

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

November 18, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Malakoutian and Councilmembers Hamilton<sup>1</sup>, Lee<sup>2</sup>, Nieuwenhuis and Sumadiwirya

ABSENT: Councilmember Bhargava

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m., with Mayor Robinson presiding.

2. Roll Call; Flag Salute

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

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

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis read the proclamation recognizing November 16, 2025, as World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims in Bellevue. He encouraged everyone to join in a moment of silence to remember those affected by traffic accidents and to reflect on our shared responsibility to create safer streets.

Elaine White, representing The Bellevue Network on Aging, shared that her brother was killed in 2023 while riding his bike in West Seattle. She said he was a member of the Cascade Bicycle Club, a ride leader, safety instructor and a member of Cascade's elite cycling team. She said her brother was well loved and is deeply missed. She urged all cities to improve roadway safety and to amplify proven strategies including redesigning dangerous roads, installing traffic calming devices, reducing speed limits and installing electronic devices to encourage compliance with existing laws. She said drivers are legally required to give cyclists three feet of clearance. She thanked the Council for acknowledging this day of remembrance.

3. Approval of Agenda

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<sup>1</sup> Councilmember Hamilton participated remotely.

<sup>2</sup> Councilmember Lee participated remotely.

- Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Nieuwenhuis seconded the motion.
- 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. Ms. Arredondo said individuals are allowed to speak for up to three minutes and only three speakers are allowed to speak to any particular side of a 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 for election.

Mayor Robinson asked everyone to be civil and to speak without swearing or disparaging others. She asked Alex Tsimmerman to keep his sign down.

- (a) Court Olson, representing People for Climate Action-Bellevue, said he emailed comments to the Council regarding the Sustainable Bellevue Plan [Agenda Item 8(b)]. He noted the importance of curbing greenhouse gas emissions before it is too late. Barbara Braun said the group does not oppose the plan. However, they would like the Council to delay approval until they incorporate PCA's suggested revisions. She expressed concern that Bellevue will not meet its 2035 or 2050 targets.
- (b) Micki Larimer thanked the Council, staff and the Parks and Community Services Board for their work on the Eastgate neighborhood park preferred design and encouraged the Council to approve the plan.
- (c) Christopher Peeters commented regarding a situation on SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street. He said a neighbor of his has documented the offenses that have been occurring primarily over the past three years and to some extent since 1999. He said 22 neighbors have signed the petition asking the Council to examine the issue. He said a neighbor has installed an amplified sound system and aimed it specifically at neighbors. Mr. Peeters said the person uses a microphone to sing, at times using profanity, during the day and night. He said Bellevue police officers have responded to more than 45 calls to 911 regarding this person this year.
- (d) Christopher Randels thanked the Council for the earlier proclamation remembering and honoring victims of roadway accidents. He thanked Ms. White for sharing her brother's story and expressed his condolences to the family. He expressed support for the Vision Zero program, noting that three individuals have died and 30 people have been seriously injured on Bellevue streets in the first 10 months of 2025. He thanked the City for all it has done and continues to do to enhance road safety.

