

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Special Meeting

August 4, 2025  
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m., with Deputy Mayor Malakoutian presiding.

2. Roll Call; Flag Salute

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

(a) Black Business Month Proclamation

Councilmember Sumadiwiry read the proclamation declaring August 2025 as Black Business Month in Bellevue and encouraged all residents to support Black-owned businesses, celebrate their contributions, and work toward a more inclusive and equitable economy.

Tone Austin, Chair of the Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network (BDAN) and a local business owner, accepted and thanked the Council for the proclamation.

(b) International Overdose Awareness Day Proclamation

Councilmember Bhargava read the proclamation recognizing August 31, 2025, as International Overdose Awareness Day in Bellevue and encouraged everyone to help raise awareness, reduce the stigma associated with substance use, and support evidence-based solutions to prevent overdoses and save lives.

Billy Allen, a Crisis Response Social Worker with the Bellevue Fire Department CARES Program, thanked the Council for the proclamation. She said overdose is a public health issue

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<sup>1</sup> Mayor Robinson participated remotely.

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

and Bellevue has first responders, health care workers and advocates providing life-saving support on a daily basis. She acknowledged there are gaps in services, including for individuals in need of culturally specific services. She encouraged anyone in crisis to call or text 988 for assistance and support.

3. Approval of Agenda

- Councilmember Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Lee 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. Ms. Arredondo said each speaker is allowed up to three minutes to speak and a maximum of three speakers are allowed to speak to any one side of a particular topic. In compliance with Washington state campaign laws regarding the use of public facilities, no speaker may support or oppose a ballot measure or candidate.

Mayor Robinson suggested that if anyone is unable to speak tonight, they are welcome to submit their comments via email to [Council@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:Council@bellevuewa.gov).

- (a) Victor Bishop commented regarding the 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) preliminary project list. He said at least 75 percent of all person trips in Bellevue are by car, 16 percent are pedestrians, 6-8 percent are by transit and less than one percent are by bike. He said that one percent is receiving a significant portion of funding in the TFP. He expressed concern regarding the project to add a seventh bike crossing across I-405.
- (b) Christopher Randels, speaking on behalf of Complete Streets Bellevue, commented regarding the SAFE (Streets Are For Everyone) Bellevue campaign, which is a coalition of 17 non-profit and community based organizations. He said increased transit usage reduces vehicle miles traveled, reduces emissions and improves safety. He said there is also evidence that dedicated transit infrastructure (e.g., bus lanes, better signal timing) can improve ridership. He expressed concern regarding the proposed removal of TFP projects that would help create faster and more reliable transit service in Bellevue. He noted that his organization sent a letter to the Council earlier in the day outlining their concerns. He expressed support for staff's approach to not tie dollars to specific projects and to extend the plan horizon out to 20 years.
- (c) Jodie Alberts, representing the Bellevue Mobility Coalition, said it is crucial to continue to develop a transportation system that supports the land use vision reflected in the

Comprehensive Plan. She encouraged the Council to target infrastructure investments in areas of expected growth. Ms. Alberts expressed support for a more connected, efficient and future-ready multimodal network. She noted that her organization previously sent a letter regarding the TFP to the Council. She expressed support for expanding the plan horizon to 20 years and for conducting an assessment to evaluate 2024 performance gaps. She encouraged transparency and a data-driven approach.

