



Transportation Commission Study Session

DATE: January 11, 2024
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SUBJECT: Transportation Commission Bylaws Amendments

DIRECTION REQUESTED

☒ Action

☐ Discussion/Direction

☐ Information

The Transportation Commission is being asked to take final action to approve amendments to the Commission's bylaws that are primarily to make the bylaws consistent with recent City Code changes adopted by the City Council.

BACKGROUND/INFORMATION

On August 7, 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance 6752, amending the Bellevue City Code (BCC) provisions for all the Council's advisory boards and commissions, including Chapter 3.63 BCC, which applies to the Transportation Commission. The code amendments provide more flexibility for remote participation by board and commission members. They also incorporate new rules of decorum for public participation at board and commission meetings, similar to new rules the City Council adopted for its meetings.

At the December 14, 2023 Transportation Commission meeting, staff presented proposed amendments to the Commission's bylaws to conform the bylaws to the City Code amendments made by the City Council in Ordinance 6752 and to make several other amendments. Staff explained the rationale and intent behind the changes.

The amendments would:

1. Make the bylaws consistent with City Code concerning remote participation by Commission members;
2. Modify the rules of decorum for public participation, consistent with City Code;

3. Eliminate the second oral and written communications item in Article VI Section D, as a standing agenda item; and
4. Reinstate language in Article II Section A.2 that was likely inadvertently removed from the bylaws concerning the process for nominating persons to become Transportation Commission members that is required by the City Council's rules and exists in the Bylaws of all the other boards and commissions. The strike-draft showing the proposed amendments to the bylaws is attached as **Attachment A**.

Following presentation by staff at the December 14 meeting, the Transportation Commission directed staff to bring back for a vote the bylaw amendments recommended by staff. The final version of the updated bylaws is included as **Attachment B**. Adoption of the updated bylaws will require two-thirds of the membership (5) to vote in favor.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adopting the updated bylaws as proposed. If adopted, the bylaws will be in conformance with Ordinance 6752 and Chapter 3.63 BCC.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Proposed updated Transportation Commission Bylaws – strike-draft
- B. Final proposed updated Transportation Commission Bylaws