- (e) Enrica Hampton, Director of Early Learning Programs, Kinderling, said the organization serves more than 600 Bellevue children with diverse abilities and needs every year. She thanked the City for its partnership in many programs including FIT (Families in Transition), child care and preschool consultation, and parent education and support. Ms. Hampton said there is a significant demand for child care services and teachers are reporting increased sensory and behavioral challenges. Many families are experiencing financial hardship, housing instability and immigration concerns. Ms. Hampton said children with disabilities are more than 14 times more likely to be suspended or expelled from preschool, and black preschoolers are three times more likely to be expelled than white children. She said Kinderling offers culturally respectful coaching sessions to help caregivers address behavioral concerns and reduce stress at home. She thanked the City for its partnership and commitment to inclusion and belonging for everyone.
- (f) Michelle Wannamaker said she was disappointed in the names considered for the new Eastgate neighborhood park. She said this is not the fault of the project manager. She said no one came up with a creative name, including herself. She said there was a proposal to name the park after Nan Campbell, Bellevue's first female mayor. However, Ms. Wannamaker said she was not aware of Ms. Campbell having any ties to the Eastgate area, which was not annexed by Bellevue until 2012. Ms. Wannamaker said she supports naming a building or park after Ms. Campbell in her own former neighborhood. She asked for a reconsideration of the proposed park name and for the City to invite suggestions from residents citywide, with the final decision to be made by Eastgate residents. She suggested offering a prize, perhaps a \$50 gift card, to encourage people to submit name suggestions and she offered to pay for the gift card herself.
- (g) Matthew Kurvink expressed concern about Agenda Item 12(b), Ordinance No. 6879 establishing development services permit review and inspection fees. He expressed concern that pre-application fees and their connections to developers are happening behind closed doors, which creates unequal access and the risk that decisions are shaped by influence rather than public need. As a union representative for the Western States Regional Council of Carpenters and as someone who believes the City should put its residents first, Mr. Kurvink suggested that the City adopt a transparency ordinance to require the clear, timely disclosure of developer meetings, fees and any relationships with City staff. He said passing a transparency ordinance would also help to address wage theft, worker exploitation, tax fraud and other issues.
- (h) Joe Kunzler said he posted a recording online of Mr. Tsimmerman's last disruption of a Council meeting and it received 9,700 views. Mr. Kunzler said he did not understand why Mr. Tsimmerman has not been excluded from meetings for six months. He encouraged Mr. Tsimmerman to stop disrupting public meetings. On another topic, Mr. Kunzler expressed concern that Seattle's new mayor is not a fan of the annual Seafair air show. He suggested that the City of Bellevue prepare a study of what it would take to turn Meydenbauer Bay into a center for the Seafair air show. He expressed concern regarding the future of the Seafair festival.

- (i) Alex Tsimmerman opined that the City is not doing anything to address road safety and that newer residents are not familiar with local traffic rules. He said traffic speeds and cameras are not important but how people drive is what is important.

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

6. Report of the City Manager

(a) Bellevue Essentials 2025 Program Update

City Manager Diane Carlson introduced staff's update regarding the 2025 Bellevue Essentials program.

Sarina Miller, Bellevue Essentials Program Coordinator, Community Development Department, said 2025 is the 13<sup>th</sup> year of the civic engagement program. She thanked the Council and department staff for their ongoing support of and participation in the program. Class participants learn about City operations and community partnerships to foster the tools and passion needed to create change. Ms. Miller said this year's participants were recruited through social media, information sessions and publications such as It's Your City, Neighborhood News and 425 magazine. The program was also supported by the BelRed Arts District, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, Bellevue Downtown Association, Bellevue Farmer's Market and others.

Ms. Miller said the 36 graduates of the 2025 class were selected by an alumni committee that focused on diversity in ages, neighborhood representation and different backgrounds and experiences. In addition to the usual presentations and activities with most City departments, Amazon provided financial support to allow the class to enjoy a day-long bus tour highlighting City parks and neighborhood character. A new session on affordable housing was added to this year's Bellevue Essentials program. Ms. Miller thanked Councilmembers for participating in the classes. The program has 443 alumni and many are actively engaged in the classes, neighborhood activism, community volunteerism and service on the City's boards and commissions.

Anjali Jain said the past several weeks demonstrated the significant efforts and dedication that make Bellevue a vibrant and inclusive community. She said she learned something in every session, but the classes on public safety and utilities were especially transformative for her. She said the program made her realize how even a small contribution can make a meaningful impact on a community. She said the Bellevue Essentials course gave her a new sense of belonging, purpose and pride. She said change begins with understanding, and understanding begins with connections. She thanked the Council, City staff, her classmates and her family for their support of her participation in the program.

Carlos Besana said he moved to Bellevue ten years ago at the age of 12. He noted his past involvement with the City's naturalist program and the 2044 strategy team. He said the 2025 Bellevue Essentials class included individuals of diverse backgrounds and ages. He commented on the value of learning about City operations and about what individuals can offer to the community. Mr. Besana said he learned about community centers, the arts, technology, the

transportation system and other areas. He thanked Ms. Miller and Mike McCormick Huentelman, Neighborhood Services Assistant Director, for their work and tireless energy. He thanked the Council and his fellow classmates for their support and involvement.

