the 2022 Eastside Arts Partnerships, Special Projects and Power Up Bellevue allocations and to direct staff to proceed with implementation. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

Responding to Councilmember Zahn, Ms. Hoffman said staff follows up with every grant recipient. Ms. Zahn expressed concern regarding the ability of smaller organizations to compete with larger organizations.

- $\rightarrow$  The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
- 6. <u>Report of the City Manager</u>: None.
- 7. <u>Council Business and New Initiatives</u>

(a) Water Supply Development Fund of the Cascade Water Alliance

Mayor Robinson recalled a previous presentation to the Council regarding Cascade Water Alliance's proposed Waster Supply Development Fund (WSDF).

Councilmember Stokes said the WSDF concept has been discussed throughout the region for a long time and represents a long-term program to ensure the future water supply. On November 17, the Cascade Board considered the proposal presented by Bellevue's Utilities Director and provided feedback to Mr. Stokes reaffirming the Board's desire to implement the WSDF as soon as possible. He noted that Cascade Executive Director Ray Hoffman provided a detailed comment letter on behalf of the Cascade Board. Mr. Stokes said that Board members asked him to share with the Council their continued commitment to a regional approach to the water supply and to the sound business practices and prudent financial principles demonstrated by Cascade.

Mr. Stokes said the WSDF functions as a reserve to finance the replacement of infrastructure. He said Cascade's forecasted rates remain at or below inflation over the next 10 years. He said that delaying contributions to the WSDF creates greater rate pressure for Bellevue ratepayers. He said all of the Cascade Board members are ready to move forward with funding the WSDF. He said Cascade's process has been transparent and the Board meetings are open to the public. He encouraged Council support of the proposal.

Mr. Stokes said Councilmembers are often asked why Bellevue's water rates are so high. He said Bellevue has the fourth highest bill of all 25 utilities that purchase water from the City of Seattle. He said other Cascade members' bills are lower. He said this is a collaborative regional effort and he looks forward to continued planning and communications.

Mayor Robinson said she spoke with a number of regional partners and all of them expressed strong support for Cascade's recommendation to create the WSDF now. She noted that Seattle's water supply is at 3,000 feet and Lake Tapps' water supply is at 14,000 feet. She said that, given climate change, she has more confidence in the Lake Tapps water supply.

Councilmember Robertson thanked Councilmember Stokes for his service on the Cascade Board. Ms. Robertson said the partnership with Cascade was needed to plan the future water supply based on demand projections when the alliance was formed. She said it seems premature to establish the WSDF while contract negotiations are underway with Seattle and Tacoma. She said there is little risk in waiting two years to conclude the negotiations and to reevaluate Cascade's proposal. She expressed concern about future rate impacts and utility connection fees. She said the Cascade connection fee for Bellevue residents is \$6,807 for every single-family unit.

Ms. Robertson said that if Cascade moves forward to transfer significant funds into the WSDF, she would like to know how that will affect the connection fee. She would like Cascade to conduct and provide that calculation to Bellevue. She said if the Cascade Board concludes its negotiations with Seattle and Tacoma and determines that Lake Tapps is not needed in the foreseeable future, \$861 million could be removed from the formula and the connection fee could be dropped, which would increase housing affordability.

Councilmember Robertson spoke in favor of keeping options open and first completing contract negotiations before moving \$12 million into the WSDF and increasing rates. She would prefer to wait two years to determine needs before putting money aside that could not be moved out of the WSDF. She said she appreciates the regional partners and does not think waiting two years will have any negative impacts. She said Bellevue provides more than half of the money that supports the Cascade Water Alliance.

Councilmember Barksdale expressed support for the Cascade proposal to start funding the WSDF. He stated his understanding that the Cascade Board could choose to dissolve the fund if it is not needed and redistribute the money back to member cities. He believes there would be the opportunity to reverse course if needed.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis thanked Councilmember Stokes for his service on the Cascade Board. He thanked Utilities Director Nav Otal for her previous analysis of the WSDF and the impact on ratepayers. Mr. Nieuwenhuis said Cascade has owned Lake Tapps for 16 years. He asked why the proposal is coming forward at this time. He said the region's water demand has been decreasing and Cascade members use only about half of the water currently being purchased from Seattle. He said the current water contract extends through 2042. Mr. Nieuwenhuis thanked Director Otal and staff for looking out for Bellevue ratepayers.

Councilmember Zahn expressed support for Cascade's proposal. She said it is important to plan for future infrastructure. She said the Cascade Board and staff reviewed Bellevue's analysis.

Councilmember Lee commented on the importance of partnerships and thanked staff and elected officials for their work with Cascade. He said this has been a good opportunity for learning and discussion. He expressed an interest in having flexibility and options. He expressed support for the concerns expressed by Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis and Councilmember Robertson.

Mayor Robinson thanked Councilmember Stokes for representing Bellevue on the Cascade Board.

- 8. <u>Consent Calendar</u>
- $\rightarrow$  Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following items were approved:
  - (a) <u>Council Minutes</u> Minutes of November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting
  - (b) Ordinance No. 6617: (1) authorizing execution of a two-year interagency agreement with the Department of Ecology for a Stormwater Best Management Practices Study in the amount of \$193,520, with the executed interagency

agreement to be substantially in the form as the agreement in the Council Library; and (2) amending the 2021-2022 Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$79,393 to cover the anticipated expenditures in this biennium.

