

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Special Meeting

May 20, 2026  
4:30 PM

Council Chambers  
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

Mayor Malakoutian called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo called the roll and all Councilmembers were present. Deputy Mayor Hamilton led the flag salute.

2. Approval of Agenda

→ Deputy Mayor Hamilton moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Briar seconded the motion.

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

3. Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Ordinance No. 6919 designating an increment area; setting a sunset date for the increment area; identifying the public improvements to be financed; indicating the City's intent to issue bonds to finance public improvement costs in an estimated maximum principal amount not to exceed \$84.4 million; providing that the increment area will take effect on June 1, 2026; imposing a deadline for commencement of construction; and providing for related matters.

City Manager Diane Carlson introduced discussion regarding the implementation of tax increment financing to fund the Grand Connection Crossing over I-405.

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1 Councilmember Nieuwenhuis participated remotely.

2 Councilmember Sumadiwirya participated remotely.

Genesee Adkins, Deputy City Manager, City Manager's Office, recalled staff's previous presentation to the Council on May 5.

John Resha, Chief Financial Officer/Director, Finance and Asset Management Department, noted a potential amendment to add at the end of Section 2: "The City may administratively make adjustments to the Bellevue IA as necessary to comply with the maximum assessed valuation stated in subsection (iv) of this section. This authority to make adjustments shall not be for adding any property that is not already identified in the Bellevue IA as described in Exhibit A."

- Deputy Mayor Hamilton moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6919, and Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.
- Councilmember Briar moved to amend the motion to add to the end of Section 2: "The City may administratively make adjustments to the Bellevue IA as necessary to comply with the maximum assessed valuation stated in subsection (iv) of this section. This authority to make adjustments shall not be for adding any property that is not already identified in the Bellevue IA as described in Exhibit A." Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Robinson thanked everyone, including former City Manager Brad Miyake, City Manager Carlson, Ms. Adkins, Mr. Resha and her fellow Councilmembers for the ambitious leadership shown in this project. She thanked King County and the other taxing jurisdictions supporting this action.

- The motion to amend carried by a vote of 7-0.
- The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 6919, as amended, carried by a vote of 7-0.

#### 4. Adjournment

At 4:44 p.m., Mayor Malakoutian declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC  
City Clerk

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