Ms. Miller invited the Council and the public to the graduation ceremony on Wednesday, November 19, at City Hall. She said applications for the 2026 program will be available in the spring. She referred interested individuals to the City's website for more information and to subscribe to email notifications.

7. Council Business and New Initiatives: None.

8. Consent Calendar

→ Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Nieuwenhuis seconded the motion.

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

- (a) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period October 1, 2025-October 31, 2025.
- (b) Resolution No. 10554 adopting the Sustainable Bellevue Plan, which sets forth direction to guide the City's sustainability efforts over the next five years.
- (c) Ordinance No. 6875 amending Section 4.03.025 of the Bellevue City Code pursuant to a mandatory Business License Model Ordinance update and to make minor technical changes to align with the Model Ordinance.
- (d) Ordinance No. 6876 of the City of Bellevue updating the school impact fee schedule for Issaquah School District No. 411 and Renton School District No. 403; amending Sections 22.18.100 and 22.18.110 of the Bellevue City Code; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
- (e) Ordinance No. 6877 adopting the 2026 City of Bellevue Pay Plans, establishing pay ranges and employment classifications with pay grades.

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. Study Session

- (a) Eastgate Neighborhood Park Preferred Design and Name Recommendation

City Manager Carlson introduced discussion regarding the Eastgate neighborhood park preferred design and the proposed park name.

Camron Parker, Assistant Director, Parks and Community Services Department, said staff is requesting Council feedback and direction regarding the preferred design option and the park name.

Zarrian Smith, Capital Projects Coordinator, presented a map depicting the location of the park south of I-90 at 147<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and SE 39<sup>th</sup> Street. The park site is a two-parcel residential site totaling approximately one-half acre. Mr. Smith said staff conducted a broad range of community activities to engage stakeholders, the general public and the Parks and Community Services Board. A project website was developed and three Board meetings and three additional community meetings were held between July 2024 and September 2025.

Mr. Smith said the 2022 Bellevue Parks and Open Space System Plan is used as a guide and reference for all of the department's planning processes. He said three conceptual designs for the park were initially developed and feedback was received from the Parks and Community Services Board and the public. The design alternatives were modified and reduced to two options, and both designs consider and contain the same major features (i.e., play structures, open lawn areas and a covered shelter) but the layouts are different.

Design Option 1A features a large, centralized open lawn area with a large covered shelter on the south end and play structures on the north end of the property. Option 2A has two oval areas, one with play structures and the other with an open lawn. The covered shelter and a central plaza are located between the ovals. Mr. Smith said previous community input indicated support for an open lawn, community gathering area, covered shelter, play structures and seating. Of the two options, 79 percent of the residents that voted supported Option 2A and 21 percent supported Option 1A.

Mr. Smith said the public was invited to submit names for the new park. Council Resolution No. 10151 provides policies and procedures for the naming of City facilities using a number of criteria including neighborhood or geographical identification, natural or geographical feature, historical figure or name of historical or cultural significance, organization or individual that made a significant contribution to the park system, and consideration of diversity, equity and inclusion for names based on individuals or historic figures. The community was ultimately asked to vote on five names: Eastgate Commons, Peter Wright Park (co-founder of neighborhood association), Conifer Green, Lan Ting Park (historical Chinese garden name) and Tyee Park. Eastgate Commons was identified as the top preferred name.

Rowena Clima, Chair of the Parks and Community Services Board, said the Board studied and discussed the proposed park designs and names over the past year. Board members also attended the three separate community meetings and the Eastgate Neighborhood Block Party. She said residents, including members of the Eastgate Neighborhood Association, showed enthusiasm for having a park in the area. She said the park aligns with the goals of the parks and open space plan, including development priorities for smaller neighborhood parks, open areas for unstructured play and improved walkable access to parks.

