

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

July 16, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Malakoutian and Councilmembers Hamilton, Lee¹, Nieuwenhuis, Stokes and Zahn

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call; Flag Salute

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

3. Approval of Agenda

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

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

4. Oral Communications

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

Mayor Robinson asked everyone to be polite and respectful in their comments and to not make personal attacks against anyone.

(a) Fay Hou commented regarding tree preservation. She said that since the Council's last meeting, her group's petition has gained additional support regarding concerns about tree

¹ Councilmember Lee left the meeting around 8:00 p.m. during the break.

codes. She encouraged the Council to ensure there is adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce tree codes. She expressed concern that complaints about violations are ignored.

- (b) Joe Kunzler asked the Council to meet with the attorney prosecuting Alex Tsimerman and to insist, as a condition of his release, that he pay more than \$35,000 in public disclosure fines he owes. Mr. Kunzler expressed concern about the situation and said he has emailed the mayor and others about it.
- (c) Kimaya Mahajan, a 20-year-old Bellevue resident, commented regarding the noise deterrent device known as the mosquito at Crossroads Park. She said the device emits a high-pitched frequency targeting younger individuals. She said she learned from City staff that the device was installed to deter indigents from the park after it closes. She said this is not the right choice for the City to make to deter vandalism, graffiti and other issues in the park. She said the device has been banned in cities around the world, and the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child has declared the mosquito device to be a possible violation of children's rights. The National Youth Rights Association has argued that the device is a form of age discrimination. Ms. Mahajan noted her experience working with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue, Jubilee Reach, Youth Eastside Services and the Bellevue School District. She said youth need safe and accessible spaces in the community now more than ever. She said the device is located in one of the most diverse, densely populated and lowest income areas of Bellevue and she urged the City to remove it.
- (d) Alex Tsimerman began making comments about specific individuals.

At 6:12 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared a short break. The meeting resumed at 6:14 p.m.

- (e) Riley Grover expressed concern about the mosquito device in Crossroads Park and shared comments from a petition signed by individuals who support the removal of the device. He said the area is busy in the summer after dark with pedestrians, transit users and others and the noise is not contained within the park. He said the noise frequency targets people under age 25. He urged the Council to find a more community minded way to solve problems in the park.
- (f) Rohit Chandra expressed concern about the mosquito device in Crossroads Park, which worsens conditions for vulnerable youth and is a form of age discrimination. He said the noise makes public spaces inaccessible at a time when the lack of access to safe spaces has worsened the mental health crisis among youth. He shared statistics regarding the significant increase in young people experiencing depression and anxiety. He said the mosquito device targets youth, especially communities of color. He said the noise generated by the device discriminates against youth who struggle with sensory issues. He asked the City to remove the device.

Mayor Robinson thanked everyone for their comments.

5. Reports of Community Councils, Boards, and Commissions: None.
6. Report of the City Manager: None.
7. Council Business and New Initiatives: None.
8. Consent Calendar
 - Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
 - The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following items were approved:
 - (a) Council Minutes
Minutes of June 25, 2024 Regular Meeting
 - (b) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period June 1, 2024-June 30, 2024.
 - (c) Ordinance No. 6799: 1) authorizing the execution of Supplement #1 to the Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. (PO # 2350032) in the amount of \$665,928.69, plus all applicable taxes, for a total contract amount of \$1,256,146.34, plus all applicable taxes, to advance design to 30% for the NE Spring Boulevard Zone 3 Project - 124th Avenue NE to 130th Avenue NE Project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-210); and, 2) amending the 2023-2029 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to decrease the budget for the Bel-Red Local Street Network Project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-193) by \$825,000 and increase the budget for the NE Spring Boulevard Zone 3 Project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-210) by \$825,000.
9. Public Hearing: None.
10. Study Session
 - (a) Briefing on Cascade Water Alliance 2025-2026 Budget and Rates Proposal

Acting City Manager Diane Carlson recalled the presentation from the Cascade Water Alliance earlier this spring. Since that time, the Cascade Board provided direction to pursue a final contract for water supply with Tacoma Water.