- (d) Sriveda Chandra said she is part of the Sustainability Ambassadors youth leadership program. She expressed concern that the City has inadequately prioritized the rapid development of multimodal transportation facilities, such as bike lanes, crosswalks and transit, in the TFP. She said that, as a younger person, she wants to be able to walk and bike around Bellevue on her own. She expressed concern about bike lanes that are next to vehicle traffic and the lack of crosswalks in certain areas. She said transportation emissions accounted for 42 percent of Bellevue's greenhouse gas emissions in 2023. She encouraged the development of better bike lanes, safer crosswalks and dedicated bus lanes.
- (e) Cameron Kast expressed support for the request from the SAFE Bellevue coalition to develop more resources for the quick and efficient construction of multimodal transportation facilities. He said a record high of 36 people lost their lives or were seriously injured on Bellevue streets in 2024. This included 14 people in cars, 14 pedestrians and eight people on bikes. He said numerous studies have demonstrated that adding a protected bike lane to a road improved safety for everyone. He said road diets have been shown to reduce overall collisions by up to 47 percent by reducing conflict points. He noted the City's intent to meet the goals of the Vision Zero program by 2030. However, as of June 30, there have been 17 serious injuries or fatalities on Bellevue streets this year.
- (f) Heidi Dean, a Newport Hills resident, commented regarding the Great Neighborhoods program to be discussed later in the evening. She recalled that she previously submitted written comments with questions and concerns regarding the neighborhood planning process in the Newport Hills area. She said she would like to meet with the city manager regarding her input. She said she received an email from the Community Development Department Director and Assistant Director, which she felt accused her of unfairly attacking staff. Ms. Dean said she has attempted to go through the proper channels to address her issues. She said she has been working with Leslie Geller from the Eastgate Community Association to express her concerns in preparation for their Eastgate and Factoria planning processes. She said the Factoria area does not have a community association to represent residents. She expressed concern regarding public comments to the Council from non-residents about Bellevue neighborhoods.
- (g) Leslie Geller expressed concern regarding the effectiveness of the public outreach and engagement process related to neighborhood planning. She wants to ensure that the input provided regarding the Eastgate neighborhood area plan comes only from Eastgate residents. She noted the lack of a community association in the adjacent Factoria area and said she would like to also be involved in their planning process.

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

6. Report of the City Manager

(a) Neighborhood Walks 2025

City Manager Diane Carlson introduced staff's update regarding the neighborhood walks conducted in 2025 to connect residents and city leaders and to see neighborhoods through residents' eyes.

Mike McCormick Huentelman, Assistant Director, Community Development Department, thanked the Council and city leadership for their participation in the walks and noted that the program began in 2018. He said an unexpected outcome of the program has been to change the conversation and produce a more meaningful exchange of ideas.

Cara Iwasaki, Community Relations Coordinator, said the 2025 walks were held on July 10 in the BelRed area, July 23 in Eastgate and July 24 in the Cougar Mountain/Lakemont area. The July 10 walk focused on the BelRed Arts District and included visits with the BelRed Arts District Community Alliance executive director, Pacific Northwest Ballet, West Coast Drum Shop and Theatre33. Ms. Iwasaki said residents expressed an interest in live music, restaurants, art and pedestrian amenities.

On the Eastgate walk, city representatives met with members of the Eastgate Community Association to learn about their summer block party co-hosted with the King County Library System summer reading program. The event drew nearly 300 attendees. The group also talked about the role of the neighborhood association. Eastgate residents talked about what they like in their neighborhood, particularly the trees. They shared concerns about housing affordability and the need for neighborhood parks.

In the Cougar Mountain/Lakemont area, Ms. Iwasaki said the group met with a Bellevue park ranger to discuss ongoing sustainability efforts to maintain South Bellevue's natural beauty and trail systems. She said residents commented regarding their love of nature and appreciation for the City's prioritization of their area when snow removal is needed. She said residents indicated that more parking is needed at neighborhood parks. They expressed concern regarding e-bikes on trails and increased traffic congestion on Lakemont Boulevard.

Ms. Iwasaki said residents expressed gratitude for the Councilmembers and department leadership who attended each walk. She said a total of 50 residents participated in the walks this year, with more participation in the two areas that received mailed notices. She noted the need to diversify marketing efforts to include multiple languages and enhanced accessibility for all ages and abilities to participate.

Ms. Iwasaki thanked the Council for its ongoing support of the program.

Mr. McCormick Huentelman encouraged the public to submit comments by emailing [NeighborhoodOutreach@BellevueWA.gov](mailto:NeighborhoodOutreach@BellevueWA.gov).

7. Council Business and New Initiatives

(a) Council Liaison Recommendation for Appointment to Arts Commission

Councilmember Sumadiwirya said she was impressed with the quality and enthusiasm of the applicants for the position on the Arts Commission. She recommended the appointment of Charles McIntyre, a 28-year-old resident and parent of four children in the Bellevue School District, and noted his varied career experience.