- (c) Ordinance No. 6618 authorizing and providing for acquisition of interests in land for the purpose of constructing the 124th Avenue NE - Ichigo Way (NE 18th Street) to Northup Way (CIP Plan No. PW-R-191); providing for condemnation, appropriation, taking of land and property rights necessary therefore; providing for payment; directing the initiation of appropriate proceedings in the manner provided by law for said condemnation; and establishing an effective date.
- (d) Ordinance No. 6619 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.
- (e) Resolution No. 10023 authorizing execution of a two-year agreement with GHB Window Cleaning Services Inc. for window washing services at Bellevue City Hall, the Bellevue Service Center and the Bellevue District Court, with a threeyear renewal option, for a total contract amount including contingency funds not to exceed \$139,750, plus all applicable taxes.
- (f) Resolution No. 10024 authorizing execution of a four-year professional services agreement with Pacifica Law Group, LLP to provide Bond Counsel Services and legal counsel services related to general municipal finance, with a one-year renewal option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000, plus all applicable taxes. The executed Agreement shall be substantially in the form of the Agreement in the Council Library.
- (g) Resolution No. 10025 authorizing Amendment 1 of the ManageForce Technical Services agreement to increase spending authority from a not to exceed amount of \$85,000 plus all applicable taxes to a not to exceed amount of \$173,000 plus all applicable taxes and to extend the term through March 1, 2024.
- (h) Resolution No. 10026 authorizing the execution of Supplement #5 of the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. (Contract No.1750306) in the amount of \$535,327.00, plus all applicable taxes, to complete the engineering design and to prepare the construction contract documents for the 124th Avenue NE - Ichigo Way to Northup Way (CIP Plan No. PW-R-191) project.
- (i) Resolution No. 10027 authorizing the execution of Amendment 1 of the Slalom professional services agreement to increase spending authority from a not-to-exceed amount of \$90,000 plus all applicable taxes to a not-to-exceed amount of

\$490,000 plus all applicable taxes. The executed Amendment shall be substantially in the form of the Amendment in the Council Library.

- (j) Resolution No. 10028 authorizing the execution of a five-year general services contract with Stearns, Conrad & Schmidt Consulting Engineers, Inc. dba SCS Field Services (SCS), in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, plus applicable taxes, for the operation, monitoring, reporting and maintenance services on the Landfill Gas collection system located at Airfield Park.
- (k) Resolution No. 10029 authorizing execution of an Architectural and Engineering Professional Services Agreement with ARC Architects Inc. in an amount including contingency funds not to exceed \$841,126, plus all applicable taxes, for architectural, engineering, and environmental services to complete the first phase of design to support a new operations & maintenance facility for Parks & Community Services.
- Resolution No. 10030 authorizing execution of an amendment to the professional services contract with LPD Engineering PLLC in the amount of \$102,651, plus applicable taxes, to provide design revisions, additional permit support, engineering, and construction administration to complete the new park in the Newport Hills Neighborhood.
- (m) Resolution No. 10031 authorizing execution of all documents necessary to implement settlement of the lawsuit Western National Insurance Group v. City of Bellevue et al. (King County Superior Court Cause No. 20-2-05373-2 SEA).

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared a short break. The meeting resumed at 7:13 p.m.

- 9. <u>Public Hearings</u>: None.
- 10. <u>Study Session</u>
  - (a) East Link Connections Project Update

City Manager Miyake introduced discussion regarding the East Link Connections project and proposed changes for redistributing transit service in Bellevue when light rail begins operating on the Eastside.

Lacey Jane Wolfe, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations, said that Sound Transit and King County Metro used Bellevue's Transit Master Plan, public input and other data to develop a set of proposed changes to transit services with the implementation of light rail. She said City staff analyzed the draft changes and verified that they are aligned with the priorities reflected in the Transit Master Plan. Ms. Wolfe said staff is seeking direction to submit a comment letter to Metro and Sound Transit leadership regarding Bellevue's priorities. Brian Henry, King County Metro Transportation Planner, highlighted the agenda for the presentation.

J.R. Alexander, Senior Planner for Sound Transit, said the goals of the East Link Connections project are to: 1) improve mobility for priority populations, 2) inform, engage and empower current and potential customers, and 3) deliver integrated transit service that responds to the expansion of light rail.

Mr. Henry presented a map depicting the study area for the East Link Connections project, which extends from Shoreline to Renton and east to Duvall and Issaquah.

Arthur Bachus, Customer Engagement Specialist for Sound Transit, said the Link 2 light rail line will begin operating in Bellevue in 2023 and extend to Redmond in 2024. There will be 12 stations with trains running at eight-minute intervals during peak times.

Gunner Scott, Senior Communications Public Engagement Planner, King County Metro, highlighted the project's community outreach efforts including 131,430 mailings (55,000 to Bellevue zip codes), 12 virtual briefing sessions with a total of 350 participants, digital and ethnic media ads, outreach tool kit, 60 bus stop signs, online survey in eight languages (1,832 respondents) and formal partnerships with four community-based organizations. Mr. Scott noted that they received 33 survey responses in Chinese and 22 survey responses in Korean, which is the highest number of survey responses that Metro has received in a language other than English or Spanish.

Mr. Henry said the project convened a 26-member advisory board of residents in or near the study area to discuss the transit network and to better understand the community. He said one of the top priorities for bus transit is to provide more opportunities for transfers to light rail and other buses.

Mr. Alexander said the Link 2 line will replace Sound Transit's route 550, and route 554 will be rerouted to serve the South Bellevue Station/Park and Ride and Downtown Bellevue.