Lucy Liu, Director, Utilities Department, said the City purchases all of its water supply through the Cascade Water Alliance. Cascade anticipates that the contract with Tacoma Water will better benefit Cascade members compared to developing Lake Tapps by 2042. The contract will require Cascade to invest in a new pipeline to connect members to the Tacoma transmission

system, which will involve significant capital investments in the future. Ms. Liu noted that Councilmember Hamilton represents Bellevue on the Cascade Board.

Ms. Liu said the City's payments to Cascade represent approximately 30 percent of Bellevue's water utility budget. The City of Bellevue will pay Cascade \$23.5 million in 2024. Water service costs a typical residential customer approximately \$83 per month, with \$25 of that going toward Cascade's costs.

Ed Cebon, Chief Economist, Cascade Water Alliance, said the organization is a regional wholesale water supplier to seven members: Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond, Sammamish Plateau Water, Skyway Water and Sewer District, and Tukwila. The system serves 415,000 people and 20,000 businesses. Cascade is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of member agencies' elected officials and currently purchases water from Seattle Public Utilities. The contracted water supply begins to decrease in 2039 and ends in 2063. Mr. Cebon said Cascade's mission is to secure a long-term water supply. He recalled that Lake Tapps was purchased several years ago to be used as a future water source.

Mr. Cebon said the Cascade Board directed staff in May to develop a contract with Tacoma Water for a long-term water supply. He said the decision to contract with Tacoma Water represents the lowest cost option for now and into the future. He said the near-term rate increases proposed for 2025 and 2026 are lower than the previously projected rates using water from Lake Tapps or by continuing to contract with Seattle Public Utilities. Mr. Cebon said Tacoma Water has a cooperative and regional perspective, which is reflected in the agreement.

Cascade's strategic priorities are to: 1) invest in assets for current and future needs, 2) maintain certainty, flexibility and resiliency for the long-term regional water supply, 3) protect the natural environment, 4) enhance Cascade's regional leadership role, 5) continue as a model of good governance and accountability, and 6) respond to emerging issues and new priorities while providing cost-effective service.

Mr. Cebon said the proposed two-year budget begins to implement the Tacoma option. There is a significant increase in the operating budget from 2024 to 2025. However, if you exclude the portions dedicated to the Tacoma Cascade Pipeline, there is a relatively small increase of \$250,000. The 2025 operating budget reflects an increase of \$3.4 million from 2024, and the 2026 operating budget is reduced by \$452,847. Mr. Cebon said that 77 percent of the proposed operating budget represents fixed costs including water payments to Seattle Public Utilities, debt service, operating contract for the Lake Tapps system and general overhead costs (e.g., rent, taxes, insurance).

The proposed 2025-2030 capital improvements budget reflects an ongoing level of Cascade investments in the Lake Tapps system. Capital costs for non-Tacoma Cascade Pipeline projects total approximately \$3 million annually, except for 2027 with proposed capital costs of \$1.4 million. The new line item reflects investments in the Tacoma Cascade Pipeline beginning in 2026. Annual capital costs under the existing Tacoma water agreement decrease from approximately \$6 million annually to \$1 million in 2030.

Mr. Cebron said the proposed 2025 revenue totals \$60 million. Member charges make up 79 percent of the proposed revenue and growth charges make up 16 percent of the total revenue.

Mr. Cebron said the proposed Bellevue 2025 payment, excluding growth charges, is slightly lower than the 2024 payment. The proposed payment increases slightly (2.4 percent) in 2026. Referring to the long-term forecast, Mr. Cebron noted projected annual rate increases under the Tacoma Supply proposal of 3.5 percent through 2026 and 4.8 percent from 2027 through 2031. The annual rate increase is 7.2 percent for the years 2032 through 2036 and 4.6 percent for 2037 through 2041. The annual rate adjustments are lower than what was projected in the prior forecast.

Mr. Cebron said the Cascade Board is scheduled to adopt the 2025-2026 budget and rates in September. Staff hopes to be able to present the completed water supply contract with Tacoma Water to the Board this fall.