→ Councilmember Sumadiwirya moved to appoint Charles McIntyre to serve a full term on the Arts Commission expiring on May 31, 2027. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

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

8. Consent Calendar

→ Councilmember Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Lee 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 24, 2025 Regular Meeting*

*Minutes of July 15, 2025 Regular Meeting*

(b) Ordinance No. 6854 amending Chapter 1.16 Enforcement Provisions, Chapter 4.03 Tax Administrative Code and Title 10 Criminal Code of the Bellevue City Code, to update and recodify criminal violations and to update definitions, citations, procedures and other provisions related to criminal offenses, for consistency with state statutes codified in the RCW; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

(c) Ordinance No. 6855 amending Section 11.48.210 of the Bellevue City Code, to revise the City's regulations related to the operation of motorized foot scooters for consistency with state law; and establishing an effective date.

(d) Ordinance No. 6856: 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accept up to \$311,000 in state Regional Mobility Program grant funding to support the City of Bellevue Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program 2025 - 2027 project in state fiscal years 2026 and

2027; and 2) amending the City of Bellevue 2025-2026 Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$311,000; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

- (e) Resolution No. 10530 authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with HDR, Inc. in the amount of \$909,851.69, plus all applicable taxes, to complete engineering design, environmental documentation, and prepare the construction contract documents for the 130th Ave NE Interim Park & Ride project (CIP Plan No. CD-48).
- (f) Resolution No. 10531 authorizing execution of a Modified General Services Agreement with ARC Document Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, plus all applicable taxes, to provide document digitization services for the City of Bellevue Digitizing Paper Permit Records project.

9. Public Hearing: None.

10. Study Session Items

- (a) Presentation and discussion of the Transportation Commission's 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) Preliminary Project List

City Manager Carlson introduced discussion regarding the Transportation Commission's recommendations for the 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) Preliminary Project List.

Andrew Singelakis, Director, Transportation Department, said staff is seeking Council direction to: 1) advance the 2026-2045 TFP update process using the Preliminary Project List recommended by the Transportation Commission and staff, and 2) extend the TFP timeframe to 20 years. He said the proposal to extend the plan through a 20-year horizon is related to insufficient protected revenues to accommodate all of the projects in the six-year Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan. Preserving the projects in the current CIP plan requires moving to a 20-year planning horizon.

Mr. Singelakis said the City's primary maintenance program is the overlay program, which was moved from the TFP plan into the operating budget. He noted that the City is paying approximately \$15 million annually in debt service for the TIFIA (Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act) loan projects and other projects in the BelRed area.

Eric Miller, Planning Manager, Transportation Department, said the TFP is an intermediate-range planning tool that sets the priorities for later CIP plan updates and establishes the basis for the impact fee program. He recalled that the TFP update process was initiated in September 2024. He highlighted public outreach efforts, including nine Transportation Commission meetings. With the Council's direction tonight, staff will move forward to the SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act) review and preparation of the impact fee program report. Following

the commission's final recommendation, adoption of the new TFP is anticipated by the end of this year.

John Resha, Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Asset Management Department, described the investment waterfall framework and the top five priorities: 1) debt, 2) maintain assets and services, 3) deliver on planned growth, 4) plan for future growth, and 5) demonstrate new programs, services and pilot programs. Draft guiding principles include stewardship, transparency, professionalism, balanced risk and ability to be nimble.

Mr. Resha presented information regarding 2019-2034 tax growth, noting that revenues start to plateau in 2030. He highlighted expenditures including debt service, maintenance and 2025-2030 CIP projects. Mr. Resha said the TFP revenue sources total \$496.4 million in the following categories: Neighborhood Congestion, Safety and Connectivity Levy (\$196 million), Grants and other external sources (\$116.8 million), General Fund (\$111.8 million), transportation impact fees (\$49.6 million) and motor vehicle fuel tax (\$22.2 million). Mr. Resha said the levy expires during the 20-year TFP term. For planning purposes, the analysis assumes that the levy is renewed at its current rate.