Mr. Henry said the Bellevue Transit Master Plan was a key reference for the planners in this process. He noted increased service frequency for route 240 between Renton and Factoria and for routes 203 and 241 connecting Factoria to the South Bellevue Station. Mr. Henry said Metro is increasing frequency on five bus routes in Bellevue and providing service for more of the day on four routes. He said the new route 270 replaces route 271 from the University of Washington to Downtown Bellevue, and route 240 replaces the 271 from Downtown Bellevue to Eastgate. Route 554 replaces route 271 from Eastgate to Issaquah. He said routes 222 and 223 will replace route 221, which will bring strong connections to light rail and increase bus frequency.

Mr. Henry said there was strong support for the new route 270 between Downtown Bellevue and the University of Washington using the Bellevue Way NE pathway to SR 520, including to serve affordable housing and The Sophia Way shelter at St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

Mr. Alexander said there was strong support for Sound Transit route 554 serving Downtown Bellevue, the South Bellevue Station and Bellevue College, with a quick, more frequent connection to Issaquah.

Mr. Henry said there was 65 percent support for the changes to route 226 serving East Bellevue and linking to the South Bellevue Station and to Downtown Bellevue. It also provides a direct connection to Bellevue College. Route 203 provides new local connections between the South Bellevue Station, Factoria and Issaquah. Based on feedback from the public and City staff, the project team will look more closely at the frequency between Downtown Bellevue and Eastgate, connections in Factoria, and revised route 249 in Clyde Hill.

Mr. Alexander said station-area capital improvements include new, relocated or upgraded bus stops at light rail stations, shelters, benches, lighting, route maps, and real-time information with new signage.

Mr. Henry said they are working closely with Bellevue's transportation department staff to address potential speed and reliability improvements.

Mr. Scott noted that the project has been through Phase 1, needs assessment, and is currently in Phase 2, development of service concepts. Phase 3 will launch in early February to present the proposed service changes to the public, seek feedback on ways to refine and optimize the plan, and to conduct a final equity analysis. Next summer, the final service network will be transmitted to the King County Council and to the Sound Transit Board for adoption. Mr. Scott referred the public to <u>www.elc.participate.online</u> for route maps and more information in multiple languages.

Mayor Robinson thanked staff for the presentation.

Councilmember Robertson thanked Sound Transit for opening the South Bellevue Park and Ride now instead of waiting until light rail begins operating. She thanked Sound Transit and Metro staff for their collaboration with Bellevue staff. She said it is important to ensure strong bus service and connections to light rail, especially with 30,000 new jobs coming to Bellevue. She noted that she serves on the King County Regional Transit Committee, which spent the past two years helping to update Metro's policies for this type of service restructure.

Councilmember Zahn thanked the project team for using Bellevue's Transit Master Plan as part of its planning process. She expressed support for the new route 270 to replace route 271, which will serve residents at The Sophia Way. She said route 226 will serve the future Eastgate shelter and supportive housing campus. She encouraged frequent connections to and from social services facilities, including outside of peak travel hours. She noted that the future aquatic center and development of Airfield Park will increase the demand for bus service in East Bellevue.

Mr. Henry said they are happy to be partnering with the City of Bellevue. He acknowledged the importance of transit service at all times of the day. He said Metro is noticing that people are working more flexible schedules, resulting in less-pronounced peak demand. He said Metro staff will continue to work with City staff as the community changes, including to address service enhancements to Bellevue College.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis thanked staff for the presentation, including the information from Sound Transit regarding their equity outreach and analysis. Responding to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Mr. Henry said safety measures include lighting and seamless connections between travel modes. In further response to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Mr. Scott said staff will begin working on informing and educating the public about the upcoming changes during Phase 3 of the project and will collect public feedback through that effort. Metro provides ongoing opportunities for public input, including through its customer service line. He said it is not uncommon to make adjustments after service changes based on community input.

Mayor Robinson said she appreciated the reference to Bellevue's Transit Master Plan, which was thoughtfully developed by staff, the Council and the community. She said she appreciated the equity considerations, noting that longer commutes have a negative effect on overall quality of life. Responding to Ms. Robinson, Mr. Henry said route 246 in the Woodridge neighborhood will be replaced by route 241, which runs a bit more frequently than the 246.

Councilmember Barksdale thanked everyone for their work to improve transit services. He said he appreciated the equity focus in the planning process. Responding to Mr. Barksdale, Mr. Henry said route 245 has frequent service between the Eastgate and Crossroads areas. Travelers from Factoria will be able to connect to the South Bellevue Station for light rail or to route 245 at Eastgate to go to the Crossroads area. Mr. Henry said route 245 operates until midnight. Route 223 replaces route 221 with service until midnight instead of 10:00 p.m. Mr. Bachus noted that light rail will generally operate until approximately 1:00 a.m.

Councilmember Stokes thanked Metro and Sound Transit staff for their work. He encouraged them to think of ways to educate people about riding the bus. He said he appreciated the presentation integrating both Metro and Sound Transit services.

Mayor Robinson asked Councilmembers to comment on their support for the letter and the proposed routes.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Mr. Scott said they worked with the Chinese Information Service Center to publicize the survey, provide information and conduct a focus group. Mr. Scott said Metro will continue to conduct outreach and marketing in multiple languages. He said their ethnic media advertising has been helpful in reaching diverse populations. Mr. Lee suggested the app WeChat for reaching the Chinese-American community. He encouraged continued bus service to Sea-Tac airport from Bellevue. Mr. Lee expressed support for the letter of support for the proposed Phase 2 changes.

Mayor Robinson noted a Council consensus in support of the proposed changes. She thanked Ms. Wolfe for her work with Sound Transit and Metro.