Councilmember Hamilton, Cascade Board Member, commented on the importance of continuity in the water supply and maintaining rates as low as possible. He said he appreciated the collaboration between Cascade members and thanked City staff for their work. He thanked Councilmember Stokes for his involvement with Cascade as well.

Responding to Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Cebron said the current capital improvement program anticipates bringing the Tacoma supply, and ultimately the Lake Tapps supply, northward into the Cascade service area. He said there are other elements of the program to continue delivering water to member cities.

In further response, Mr. Cebron said that wheeling would involve delivering water to the Lake Youngs area, the source of Seattle's supply, and paying Seattle to deliver the water through their existing transmission infrastructure to local areas in need. He said wheeling provides a great opportunity to delay and potentially avoid future capital costs and to maintain lower rate adjustments. Mr. Cebron said Cascade staff met with Seattle Public Utilities staff and elected officials met with Seattle's mayor. At the mayor level, there was general interest in wheeling as a regional approach and as a revenue generator for Seattle. However, Seattle Public Utilities staff continue to tell Cascade staff that they are not interested in a wheeling arrangement. Mr. Cebron said Cascade received a response from Seattle to its latest proposal earlier that day but had not had an opportunity to review it. He said they would be meeting with Seattle staff later in the week and will continue to pursue wheeling.

Councilmember Stokes said he was appointed as liaison to Cascade when he joined the Council in 2012 and has enjoyed working with the Board and staff over the years. He said Lake Tapps ensures a long-term water supply. He praised Cascade for its work with communities and agencies, elected officials and staff. He noted the Council's longtime support of Cascade's efforts.

Councilmember Lee complimented Mr. Cebron's dedication and hard work on behalf of Cascade members. Responding to Mr. Lee, Mr. Cebron said Cascade's capital improvement program does not assume any cooperation from Seattle Public Utilities. Cascade's program is focused on

delivering a sufficient supply of water to its members. Mr. Cebron said Cascade might eventually develop Lake Tapps. However, Cascade is trying to provide a flexible platform that allows agencies to adapt as opportunities arise. Mr. Cebron said they have explored with Tacoma Water the possibility that some of the contract water could become permanent water. He said the best solutions for Cascade seem to align with the best solutions for the region.

Andy Baker, Economist, said Cascade's overall approach is to provide certainty while preserving flexibility for identifying or developing multiple long-term water supply sources. He said Cascade knows that things will evolve over time and will continue to change.

Councilmember Lee said Cascade is fortunate to own Lake Tapps. He expressed support for the proposed budget.

Councilmember Zahn expressed support for the Cascade strategic priorities, especially statements referring to resilience. She said she liked the emphasis on flexibility and pursuing opportunities and partnerships. She encouraged Cascade to continue to negotiate with Seattle Public Utilities.

Ms. Zahn encouraged Cascade to explore all of the ways to deliver public projects, including design-build models.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis thanked staff for the presentation and expressed general support for the budget. However, he said he regularly hears concerns from the public about utility rates. He questioned the impact of the projected rates on individual property owners.

Ms. Liu said the monthly impact for the typical resident in 2025 reflects a reduction of 17 cents due to the one-time credit from Cascade. The monthly impact for the typical resident in 2026 is an increase of approximately 80 cents.

Responding to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Mr. Cebron said Cascade will conduct a detailed planning study over the next two years, which is likely to reduce the scale and cost of future transmission pipes. He said wheeling could provide funding for Cascade. He said that as he leaves his current position with Cascade at the end of the year, he will be involved in a special project next year to develop a funding plan and pursue a low-cost federal loan. Cascade will continue to pursue grant options. Mr. Baker acknowledged that the construction costs climate is relatively volatile and could lead to cost increases.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian thanked everyone for their hard work to ensure a safe and reliable water supply. He thanked Councilmembers Hamilton and Stokes for their work with Cascade.