Mr. Miller said approximately \$26.5 million is available for non-CIP TFP projects.

Mr. Singelakis said staff is currently negotiating a contract with a consultant to develop a portfolio approach to the CIP plan.

Mr. Miller noted that the Transportation Commission favors allocating the full funding available to one large project.

Drew Magill, Vice Chair, Transportation Commission, said the identification of TFP candidate projects was informed by the current TFP, Mobility Implementation Plan, Bike Bellevue plan and the Comprehensive Plan transportation analysis. He said 25 projects in the 2025-2030 CIP plan are carried forward into the new 2026-2045 TFP. He said 68 other candidate projects were evaluated and prioritized. He commented on the project scoring, public engagement and candidate qualitative factors.

Mr. Magill said seven high-priority projects are proposed for inclusion in the TFP: 1) 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE/NE 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 2) NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street/106<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, 3) Eastrail, 4) Bellevue College Connection, 5) 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE/NE 16<sup>th</sup> Street, 6) Spring Boulevard (Zone 3), and 7) Grand Connection I-405 crossing. An additional 37 priority projects are identified as placeholders in the TFP.

Mr. Magill said that on July 10, the Transportation Commission voted unanimously to recommend the TFP Preliminary Project List presented in the meeting packet for the Council's consideration.

Mr. Miller said the projects fall into one or more of the following categories: 1) support growth and development, 2) mitigate impacts of growth and development, 3) expand pedestrian and bike network, and 4) support transit mobility.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian thanked staff and Vice Chair Magill for the presentation. He thanked the Transportation Commission for their extensive work.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis commended staff for their work and expressed support for directing the Transportation Commission to move forward. He is happy to see the change moving the maintenance and overlay program from the CIP plan to the operating budget. He thanked Vice Chair Magill for the information he presented. Mr. Nieuwenhuis expressed support for expanding the TFP horizon to 20 years. He said Bellevue has many transportation needs. He expressed support for staff's work with a consultant to help prioritize investments. Responding to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Mr. Singelakis said staff anticipates providing an update regarding the work with the consultant in approximately four months.

Responding to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Mr. Singelakis said there are a number of transit-related investments including the K Line, downtown spine transit-oriented project, Bellevue College Connection and others. In further response, Mr. Singelakis acknowledged the importance of maintaining vehicular capacity. Mr. Nieuwenhuis expressed an interest in the percentage of project expenditures by transportation mode.

Mayor Robinson thanked everyone for their hard work and expressed support for the 20-year plan horizon. She urged moving bike infrastructure projects forward as quickly as possible. She said she would like to review the guiding principles regarding TFP project selection during the next annual Council retreat. She suggested a review of impact fees and exploring how other cities address pedestrian and bike impacts. She wondered whether the City is charging enough for basic car impact fees and whether the City should include pedestrian and bike impacts in its fee calculations. She wondered what it would look like to exempt affordable housing from the impact fees. Mr. Singelakis noted the City already exempts affordable housing from impact fees.

Councilmember Sumadiwiryia complimented staff and the Transportation Commission on their exceptional work over the past year. She expressed support for expanding the TFP timeframe to 20 years. Responding to Ms. Sumadiwiryia, Mr. Singelakis expressed optimism about the ability to secure grant funding. In further response, Mr. Singelakis agreed that there could be opportunities for public-private collaborations. Mr. Resha said that keeping the Grand Connection crossing project within the TFP, even in a separate portfolio, allows the City to be more competitive for grant funding.

Councilmember Lee expressed appreciation for the efforts of staff and the Transportation Commission. He commented on the anticipated infrastructure needs to support housing growth. He said the City began planning for the redevelopment of the BelRed corridor before Sound Transit planned light rail. He commented on ongoing and future development in the BelRed corridor and Wilburton area. He expressed support for the 20-year horizon for the TFP plan and for multimodal projects. He expressed concern regarding future revenues.