Chair Clima said that during the September 17, 2025 meeting, the Board voted unanimously to recommend conceptual design option 2A and the park name of Eastgate Commons. She said the

design incorporates residents' feedback regarding amenities and safety, is an efficient use of space and is aesthetically pleasing. The recommended name reflects the sentiment of an area belonging to the whole community, and both residents and the Board expressed support for the name.

Mr. Smith said staff would like to return later this year for Council adoption of the park name.

Mayor Robinson thanked Chair Clima for attending the meeting.

Councilmember Hamilton, liaison to the Parks and Community Services Board, thanked staff for the presentation and for all of their work. He thanked Chair Clima and the Board for their significant review. He said the Board actively engaged with the community and relied heavily on public input in making its recommendation. He expressed support for the recommendation.

Councilmember Lee thanked Board members for their review and recommendation. However, he suggested additional conversation in the community regarding the park name.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis thanked staff for their work. Responding to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Mr. Smith said construction of the park is anticipated in 2028. Mr. Nieuwenhuis thanked staff and the Parks Board for the community engagement efforts. He said he liked the name Eastgate Commons and hopes there will be more parks in the area to name in the future.

Councilmember Sumadiwirya thanked everyone for their work and involvement in this project and for creating an equitable and accessible park. She expressed support for the preferred name.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian thanked Chair Clima, the Parks Board, staff and the public for their involvement in planning the park. He is pleased to see the community's input incorporated into the project. He expressed support for the Board's recommendation.

Mayor Robinson said she has received a lot of compliments about the City's process to plan the park design and name. She said she likes the covered shelter in the middle of the park to enable parents to watch their kids. She likes that the design preserves trees and that children's safety was a top concern.

→ Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to direct staff to bring back, on the consent calendar, formal action to name the new Eastgate neighborhood park Eastgate Commons, as recommended by the Parks and Community Services Board. Councilmember Sumadiwirya seconded the motion.

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

At 7:06 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared a short break. The meeting resumed at 7:21 p.m.

- (b) Mobility Implementation Plan 2025 Update - Review of Transportation Commission Recommendation

City Manager Carlson introduced staff's presentation of the Mobility Implementation Plan 2025 Update.

Andrew Singelakis, Director, Transportation Department, said the MIP is the City's primary document that defines the connected, multimodal transportation network. The MIP prioritizes project concepts to inform the Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) and the ultimate funding of projects in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Mr. Singelakis said staff is seeking Council direction to prepare a resolution approving the updated MIP.

Kevin McDonald, Principal Planner, recalled that the first MIP was adopted in April 2022 to implement a complete, connected and accessible multimodal transportation network. Four goals identified by the Council were to: 1) accommodate growth, 2) improve safety, 3) consider equity, and 4) improve access and mobility. He said performance metrics and targets are monitored for different geographical performance management areas in Bellevue. The MIP considers all travel modes in a layered network: land use, pedestrians, bicyclists, transit and vehicles.

Mr. McDonald said the MIP received the Governor's Smart Communities Award and the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Vision 2050 award in 2022. Implementation since that time has informed the design for capital projects and development review, identified and scored performance target gaps for all modes, described project concepts, and referred project concepts for consideration in the TFP.

Mr. McDonald highlighted two recently completed bike projects (130<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and SE 34<sup>th</sup> Street to access the South Bellevue Station) and a dozen more bike projects in design or ready for construction.

Mr. McDonald said the MIP update responds to the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update and a number of changed circumstances in the community including the pedestrian level of traffic stress (PLTS), bicycle level of traffic stress (BLTS), new 2025 data and new 2044 forecast, and to incorporate the 2009 Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan.

Drew Magill, Vice Chair, Transportation Commission, said the commission reviewed the MIP over a series of meetings since late 2024. He said PLTS describes the experience of people walking along an arterial and is based on speed and traffic volume metrics in conjunction with the width of the buffer and sidewalk. For BLTS, intersections are a critical element of the complete and connected bike network. The current MIP is based on data from 2019 and forecasts through 2035. The MIP update will use recent data and the forecasts through 2044, consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

Mr. McDonald said the 2025 updates to the MIP incorporate the 2009 Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan. He noted that best practices have evolved and project descriptions in the ped-bike plan are inconsistent with MIP performance targets (i.e., PLTS, BLTS). The 2025 MIP update will retain trail network maps and project descriptions as Appendix A, and the MIP will be the one source for ped-bike project concepts.