Responding to Mr. Malakoutian, Mr. Cebron said that after the Cascade Board's decision, Seattle submitted a proposal with two options to consider. One was essentially the same as their original offer but the second proposal has potential value for both Seattle and Cascade, and for Tacoma Water as well. The second proposal provides more gallons per day later in the contract period. Mr. Cebron said that would allow Cascade to deliver the water selectively and to avoid certain system improvements. He said they will meet with Seattle Public Utilities staff on Thursday to

discuss the proposal. Mr. Cebron said this effort is supplemental to the Tacoma Water agreement.

In further response to Deputy Mayor Malakoutian, Mr. Cebron said Seattle is proud of its system, which has a pristine watershed and state-of-the-art treatment. Seattle does not want to allow water from other sources to mix with its system.

Referring to slide 11 of the presentation depicting the major Capital Improvements Budget line items, Mr. Malakoutian observed that the addition of the Tacoma Cascade Pipeline adds \$115 million to \$120 million to the budget. Mr. Cebron said the cost of the pipeline will total approximately \$600 million over several years.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian referred to slide 14 and asked about the long-term rate forecast. Mr. Cebron said the prior forecast assumed that when the Seattle contract ended, the only option would be to develop the Lake Tapps water supply. That would have been roughly a \$2 billion investment versus \$600 million for the Tacoma Cascade Pipeline.

Mr. Malakoutian said that if Cascade reaches an agreement with Seattle and could avoid the \$2 billion investment for Lake Tapps and \$600 million for the Tacoma Cascade Pipeline, that would address Councilmember Nieuwenhuis's concern about the rate impacts.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian suggested that continuing to negotiate with Seattle could potentially save a lot of money. Mr. Cebron said that continuing with Seattle would require the construction of one pipeline (approximately \$300 million) to deliver water from Tacoma to Seattle's facilities. He said Cascade would pay them to deliver the water. Mr. Malakoutian spoke in favor of continuing to partner with Seattle.

Mayor Robinson said she appreciated everyone's comments and questions. She expressed concern about the budget and rate proposal. She asked how Cascade and cities can advocate for wheeling in the future. She said one concern she has about relying on the relationship with Seattle Public Utilities is the impact on Bellevue's water supply after a natural disaster. Mr. Cebron said they would be contractually obligated to provide the same level of service. However, in a crisis, the water will be used where it is most needed. He noted a regional water study that suggested it could be 45-60 days before water service is restored in the event of a large earthquake. He noted Cascade's frustration that Seattle Public Utilities is resistant to interties with other systems.

Mayor Robinson asked about the well system in Bellevue. Ms. Liu said a study was recently initiated to study the wells as an emergency water supply.

Ms. Robinson suggested that contracting with Tacoma and collaborating with Seattle would be the ultimate approach with the most resiliency. Mr. Cebron agreed. Mayor Robinson expressed support for considering the federal loan to be explored next year as a way to better control rate impacts.

- (b) Council Initiation of Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) encouraging the redevelopment of existing buildings into residential uses to comply with House Bill 1042.

City Manager Carlson introduced discussion regarding staff's proposal to initiate work on the Existing Building Redevelopment Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) to comply with House Bill 1042.

Kristina Gallant, Acting Code and Policy Director, provided a brief overview of the next two agenda items.

Mathieu Menard, Senior Planner, said that HB 1042 was approved in 2023 to: 1) encourage the conversion of commercial buildings into residential uses, and 2) encourage the addition of units to existing residential buildings. The Existing Building Redevelopment LUCA must be adopted by June 30, 2025. The new law applies to converting existing buildings in mixed use and commercial districts into residential uses. The City must allow 50 percent more residential density over the base density allowed for existing buildings. The City cannot require additional parking, additional permitting or standards beyond what is required for new buildings, ground floor commercial uses (unless along a "major pedestrian corridor"), or a transportation concurrency study or State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review. The City cannot deny a project based on existing non-conformities.

The purpose of the LUCA is to update the Land Use Code to be consistent with HB 1042 and to ensure that existing code provisions are not preventing residential conversion. The new state law applies to all mixed-use and commercial districts that allow multifamily housing. The LUCA will address the 50-percent density increase, exempting from ground floor retail requirements, definitions, updated parking requirements, non-conforming language, consistent permitting requirements and exemptions from transportation and environmental studies.