Councilmember Hamilton thanked everyone for the information and for their hard work. He expressed general support for the proposed project list. He said the projected growth in Bellevue warrants a review of the transportation impact fee program. He thanked staff and the



Transportation Commission for their public outreach and stakeholder engagement. He commended the City's efforts to expand the arterial network in the BelRed area in anticipation of light rail development. He encouraged flexibility with housing suppliers and continued investments in mobility. Councilmember Hamilton said it will likely be necessary to consider new revenues (e.g., transportation benefit district, levy) in the future to meet capacity and safety goals. He expressed support for the 20-year term for the TFP.

Councilmember Bhargava thanked everyone for their work. He expressed support for the 20-year TFP horizon. He said he appreciated moving maintenance funds to the operating budget. He noted that the Comprehensive Plan supports compact, walkable and mixed use development. He expressed support for transit services and for including multimodal capital projects in the TFP. Staff responded to brief questions of clarification. Councilmember Bhargava said he appreciated the fiscally conservative approach to the transportation impact fee program. Mr. Miller commented that in the past during active development years, transportation impact fee collections reached well over \$5 million annually and up to \$10 million during one year.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian highlighted Mayor Robinson's earlier comments regarding bike and pedestrian infrastructure, including the Grand Connection. He said he shared Councilmember Nieuwenhuis's interest in the percentage of project allocations by transportation mode.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Mr. Singelakis commented regarding the environmental review required for the TFP. Mr. Miller said the analysis focuses primarily on traffic modeling.

Councilmember Bhargava recalled that the Council talked about potentially including specific transit-related projects in the project list, as requested by Complete Streets Bellevue.

Responding to Mayor Robinson, Mr. Singelakis said it would not make much difference to include the project now because there will not be any associated funding. However, there are other areas to identify support for transit, primarily through reliability studies.

Councilmember Hamilton said he was comfortable with adding the reference to the transit-related projects. Councilmember Lee, Mayor Robinson and Councilmember Nieuwenhuis agreed.

→ Councilmember Nieuwenhuis moved to direct the Transportation Commission and staff to: 1) advance the 2026-2045 Transportation Facilities Plan (TFP) update process using the Preliminary Project List recommended by the commission and staff, and 2) extend the TFP timeframe to 20 years. Councilmember Bhargava seconded the motion.

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

At 8:00 p.m., Deputy Mayor Malakoutian declared a short break. The meeting resumed at 8:12 p.m.

- (b) Great Neighborhoods Program – Initiation of Eastgate and Factoria Neighborhood Area Plans

City Manager Diane Carlson introduced discussion initiating the Great Neighborhoods Program planning effort for the Eastgate and Factoria neighborhoods.

Thara Johnson, Planning Director, said Council direction is requested to initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPAs) to update the Eastgate and Factoria neighborhood area plans. The program objectives are to: 1) localize citywide policies that reflect neighborhood priorities through extensive community engagement, and 2) develop local policies to address issues and opportunities to help the community grow in a unique way. Bellevue has 16 neighborhood areas and the Great Neighborhoods Program was launched in 2018 to strengthen community connections. Plans were adopted in 2021 for the Northeast and Northwest Bellevue neighborhoods.

Justin Panganiban, Senior Planner/Urban Designer, described the planning process beginning with the discovery phase through December 2025 to understand the issues, identify values and priorities and to report on existing conditions. The define phase early next year will develop and affirm the vision for the neighborhoods and identify the policies necessary to support the draft plans. The refine phase extends from May through August 2026 to review the draft plans with the community, incorporate feedback and address missing elements. Final review will extend through the fall with adoption of the updated plans anticipated by December 2026.

The neighborhood area plans will be updated to be consistent with neighborhood area boundaries and citywide policies. The scope of work includes establishing urban design strategies to improve the design and function of public spaces throughout the neighborhood and setting the direction of future growth through updates to the future land use map for both private and public properties.

Subsections of the neighborhood area plans include neighborhood identity, mixed use centers and neighborhood centers, community gathering spaces, mobility and access, and the environment. New and enhanced opportunities for gathering spaces include community partnerships, neighborhood-scale parks, environmental enhancements, walkable development patterns, pedestrian connections and streetscape enhancements. Opportunities for neighborhood connectivity include walking and biking connections, sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, bike facilities, access to transit, and wayfinding signage.