At 8:01 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared a short break. The meeting resumed at 8:06 p.m.

(b) 2021 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments: Northeast Bellevue and Northwest Bellevue Neighborhood Area Plans

City Manager Miyake introduced discussion regarding the 2021 proposed plan amendments for the Northeast Bellevue and Northwest Bellevue neighborhood area plans. Staff is seeking direction to return with ordinances approving the amendments as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Emil King, Assistant Director, Community Development Department, said the Great Neighborhoods program builds on the existing subarea plans in volume two of the Comprehensive Plan, which is the foundational policy document for the City. Policies in the plan guide other plans, capital spending, regulations, programs and services.

Thara Johnson, Comprehensive Planning Manager, said the state Growth Management Act allows Comprehensive Plans to be amended once per year. She highlighted the decision criteria for Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPAs) in Land Use Code section 20.30I.150. A CPA must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, address the interests and changed needs of the entire city, address significantly changed conditions, demonstrate a public benefit, and be suitable for development in general conformance with adjacent land use, surrounding development pattern and zoning standards.

The Northeast Bellevue neighborhood area plan provides an updated narrative and policies, amends the land use map to its new borders and amends the borders for adjacent (Crossroads and Southeast Bellevue) neighborhood areas. The Northwest Bellevue neighborhood area plan renames the North Bellevue Subarea Plan to Northwest Bellevue neighborhood area plan and adds new narrative and policies. The Planning Commission recommends approval of both plans.

Elizabeth de Regt, Senior Planner, said the neighborhood area plans highlight what is unique about each neighborhood. She said the City is updating neighborhood area plans for two areas at a time. However, the remaining plans are meant to be put on hold until after the 2024 periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan is completed. Ms. de Regt recalled that several of the neighborhood area boundaries changed in 2015.

Ms. de Regt said staff provided a management brief to the Council in March regarding the neighborhood area planning process. She said all of the community engagement was held virtually due to the pandemic. She said the online meetings used breakout rooms to allow small groups of residents to interact to discuss the issues and priorities. Staff's community engagement efforts included 10 virtual events each for the Northeast Bellevue and Northwest Bellevue processes and 15-20 targeted group or individual meetings. The cultural outreach assistants provided six presentations for individuals and organizations. Two mailers, including a questionnaire, were sent to residents of the neighborhoods, and a number of residents visited the Engaging Bellevue web page and provided input.

Ms. de Regt said the two neighborhood plans are provided in the meeting materials, and each plan includes five policy sections: 1) sense of community, 2) housing affordability, 3) mobility and access, 4) sense of place, and 5) environment.

Mohammad Malakoutian, Planning Commission Chair, said the planning process was initiated with residents in mid-2020. The commission reviewed the plans over a series of five meetings between April and July 2021, and the public hearings were held on July 14. The commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of both plans. The commission found that the plans satisfied all of the Land Use Code decision criteria referenced above. For the Northeast Bellevue plan, five individuals spoke during the public hearing and nine people provided written comments. For the Northwest Bellevue plan, six individuals spoke during the hearing and 13 people provided written comments.

Chair Malakoutian said the themes of the Northeast Bellevue plan are to maintain the peaceful character of the area, address redevelopment within single-family areas, address housing affordability and housing options, and to preserve the tree canopy and park-like space. He said adjacent areas (BelRed, Crossroads, Overlake) are experiencing increasing growth and therefore the plan addresses separation and buffering, traffic impacts, safety concerns, and walkability. At the Planning Commission's direction, staff incorporated additional policy language regarding the impacts of projects near the border of Bellevue and Redmond. The commission made an additional recommendation for both plans to request that the City Council assess housing affordability policies to ensure that they align with and are evaluated in the context of citywide policies and the vision for the City's Affordable Housing Strategy.

Ms. de Regt said the Affordable Housing Strategy emphasizes the need for a variety of housing types and specifically calls out accessory dwelling units (ADUs) for discussion. She said two letters written by the same group of residents in Northeast Bellevue were received on October 1 and November 12. The three main topics addressed in the letters were coordination with the City of Redmond, tree preservation and increased housing options. She said there have been a number of public comments regarding housing types, including detached ADUs (DADUs, or backyard cottages), duplexes and triplexes, and every breakout discussion raised the topic of housing types. Ms. de Regt said the survey results from 401 respondents indicated split support for ADUs in Northeast Bellevue, with 76 percent agreeing that they would need to be regulated related to size, placement, parking and tree removal.

Overall, Ms. de Regt said there was a great deal of discussion regarding transitioning, scale and buffering for the quieter areas of the neighborhood. She said a number of policies relate to bringing people together, helping each other in difficult times, housing affordability, aging in place, mobility, safety and environment. The environment policies address tree planting, education and stormwater management.

Mr. King requested Council feedback and direction regarding the proposed Northeast Bellevue neighborhood area plan.

Councilmember Barksdale, liaison to the Planning Commission, thanked the commissioners, staff and the public for their involvement in neighborhood planning. He expressed support for the commission's recommendation. He noted that diversity includes income diversity, which is why the Council often talks about affordable housing and a variety of housing options. Mr. Barksdale shared written comments from a gentleman who lived in an ADU in the Enatai neighborhood and was able to age in place and experience a sense of community.

Mr. Barksdale said that 25 percent of residents in the Northeast Bellevue area are cost-burdened by housing, which is 961 households. He said increasing costs are displacing older residents and making it difficult for middle-income earners to rent or purchase a home and, as a result, there is a growing interest in different housing types. He noted that the gentleman mentioned above and his family no longer live in Bellevue because it became unaffordable.

