

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

January 2, 2018

Council Chamber  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Chelminiak, Deputy Mayor Robinson, and Councilmembers Lee, Nieuwenhuis, Robertson, Stokes, and Zahn

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Chelminiak called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers were present. Councilmember Nieuwenhuis led the flag salute.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

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

4. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Bill Pace said that, on the way to City Hall this evening, he observed seven American flags that were not properly displayed. The flag is to be raised at sunrise and lowered at sunset, unless it is illuminated at night. He noted that City Hall and a number of schools do not lower or illuminate the flag at sunset.

Mayor Chelminiak asked the City Manager to look into the issue raised by Mr. Pace.

- (b) Heidi Dean congratulated Mayor Chelminiak and Deputy Mayor Robinson and welcomed the new Councilmembers. She said the relationship between the Council and the neighborhoods has been strained over the past year, and she hopes to move forward together this year to repair the relationship.

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

6. Report of the City Manager: None.

7. Council Business and New Initiatives

(a) Remote Participation Request - January 8, 2018 Council Meeting

Mayor Chelminiak noted a request by Councilmember Zahn to participate remotely during the January 8, 2018 Council Extended Study Session.

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to allow remote participation by Councilmember Zahn at the January 8, 2018 Council meeting. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

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

(b) Human Services Commission Appointment

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to approve the appointment of Benjamin Piper to the Human Services Commission, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Ms. Robinson commended former Human Services Commission Chair Carla Villar for her service and recommended Benjamin Piper to complete the unexpired term. Ms. Robinson said she is pleased to have an individual from a part of Bellevue that has not had a representative on the Commission.

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

Councilmember Robertson thanked Deputy Mayor Robinson for including information regarding the Human Services Commission appointment in the meeting packet.

Ms. Robertson recalled that the Planning Commission appointment during the December 11 Council meeting was not placed on the agenda and information was not provided in advance. While the appointment was confirmed, Ms. Robertson said she voted no for a number of reasons, including her concern regarding the process leading to that appointment. She noted that, because the Planning Commission appointment was presented without advance notice, she made a mistake regarding the candidate recommended for appointment and confused him with someone else. Councilmember Robertson said her comments about the individual were incorrect, and she has called and apologized to him. She believes Mr. Malakoutian will be an excellent Commissioner who will treat everyone with equality and civility. Ms. Robertson noted that she wanted to apologize to him and the public on the record. She encouraged the Council to be sure that Board and Commission appointments are reflected on future meeting agendas.

8. Consent Calendar

- Deputy Mayor Robinson 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 December 11, 2017 Study Session  
Minutes of December 11, 2017 Regular Session
  - (b) Motion to award Bid No. 17121 for a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system upgrade project at City Hall, to Johansen Mechanical, Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$153,398 plus all applicable taxes.
  - (c) Motion to award Bid No. 17070 for Sanitary Sewer Repairs 2017 to Road Construction Northwest, Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$603,030 plus all applicable taxes [CIP Plan No. S-24].
- 9. Public Hearing: None.
- 10. Land Use: None.
- 11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
- 12. Unfinished Business: None.
- 13. Continued Oral Communications

Bill Dennis, a Newport Hills resident, said this city was built with many neighborhood community centers and shopping centers, which are being systematically demolished for redevelopment. He said the current buyers of the Newport Hills Shopping Center and other properties are being secretive about their actions, and citizens are unable to obtain information about their plans. He noted the goal of building a walkable and livable community and expressed concern about the impact of redevelopment on key community centers.

Mayor Chelminiak thanked Mr. Dennis for his comments.

As an item of Council business, Mr. Chelminiak asked Councilmember Robertson if she would be able to attend the January 11 meeting of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation Policy Board. She said she would check and let him know.

Responding to Mr. Chelminiak, Councilmember Nieuwenhuis said he would check his availability to attend the next meeting of Bellevue's Environmental Services Commission.

Mayor Chelminiak said he would be making Council liaison appointments to Boards, Commissions, and regional forums later in the month. He said he will attend the January 4 meeting of the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board.

Responding to Mayor Chelminiak, Councilmember Lee said he will attend the next Bellevue Transportation Commission meeting.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 7:03 p.m., Mayor Chelminiak declared the meeting adjourned.

Kyle Stannert, CMC  
City Clerk

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