Mr. Panganiban said the plans will guide future growth through updates to the future land use map. The City may initiate map changes based on changed conditions and may include site-specific map changes for both private and public properties toward creating and strengthening third places.

The community engagement strategy will be equitable, consistent and inclusive to ensure representative participation throughout the neighborhoods. Examples of communication strategies include in-person and online engagement tools, targeted outreach, and interactive and accessible activities. Staff will prioritize opportunities to meet the community where they are by attending meetings and hosting events in the neighborhood. Staff will also work with cultural outreach assistants and community leaders to connect with communities that are hard to reach.

The Great Neighborhoods Program will conduct planning for the Eastgate and Factoria neighborhoods through 2026 and Lake Hills and West Lake Sammamish areas from 2026 through 2027 and Woodridge and West Bellevue neighborhoods from 2027 through 2028

Mayor Robinson expressed enthusiasm about the neighborhood planning process. She expressed concern about the potential loss of the shopping center uses on the north side of I-90 by Michael's Toyota. She said she looks forward to hearing input from residents.

Councilmember Sumadiwiryia said she too looks forward to hearing from residents. She encouraged enhancing public safety in the design of public gathering spaces. Ms. Johnson said the community engagement process will begin with a mailed survey, ideas fair, public space workshops and other activities. Mr. Panganiban said that public safety is addressed as part of the urban design scope.

Ms. Sumadiwiryia encouraged engaging business owners and avoiding the displacement of existing businesses. Ms. Johnson said staff will work with economic development staff to engage stakeholders.

Responding to Councilmember Bhargava, Ms. Panganiban said the order of the neighborhood plan updates is based on a number of factors including the presence of mixed use centers to align with growth and the role of high-capacity transit. He said Bellevue has six designated centers. Mr. Bhargava encouraged staff to engage with individuals across demographic groups, including individuals of all ages. He suggested documenting the key outcomes wanted for each neighborhood.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Ms. Johnson said community engagement is at the heart of the Comprehensive Plan and the neighborhood area plans. Ms. Johnson recalled feedback from previous planning processes suggesting that the City allow more time for community input. Mr. Lee encouraged staff to find ways to engage in culturally sensitive ways. He noted concerns in the Factoria neighborhood regarding speeding and congestion. He noted concerns in the Eastgate neighborhood regarding housing and services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis encouraged an emphasis on public safety solutions and incorporating urban design elements that enhance safety. He expressed an interest in hearing from both residents and business owners. He reiterated his ongoing suggestion that the City develop a playbook or guide for community outreach. He suggested meeting people where they are, including through culturally sensitive methods. Mr. Nieuwenhuis said he would like to see a cultural center in the Factoria area. Ms. Johnson concurred that there are many factors and opportunities to consider. She said the overall playbook is the community engagement strategy, which is summarized in the meeting materials. She said staff will follow up to provide the detailed plan/strategy to the Council.

Councilmember Hamilton expressed appreciation for staff's efforts and agreed with the scope of neighborhood area plan and is consistent with the citywide vision for parks and open space,

public safety, and transportation. Responding to Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Johnson said staff will return to the Council for an update during the first quarter of 2026.

Deputy Mayor Malakoutian said the neighborhood area plans reflect how policies impact everyday life. In terms of community engagement, he suggested a feedback loop to residents and others who submit comments and suggestions. He expressed concern regarding individuals that are difficult to reach. He said he would like to learn more about the lessons learned through previous neighborhood planning processes. He expressed concern regarding the potential displacement of businesses. He suggested developing performance metrics to evaluate community engagement, especially with underserved communities.

→ Councilmember Bhargava moved to initiate Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPAs) to update the Factoria and Eastgate neighborhood area plans and to approve the schedule for future planning processes. Councilmember Nieuwenhuis seconded the motion.

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

11. Land Use Reports: None.

12. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.

13. Written Reports

(a) Intergovernmental Affairs Monthly Update as of July 28, 2025

14. Unfinished Business: None.

15. New Business: None.

16. Executive Session: None.

17. Adjournment

At 9:07 p.m., Deputy Mayor Malakoutian declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC  
City Clerk

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