Mayor Robinson thanked Chair Malakoutian and the commissioners for their work. She said she read all of the information provided for tonight's meeting and she was impressed with the extensive input and detailed work. She acknowledged that some residents have said they feel that the Northeast Bellevue and Northwest Bellevue areas were addressed as if they were the same type of neighborhoods. However, she did not get that impression from reading the materials.

Ms. Robinson concurred with Councilmember Barksdale's comments regarding the impact of housing costs on neighborhoods. However, she said aging in place is often interpreted to mean remaining in one's longtime home. After 20 years of working with individuals who are aging in their homes, she observed that people are often living alone and can experience anxiety living in a home that they can no longer manage. Ms. Robinson encouraged a variety of housing types to provide options for older adults, including options to downsize in their own neighborhoods. She said she liked the proposed amendment that suggests exploring a mix of new housing typologies. However, she suggested removing DADUs and retaining duplexes and triplexes as options for a range of households. She suggested addressing DADUs early next year to determine the purpose of the housing type (e.g., affordability, age in place, downsize). She said 50 percent of Bellevue's single-family homes are occupied by one or two adults and no children. She expressed concern about encouraging adults to remain in large homes by themselves while providing smaller home options for families. She suggested a broader discussion about what the City is trying to achieve with DADUs.

Mayor Robinson noted her support for the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis thanked staff and the Planning Commission for all of their work. He concurred with Mayor Robinson's suggestion to postpone consideration of DADUs until next year. He expressed support for considering specific provisions for DADUs, including to address owner occupancy, available parking, traffic impacts and other neighborhood impacts.

Responding to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Ms. de Regt said that residents of both neighborhood areas are split regarding their support for DADUs, and the City has received hundreds of detailed comments. She said residents are interested in a more thorough discussion about issues related to DADUs including the appropriate regulations and requirements.

Councilmember Zahn recalled that the neighborhood plans have not been updated since the 1980s and the demographics and needs of the community have changed. She said she likes that the plans provide information about the visions for the neighborhoods and the elements for success. She suggested approving the plans as recommended by staff and also addressing DADUs in greater detail next year. She noted that the proposed revisions refer to exploring

housing types and considering issues related to adjacent properties and to adequate infrastructure.

Ms. Zahn said that 17 percent of the households in Northeast Bellevue (654 households) earn less than \$50,000 annually, and there are only 190 multifamily housing units in the area. She said 82 percent of the homes are owner-occupied and most were built between 1950 and 1980. She said residents have expressed concern regarding the redevelopment of older homes into significantly larger structures. She suggested that if the City can create more housing choices and opportunities for homeowners, they will have more options than to sell to developers who will build large homes.

Councilmember Robertson said she had general comments that apply to both neighborhood plans. She thanked staff for the extensive community engagement process and complimented the layout, design and data provided in the plans. She said the pandemic has been difficult for everyone and virtual meetings can be challenging due to technology issues and personal comfort with online meetings. While the use of breakout rooms was helpful, it is not the same as talking to people in person.

Regarding the Northeast Bellevue plan, Ms. Robertson said she has heard comments regarding policy 11, with residents requesting more protection against adverse impacts from development in neighboring jurisdictions. She suggested revising the language to be more acceptable to everyone. She suggested adding more language addressing safety and the environment to respond to public comments as well. She expressed support for removing DADUs from the plan and fully addressing those issues next year.

Councilmember Stokes expressed support for the recommended Northeast Bellevue plan. He concurred with Councilmember Zahn's suggestion to adopt the plans as presented while still planning to more fully address DADUs next year. He thanked staff for their good work.

Councilmember Lee said that every neighborhood is different and residents are proud of their area's unique characteristics. He said residents of certain neighborhoods want trees while others want to preserve views. He expressed support for exploring housing options. Mr. Lee said he was not ready to support the Northeast Bellevue plan tonight.

Councilmember Barksdale said there are a number of reasons for supporting DADUs including to provide housing for aging in place, adult children returning home, and individuals needing income to stay on their property, whether in the house or the ADU. He encouraged approving the Northeast Bellevue plan tonight. He said staff has acknowledged the interest of a number of residents in further exploring DADUs in the near future.

Mayor Robinson opined that residents should have the option to age in place. However, that should not be the ultimate goal of DADUs. She would like the City to develop goals for DADUs, and she would like to provide housing options for people who want to downsize in their own neighborhoods. She encouraged a change in how we think, noting that there is a strong emphasis in our society that people should stay in their longtime homes. She suspects that many older

people stay in their homes due to the lack of housing options. Ms. Robinson reiterated her support for the recommended Northeast Bellevue plan.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis said a number of residents have asked the Council to postpone the adoption of the neighborhood plans until after the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update. Mr. King said additional work would be required to restart the planning efforts and reengage with the community. In further response to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Mr. King said the term "explore" was used specifically to acknowledge that housing is a complicated issue and more time and work would be needed to fully study the implications of different housing types.

Councilmember Zahn said she appreciates the involvement of the cultural outreach assistants. She said the community deserves the adoption of the plan given the age of existing subarea plans and residents' work with the City over the past two years. She said there are a number of initiatives in the Council's work plan, including to address the tree canopy and tree codes, and she believes it is important to move forward with approving the neighborhood plans. She said the Northeast Bellevue plan purposely refers to "exploring" different housing types while language for other elements of the plan refer to "directing," building" and "ensuring." She said the language recognizes that more work is needed to address housing types, including DADUs.