Mr. Menard said the public outreach process will follow Process IV requirements. The Planning Commission will process the LUCA and hold a public hearing. City staff will reach out to market-rate and affordable housing developers for feedback and will provide information online and through City mailings.

Mr. Menard said next steps are stakeholder outreach through the third quarter and consideration of the LUCA by the Planning Commission throughout the third and fourth quarters. The Council will begin its review of the LUCA late this year or early next year.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian expressed support for moving forward, consistent with the Council's goal of adding more housing. He said he looks forward to the Planning Commission process and public hearing.

Mayor Robinson asked how the conversion of commercial buildings to residential uses will impact the utilities. Mr. Menard said Development Services Department staff work with the Utilities Department to ensure there is adequate infrastructure to support a project. He said the new state law does not prevent the City from requiring adequate utilities for residential units.

Mayor Robinson asked whether there is anything that could be added to the Land Use Code to further make it easier for developers. Mr. Menard said staff will solicit input from developers. He said the state legislation is fairly comprehensive. He said developers often cite concerns regarding density and parking requirements.

Ms. Robinson suggested that Bellefield Office Park would be a great location for housing. She acknowledged, however, that the district does not currently allow multifamily housing. She asked whether it would be possible to include that location in the LUCA provisions. Mr. Menard said he would research the land use district at that location. If a redesignation would be required, that work would be beyond the scope of this LUCA.

Responding to Councilmember Nieuwenhuis, Mr. Menard said the City retains control over how it permits and regulates buildings with the exception of issues related to density and parking. The Planning Commission will explore whether there are current codes that are preventing redevelopment for residential use.

In further response to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Mr. Menard said staff will explore Seattle's regulations and potential incentives. Mr. Menard said the City of Bellevue has not heard from any developers interested in converting office space to residential units. However, one developer has expressed an interest in increasing the density of an existing residential building.

Mr. Nieuwenhuis asked about the potential impact of not requiring transportation and environmental reviews. Mr. Menard said it saves time and costs for developers. However, the legislation does not offer the rationale. Ms. Gallant said the bill has provisions regarding the City's ability to regulate for health and safety. She said the City is conducting a legal analysis to clarify the City's flexibility.

Councilmember Zahn thanked staff for the information and for moving forward so quickly. She said she attended a conference earlier this year, including a session on the conversion of office space to residential units. She said there are differences in the life safety provisions for commercial and residential properties, and there are a lot of costs involved in this type of conversion. She asked about the likelihood that this will generate the production of housing. She noted that office buildings in Dallas were vacant for many years before the economic climate finally enabled the conversion to residential uses.

Mr. Menard said the City does not anticipate significant activity to convert buildings. However, staff will continue to work with developers to determine how to enhance the feasibility of conversions. Mr. Menard said that in Seattle, most of the office-to-residential conversions have been in Pioneer Square, which has smaller, older office buildings.

Councilmember Lee expressed concern that the City's regulations could be compromised. He noted the lack of interest by developers and expressed concern that the provisions could compromise safety. He encouraged talking to developers and exploring the market. Responding to Mr. Lee, Mr. Menard said the state law supersedes local codes if the City does not adopt a LUCA by June 30, 2025. Mr. Menard said staff believes the City is in a better position if it

adopts code changes that address the provisions in the state law instead of allowing the bill to supersede the local code.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Mayor Robinson said the City is obligated to follow the new state law.

City Manager Carlson said the only option to a LUCA is to allow state law to supersede the City's code.

Councilmember Stokes said the conversions are occurring in a number of cities. He said the City must comply with state law and can take advantage of the opportunities it provides. He expressed support for moving forward.

Councilmember Hamilton expressed an interest in incentives and in more housing in the I-90/Eastgate corridor. He expressed support for moving forward.

→ Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to direct staff to initiate work on the Existing Building Redevelopment Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) to comply with House Bill 1042. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-1, with Councilmember Lee dissenting.