Mayor Robinson thanked staff for the presentation.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis, liaison to the Transportation Commission, thanked staff and the Transportation Commission for their extensive effort to review and update the MIP. Mr. Nieuwenhuis said he is aware of a couple of Wilburton-area projects seeking clear guidance regarding pedestrian and bike plans and requirements. Mr. McDonald said the MIP update will provide performance metrics and targets. It is not prescriptive and there will be conversations with developers about how ped-bike facilities are implemented.

Mr. Nieuwenhuis said he wants the expectations to be clear for builders and developers. Mr. Singelakis said staff is putting together a proposal for a Transportation Master Plan that will help clarify the guidelines and requirements.

Mr. Nieuwenhuis noted that most sidewalks in the Downtown, Wilburton and BelRed areas do not currently meet the PLTS targets. Mr. McDonald said the targets are informed by the speed limit, traffic volume, width of buffer and width of sidewalk. He acknowledged, however, that vehicles often travel approximately 1.2 times the speed limit and many sidewalks do not meet the PLTS-1 target. He said the MIP update will not require properties already developed to modify their existing frontage. Mr. McDonald said most of the dimensions for future frontage improvements are guided by the Land Use Code.

Referring to the BLTS, Councilmember Nieuwenhuis said approximately 17 percent of the Downtown does not meet the BLTS target, even with the improvements on 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. McDonald said the NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street shared use path between 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue does meet the BLTS target. He said sometimes there are constraints that prevent meeting the target, including on several segments of 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Councilmember Sumadiwiryra thanked staff and Vice Chair Magill for the presentation. Ms. Sumadiwiryra asked about the criteria used to identify the highest priority projects to be included in the TFP. Mr. McDonald said one of the tools provided in the MIP is a scoring system for each mode of transportation based largely on the Council's four goals for the plan: accommodate growth, improve safety, consider equity and improve access and mobility.

Responding to Ms. Sumadiwiryra regarding the selection of the East Bellevue Greenway as a substitute for the Sammamish River connection, Mr. McDonald said there is a priority bike corridor along 164<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He said there was a request from the community to provide an alternate parallel non-arterial network for the bicycle mode. He said 164<sup>th</sup> Avenue does not currently have any bike network facilities.

Councilmember Hamilton thanked staff and the Transportation Commission for their work. He said it is always important to keep the user experience of the transportation system in mind. He said he appreciated the focus on complete and connected ped-bike networks. He expressed support for moving forward.

Councilmember Lee complimented staff and the Transportation Commission on their work. He recalled that he served on the Transportation Commission years ago. He acknowledged that land use, utilities, and the environment are all tied to the transportation system. He encouraged a

continued strong focus on the Vision Zero program to reduce conflicts between bikes, pedestrians and vehicles.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian thanked everyone for their hard work to prepare the MIP update. He said the MIP is one of the City's most important planning tools. He noted that his questions have already been answered during tonight's presentation and discussion.

Mayor Robinson said she often hears questions about multimodal transportation options from business representatives considering a move to Bellevue. She encouraged prioritizing alternative modes of transportation that will be safe, efficient and fun for workers. She hopes to be able to complete multimodal projects more quickly in the future. She suggested that the City's target should be PLTS-1 and PLTS-2 for new projects.

Ms. Robinson expressed concern about the gaps in the bike network citywide. Mr. McDonald said the City has historically had an incremental approach. He said Transportation Commissioner Albert Ting often asks whether there are alternate parallel corridors to complete the network. Mr. McDonald said the answer is often no because of the way Bellevue has developed. Mayor Robinson reiterated her interest in providing complete safe corridors. She encouraged ways to alert the public about the safer routes to use. Mayor Robinson indicated that she would like further discussion of this issue during the Council retreat early next year. Vice Chair Magill concurred that it is important to be flexible in the consideration of alternate routes.

→ Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to direct staff to return with a resolution to adopt the Mobility Implementation Plan 2025 Update, for consideration and action during a future meeting. Councilmember Nieuwenhuis seconded the motion.

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

11. Land Use Reports: None.

12. Other Ordinances, Resolutions, and Motions

- (a) Ordinance No. 6878: 1) adopting the Human Services Commission recommendations for the use of 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; 2) authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit a proposal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the 2026 CDBG Program and accept a grant award contract from HUD; 3) and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into agreements with grant subrecipients and contractors.

City Manager Carlson said the legislation under this section of the agenda relates to the adoption of the budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) mid-biennium update.

Evan Phillips, Financial Strategy and Performance Director, Finance and Asset Management Department, recalled that staff provided an overview of the mid-biennium update on October 28 and a public hearing on the budget was held on November 12. He said Ordinance No. 6876

(school impact fees) and Ordinance No. 6877 (pay plans and classifications) adopted above under the consent calendar relate to the budget as well.

Ordinance No. 6878 adopts the Human Services Commission's recommendations for the use of 2026 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

→ Councilmember Nieuwenhuis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6878, and Councilmember Sumadiwirya seconded the motion.

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

(b) Ordinance No. 6879 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; establishing the school impact fee schedule for Issaquah School District No. 411 and Renton School District No. 403; providing for severability; and repealing Ordinance No. 6817.

→ Councilmember Lee moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6879, and Deputy Mayor Malakoutian seconded the motion.

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

(c) Ordinance No. 6880 regarding various fees for wireless facilities in the public right of way; fees for city electrical facilities access, pole reservation, and annual wireless communication facilities; and providing for severability.

→ Councilmember Hamilton moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6880, and Deputy Mayor Malakoutian seconded the motion.

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

(d) Ordinance No. 6881 establishing revised sewerage service charges for the Sewer Utility for the City of Bellevue; repealing Ordinance No. 6832; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

→ Councilmember Sumadiwirya moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6881, and Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.

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

(e) Ordinance No. 6882 establishing the amount of property taxes to be levied for the year 2026, the second year of the City of Bellevue's 2025-2026 biennium; and establishing an effective date.

- Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6882, and Councilmember Sumadiwirya seconded the motion.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Mr. Phillips confirmed that this ordinance includes the one-percent property tax adjustment reflected in the 2025-2026 adopted budget.

Mr. Lee said he would not support the motion due to his concern regarding a number of tax levies at the state and county level.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis concurred with Councilmember Lee and noted his concerns with both taxes and the overall cost of living.

Mayor Robinson said the City did not increase its property tax for many years and as a result did not have the reserves it needed and did not have the appropriate revenues to meet demands and needs. She said the City cannot continue its current service levels without the property tax adjustment already approved by the Council when the biennium budget was adopted last year.

Councilmember Lee said he would prefer to approve a property tax adjustment if linked to a specific use.

Responding to Mayor Robinson, Mr. Resha confirmed that the property tax adjustment was approved in the 2025-2026 biennium budget last year. He said the Council's decisions regarding expenditures were based on the assumption that the one-percent property tax would move forward.

In further response to Ms. Robinson, Mr. Resha said the impact on the average homeowner's property tax bill (based on a median home value of \$1.5 million) is \$15 annually.

- The motion carried by a vote of 4-2, with Councilmember Lee and Councilmember Nieuwenhuis dissenting.

- (f) Resolution No. 10555 providing for the banking of levy capacity pursuant to RCW 84.52.070, 84.55.005, 84.55.010, 84.55.120 and 84.55.092.

- Councilmember Nieuwenhuis moved to approve Resolution No. 10555, and Councilmember Sumadiwirya seconded the motion.

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

- (g) Ordinance No. 6883 adopting the modification of the 2025-2026 Biennium Budget and 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Plan; as both have been previously amended; setting forth the estimated appropriations; and establishing an effective date.

- Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6883, and Councilmember Nieuwenhuis seconded the motion.

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

13. Written Reports: None.

14. Unfinished Business: None.

15. New Business: None.

16. Executive Session: None.

17. Adjournment

At 8:42 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC  
City Clerk

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