Councilmember Robertson reiterated her suggestion to remove the DADU term from the Northeast Bellevue plan. She noted that Mayor Robinson might be interested in using some of the language in policies 21-23 from the Northwest Bellevue plan in the Northeast Bellevue plan. She suggested revising policy 11 in the Northeast Bellevue to add "...and work with neighboring jurisdictions to ensure that development impacts are mitigated," to the existing statement: "Collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions to promote a welcoming experience when crossing jurisdictional boundaries."

Referring to the sense of community section in both plans, Ms. Robertson suggested adding a new paragraph to the description as follows: "Northeast/Northwest Bellevue residents value living in a safe and inclusive community. They value having safety in their homes, on their streets and in places where people shop, work and gather." She suggested also adding the following policy to both plans: "Create a safe community, including safe places to gather, walk and play."

In the environment section description of both plans, Councilmember Robertson suggested adding: "Northeast/Northwest Bellevue residents value having a clean and healthy environment." In the Northwest Bellevue Plan, policies 21-23 address aging in place. She suggested adding to those three policies: "Build awareness of programs that support and enable older adults to stay in their homes as they age."

Councilmember Robertson said she would like the Council to discuss housing typologies early next year, including ADUs, DADUs and redevelopment resulting in significantly larger homes.

Responding to Mayor Robinson, Ms. Robertson confirmed that she is proposing that staff bring back the recommended ordinance as well as her proposed amendments for consideration and action.

Councilmember Stokes concurred with the suggestion to reference safety. However, he said it is important to be specific about the issues and definitions related to safety. He said he would like to move forward with the Northeast Bellevue plan. He believes there is enough flexibility to work with, and he thanked staff and the Planning Commission for establishing the framework. He favors retaining the DADU reference and discussing the concept in greater detail in the future.

Councilmember Lee said every neighborhood is different and residents have different priorities. He thanked Councilmember Robertson for her suggestions. He said the Council and the community have been waiting for a long time to update the neighborhood plans. He said it is important to work with individual neighborhoods to determine what is appropriate for them and to provide options.

Mayor Robinson said that is what staff and the Planning Commission have been doing over the past two years. She observed that a majority of the Council is ready to direct staff to return with an ordinance approving the Northeast Bellevue plan. Responding to Mayor Robinson, Mr. King confirmed that staff will address Councilmember Robertson's suggested revisions as well.

Councilmember Zahn referred to policy NE-14, which addresses creating new gathering places for families and community members, and suggested adding "publicly accessible" gathering places.

Mayor Robinson recalled that, in the past, Councilmember Barksdale commented that there should not be different DADU guidelines for each neighborhood and that there should be a citywide policy. Mr. Barksdale suggested keeping DADUs in the Northeast Bellevue neighborhood plan because it does not preclude later considering citywide policies.

Moving to the Northwest Bellevue plan, Chair Malakoutian said the area has a wide range of land uses including commercial, industrial, single-family and multifamily uses. He said the recommended plan includes policies encouraging buffering or transitioning to the Downtown, maintaining a variety of sub-neighborhoods, and prioritizing pedestrian improvements. At the Planning Commission's direction, staff added language emphasizing the importance of safety along transit access routes. Mr. Malakoutian said that, based on residents' concerns regarding housing affordability and aging in place, the commission recommended language to explore DADUs and other housing choices. Residents also expressed concern about redevelopment and the impact on neighborhood character as well as the reduction of the tree canopy.

Chair Malakoutian said the Planning Commission recommends that the Council hold an additional conversation to ensure that the Northwest Bellevue policies align with and address safety issues.

Ms. de Regt said that pedestrian safety was discussed in both neighborhoods, but more so in Northwest Bellevue. She noted that Attachment G of the meeting packet highlights potential amendments to strengthen the language related to pedestrian safety.

Ms. de Regt said a letter dated November 3 from the Lochleven Community Association expressed support for considering housing options, with the caveat that there are 11 specific code regulations they were interested in seeing. Two additional letters dated November 11 expressed concern regarding aging in place, the potential negative impacts of DADUs, and the redevelopment of homes that are out of scale with the existing neighborhood. Ms. de Regt said that 17 percent of the single-family homes in the Northwest Bellevue neighborhood have been torn down and rebuilt over the past 10 years. She said Northwest Bellevue residents were split in their support for DADUs/backyard cottages, and 82 percent of the 269 survey respondents strongly agreed that they would need to be regulated related to size, placement, parking and tree removal.

Councilmember Barksdale expressed support for the Northwest Bellevue plan.

Mayor Robinson said she liked policy NW-24: "Encourage a mix of housing typologies within both lower and higher density districts to allow for a range of affordability options with a variety of sizes of housing units, ease of movement for the physically disabled, and visual styles." She would like to see that in the Northeast neighborhood plan as well. She suggested removing the references to specific housing types based on the Council's interest in exploring all potential options.

Councilmember Zahn expressed support for the safety-related language in Attachment G, noting that one-third of Northwest Bellevue residents use transit, walk or use some other alternative to a single-occupancy vehicle. She noted that 58 percent of homes in Northwest Bellevue are owner-occupied compared to 82 percent in Northeast Bellevue, and half of the homes in Northwest Bellevue are multifamily.

Councilmember Robertson concurred with Mayor Robinson's support for policy NW-24 and suggested deleting NW-25. Ms. Robertson proposed the same revisions related to safety and the environment that she suggested for the Northeast plan. She suggested adding language about aging in place to the other three policies about ways to age in the neighborhood. She suggested adding mobility and access language as well.