At 7:54 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared a short break. The meeting resumed at 8:06 p.m.

(c) Council Initiation of Objective Design Standards LUCA

Ms. Carlson said staff proposes the initiation of an Objective Design Standards LUCA to comply with HB 1293.

Ms. Gallant said the legislation affects design review and how the City approaches standards and guidelines in its codes. She said staff would describe the changes needed to comply with HB 1293 and the project goals.

Kirsten Mandt, Senior Planner, said LUC 20.30F.120 states that design review is a mechanism by which the City can ensure that site development and structures in specific zoning districts or in specific locations are of high design quality and conform to the requirements of the Land Use Code and of an applicable concomitant agreements. Typical elements reviewed include elevations, façade modulation, building massing, site design, landscaping, materials and color, lighting, weather protection, public space and access.

Standards are applied to a project as a requirement, and a project must implement a standard to gain approval. Guidelines help in understanding the design intent behind a regulation and are not required. Ms. Mandt said HB 1293 was passed in 2023 to require clear and objective design standards, concurrent and/or consolidated permit review, and no more than one public meeting. The purpose is to encourage jurisdictions to enact regulations expediting review for affordable housing projects.

Ms. Mandt said the City already conducts administrative design review concurrently with other permit reviews and does not require public meetings for design review. She noted that Land Use staff is already working on process changes to expedite permitting for affordable housing projects.

Under the new state law, the City can only include objective standards. Terms like “visually interesting” and “visually attractive” are considered subjective. Permit guidelines can be subjective but they cannot be required and the language cannot use “shall” or “must.”

Ms. Mandt noted the short timeline to complete this work. The process will involve a review of current code standards and guidelines in the design review process and identify which standards and guidelines to retain, revise or remove. The public engagement process will involve the development community, interested residents, the Planning Commission and the Council.

Ms. Mandt said staff anticipates completing a draft LUCA for review and engagement beginning in October. The Planning Commission will review the LUCA in early 2025 and forward its recommendation to the Council for review in March and April of next year.

Mayor Robinson thanked staff for the presentation.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Malakoutian, Rebecca Horner, Director of the Development Services Department, noted current efforts to expedite affordable housing permitting. For the Objective Design Standards LUCA, staff will work closely with the development community early in the application process using a project manager approach and expects to significantly reduce permit processing timelines. Ms. Horner said there are two projects in the pilot program.

Councilmember Zahn commented on the importance of clear standards and guidelines and encouraged staff to provide as much flexibility as possible, where appropriate.

Councilmember Hamilton concurred with Ms. Zahn. He asked about the future impact of HB 1293 on design review staff. Ms. Mandt said the goal is to make the process easier for both residents and staff while complying with state law.

Responding to Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Horner said HB 1293 applies to 100-percent affordable housing projects. However, the approach could be expanded to other permit types in the future. Councilmember Hamilton expressed support for moving forward.

Councilmember Stokes expressed support for moving forward to initiate the LUCA.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis asked about ensuring consistency in code interpretations by permit review staff. He asked about striking a balance between streamlining the permit process while also maintaining Bellevue’s quality control. Ms. Mandt said that design review staff will help identify which regulations are already implemented in the City’s code and their effectiveness.

Mayor Robinson asked about the anticipated visual impacts on projects. Ms. Mandt said staff's goal is not to make substantive changes but rather to clarify the code and ensure it complies with state law.

Ms. Robinson recalled her initial interest in expediting permitting for affordable housing projects. She clarified that the origin of her advocacy was to incentivize more affordable housing whether a project was all affordable housing or included other elements.

- Deputy Mayor Malakoutian moved to direct staff to initiate work on an Objective Design Standards LUCA to comply with House Bill 1293. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.
- 11. Land Use Reports: None.
- 12. Other Ordinances, Resolution and Motions: None.
- 13. Written Reports: None.
- 14. Unfinished Business: None.
- 15. New Business: None.
- 16. Executive Session: None.
- 17. Adjournment

At 8:26 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC
City Clerk

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