Councilmember Stokes said the issue of replacing older homes with much larger homes is a concern citywide. He expressed support for the Northwest Bellevue neighborhood plan and thanked Councilmember Robertson for her suggestions.

Councilmember Lee said there are a number of different sub-neighborhoods in Northwest Bellevue. Responding to Mr. Lee, Chair Malakoutian said residents of both Northwest and Northeast Bellevue expressed concern about preserving neighborhood character.

Mayor Robinson thanked Chair Malakoutian and staff for the presentation and discussion.

- $\rightarrow$  Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m., and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

At 9:51 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared a short break. The meeting resumed at 10:00 p.m.

(c) Best Practices and Recommendations relating to Permanent Supportive Housing

Mr. Miyake introduced discussion regarding permanent supportive housing and on-site services.

Mr. King recalled the Council's interest in considering best practices from other jurisdictions and agencies related to permanent supportive housing. He said staff is seeking Council direction to: 1) develop a community engagement guide with neighborhood outreach, engagement strategies and relationship building, and 2) work with providers of on-site services using the funding process and agreements when the City is a funding partner.

Thara Johnson, Planning Manager, Community Development Department said permanent supportive housing is permanent housing with connections to social services and other services to improve the resident's health status and connect with the residents with community-based health care, treatment and employment services [RCW 36.70A.030]. Following previous discussion with the Council, the intent was to determine whether any best practices could be incorporated into the Land Use Code, funding agreements, or other mechanisms. Ms. Johnson said staff contacted local affordable housing partners and permanent supportive housing providers and conducted an overall research analysis on approaches, including academic research and approaches used in other jurisdictions.

Ms. Johnson said Bellingham and Seattle have specific requirements in their Land Use Codes for certain types of supportive housing as part of the overall permitting process, and both cities require community engagement related to permanent supportive housing. In Seattle, the City must notify property owners within 500 feet of the housing site and hold at least one neighborhood meeting. The City of Bellingham requires an operations plan with a community outreach component. Staff from both cities indicated that their approaches are fairly new and their effectiveness has not been evaluated. In the City and County of Denver, their comprehensive engagement guide is focused on the interaction between permanent supportive housing developers or providers and neighborhoods. Participation through community engagement is encouraged but not required in the Land Use Code.

Ms. Johnson said staff did not find any Land Use Code requirements for minimal on-site services for cities of comparable size. The services vary based on the individual needs at each facility, and on-site supportive services resulted in higher rates of individuals remaining in stable housing. Recently, however, staff learned of a few jurisdictions that have instituted requirements for on-site services, including Des Moines, Covington and SeaTac. Ms. Johnson said staff found in its literature research that the most significant barrier to providing on-site services is funding. Typical on-site services include independent life skills training, peer support, clinical support, crisis intervention, eviction prevention, and a focus on heath and wellness.

Ms. Johnson said staff recommends that the City: 1) develop a community engagement guide for permanent supportive housing outside of the Land Use Code to include neighborhood outreach, engagement strategies and relationship building, and 2) work with permanent supportive housing

providers for on-site services when the City is a funding partner for the services. Staff does not recommend modifying the Land Use Code to require on-site services.

Councilmember Robertson thanked staff for her briefing the previous week. She expressed support for staff's recommendations and suggested adding a provision to the grant funding application form regarding whether people have complied with the community engagement guide. She highlighted the statement in the presentation that on-site supportive services resulted in higher rates of individuals remaining in stable housing. She would like staff to modify the grant application to allow the City to ask what services will be provided, whether they will be on-site, and whether transportation to services will be provided. She noted the objective of supporting individuals to remain in permanent stable housing and said that services are critical.

Councilmember Stokes said he is pleased that the City is approaching this from a best practices approach. He said staff's recommendation provides a framework for a more uniform approach. He agreed that supportive services are very important and expressed support for staff's recommendation.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis asked why Denver was chosen as an example. Was it based on either awards or other recognition about the effectiveness of Denver's approach? Or was it based on staff's analysis that what Denver is doing would work well in Bellevue? Ms. Johnson said staff's approach was to explore a number of cities, including in Canada, to learn about the different approaches. She said Denver was mentioned repeatedly as a good example, and there are similarities between Denver and Bellevue in terms of light rail and transit-oriented development (TOD) planning. Ms. Johnson said Denver's community engagement guide is fairly comprehensive and detailed. Mr. Nieuwenhuis expressed support for staff's recommendation.

Councilmember Zahn thanked Councilmember Barksdale for suggesting the creation of a best practices guide instead of adopting amendments to the Land Use Code. Ms. Zahn noted the importance of convenient access to transit. She said her understanding is that the HB 1590 revenues would be eligible for permanent supportive housing and supportive services. She wondered if it would be worthwhile to reach out to the National League of Cities to explore guides and best practices manuals. She said the new incoming president has identified homelessness as one of his focus areas moving forward.

Mayor Robinson said she would like to streamline the permitting process for permanent supportive housing to ensure that providers understand exactly what is expected of them. She said providing on-site services is a best practice for achieving successful outcomes. She suggested looking at what Plymouth Housing has done in terms of community outreach and engagement. Ms. Robinson said she has heard positive input regarding Plymouth Housing from a number of sources.

Councilmember Barksdale thanked staff for their work and recommendation. He said it provides the right balance of informing housing and services providers about Bellevue's standards and expectations without creating a barrier to being able to provide the type of housing desired for residents. Councilmember Lee concurred regarding the importance of community engagement and on-site services. He asked whether staff is continuing its research given that the programs are relatively new. He noted that Councilmember Zahn suggested another source for data and information that might help identify additional best practices.

Mr. King said Bellingham and Seattle have specific approaches to community engagement that are relatively new. He said staff would monitor the providers to evaluate positive outcomes. He expressed support for Councilmember Zahn's suggestion to research the National League of Cities information as well as providers, including Plymouth Housing.

Mayor Robinson observed that there is a Council consensus in support of staff's recommendation. She noted the interest in whether transportation would be provided for residents to connect with social services. Responding to Ms. Robinson, Councilmember Robertson reiterated her interest in community outreach and including information about outreach, supportive services and transportation in the City's grant application. She thanked Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis and Councilmember Lee for voting to initiate this work.

Councilmember Stokes said St. Andrew's Church has been providing a similar approach for a number of years, while on a smaller scale.

- 11. Land Use
  - (a) Consideration of the Safegard Self Storage Rezone application submitted by Tia Fergusson of Lake Hills Business Association for a rezone of a 6.4-acre site located at 1015 164th Avenue NE from Office (O) to Community Business (CB). Permit File No. 20-102751-LQ.

City Attorney Kathy Gerla introduced consideration of the Safegard Self Storage rezone application for a site in the Crossroads subarea to rezone a 6.4-acre site from Office (O) to Community Business (CB). She said this is the latest of a series of rezone applications before the Council to implement Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPAs) approved by the Council one year ago. She said this is a Process III decision. The Hearing Examiner made a recommendation and the Council will make the final decision. The Hearing Examiner recommended approval of the application and no appeals were filed. Ms. Gerla said staff is not requesting Council action tonight. Staff anticipates requesting final action on December 6.

Ms. Gerla said this is a quasi-judicial matter and advised Mayor Robinson to ask Councilmembers to disclose any ex parte contacts they may have had with either a proponent or opponent of the application.

Responding to Mayor Robinson, all Councilmembers indicated they have not had any ex parte communications. Mayor Robinson said she has not had ex parte contacts.

Reilly Pittman, Planning Manager, Development Services Department, said the proposed rezone is site-specific and there is no development proposal associated with the rezone. He said the

rezone request is consistent with the CPA approved on December 14, 2020 by Ordinance No. 6561. A determination of non-significance for the CPA and rezone was issued on October 8, 2020 and public notice of the rezone was issued on February 11, 2021. A public meeting was held on February 18, 2021 and no comments were submitted.

Mr. Pittman described the site and location. He said the site and surrounding properties, which includes Crossroads Park, are zoned R-30 to the north and single-family zoning to the east. The Crossroads Shopping Center is west of the site. Mr. Pittman said the rezone proposal met all of the decision criteria in the Land Use Code.

Mayor Robinson recalled that the proposal was previously presented to the Council. She thanked staff for the presentation.

- 12. Other Ordinances, Resolution, and Motions
  - (a) Ordinance No. 6620 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. 6551.

City Manager Miyake said Council action is requested on three ordinances and one resolution related to adopting the Mid-Biennium Budget update.

Toni Call, Director of Finance and Asset Management (FAM), said the budget update is primarily technical in nature and includes inflation revenue adjustments, corrections of errors and a number of other minor adjustments. It follows the direction of the 2021-2022 Budget adopted late last year. She recalled that staff has discussed the budget with the Council four times and a public hearing was held on November 15.

Mayor Robinson said Council and staff talk a lot about affordable housing and trying to make it more feasible to develop affordable housing, including through decreased fees.

Mike Brennan, Director of the Development Services Department, said staff did not consider that option in the recent update of development services fees. He acknowledged that the Affordable Housing Strategy refers to reducing the cost of building affordable housing, and reduced fees is one option. Mr. Brennan said one of the challenges is that development services have a cost recovery objective and staff would need to evaluate the financial impact of reducing certain fees. He said each affordable housing project has a different set of variables. He suggested bringing the suggestion back for discussion as part of the affordable housing work plan.

Mayor Robinson said she appreciated that and noted a suggestion from the public to consider expediting permitting for affordable housing projects.

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6620, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

- $\rightarrow$  The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
  - (b) Ordinance No. 6621 establishing the amount of property taxes to be levied for the year 2022, the second year of the City of Bellevue's 2021-2022 fiscal biennium.

Ms. Call said Ordinance No. 6621 will establish the amount of property taxes to be levied in 2022. It includes the one percent property tax adjustment adopted in the 2021-2022 budget.

Councilmember Lee said he will support the motion given the challenges and financial impact of the pandemic. He said, however, that he is reluctant to support the property tax adjustment.

- → Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6621, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
  - (c) Resolution No. 10032 providing for the banking of levy capacity pursuant to RCW 84.55.005, 84.55.0101 and 84.55.092.

Ms. Call said Resolution No. 10032 provides for the banking of the City's excess levy capacity pursuant to state law. The banked capacity will be approximately \$8.9 million, which is reserved for future Council action if desired.

- $\rightarrow$  Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve Resolution No. 10032, and Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
  - (d) Ordinance No. 6622 adopting the modification of the 2021-2022 Biennium Budget and 2021-2027 Capital Investment Program Plan; as both have been previously amended; setting forth the estimated revenues and appropriations; establishing job classifications and pay ranges; and establishing an effective date.

Ms. Call said Ordinance No. 6622 is the umbrella ordinance for the adoption of the update to the 2021-2022 Budget and the 2021-2027 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan.

- → Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6622, and Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
- 13. <u>Unfinished Business</u>: None.
- 14. <u>New Business</u>: None.
- 15. <u>Executive Session</u>: None.

## 16. <u>Adjournment</u>

At 10:46 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC City Clerk

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