

**CITY OF BELLEVUE  
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday  
July 6, 2023

City Hall & Remote  
6:30 p.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Knezevic at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Vanja Knezevic (Chair), Ken Wan (Vice Chair)<sup>1</sup>, Gabby Lacson, Kurt Lutterman

**COMMISSIONER ATTENDING REMOTELY:** Andy Dupertuis

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Michael Margolis (excused)

**COUNCIL LIAISON:** Conrad Lee

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lucy Liu, Interim Utilities Director; Linda De Boldt, Engineering Assistant Director; Joe Harbour, Acting Deputy Director; Cheri Brignon, Senior Administrative Assistant; and Laurie Hugdahl, Minutes Taker

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion made by Commissioner Wan, seconded by Commissioner Lutterman, to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously.**

**3. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

Alex Tsimerman -14150 NE 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Bellevue, WA 98007, expressed frustration about being unable to give oral comments at the City Council and Planning Commission meetings. He expressed concern about political leanings of individuals.

**4. COMMUNICATION FROM CITY COUNCIL, COMMUNITY COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

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<sup>1</sup> Commissioner Wan was elected Vice Chair towards the end of the meeting.

Councilmember Lee welcomed new commissioners and thanked all commissioners for their service. He noted that former Utilities Director Nav Ota will be missed and congratulated Lucy Liu and Joe Harbour on promotions.

Acting Deputy Director Joe Harbour gave an update on staffing changes, new commissioners, and City Council actions.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

None

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A) MAY 4, 2023 MINUTES**

**Motion made by Commissioner Wan, seconded by Commissioner Lutterman, to approve the 5/4/23 minutes as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

**B) JUNE 1, 2023 MINUTES**

**Motion made by Commissioner Wan, seconded by Commissioner Lutterman, to approve the 6/1/23 minutes as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Bellevue Utilities Overview for New ESC Commissioners**

Interim Utilities Director Lucy Liu welcomed new commissioners and expressed appreciation to them for their service. She, Acting Deputy Director Joe Harbour, and Assistant Director De Boldt provided an overview of Bellevue utilities and the role of commissioners. They gave some background on the Environmental Services Commission (ESC), discussed roles and responsibilities of the ESC, gave an overview of Utilities services and infrastructure (solid waste, water, wastewater, stormwater drainage), and reviewed asset management strategies. They also discussed Utilities' business approach, financial policies, budget challenges, and Capital Investment Plan (CIP). Interim Director Liu shared the 2023-2028 rates forecast and programs to help residents with financial need. Acting Deputy Director Harbour and Assistant Director De

Boldt reviewed the Utilities' organizational structure. Clarification questions and answers followed.

**b) Remote Participation Approval for September 7, 2023**

None

**c) Election of ESC Chair and Vice Chair**

**Vanja Knezevic was nominated Chair by Commissioner Wan and unanimously elected Chair.**

**Ken Wan was nominated Vice chair by Chair Knezevic and unanimously elected Vice Chair.**

**9. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

**10. REVIEW OF COMMISSION & COUNCIL CALENDARS**

Acting Deputy Director Harbour reviewed the calendars.

Commissioner Dupertuis asked what they should expect from the upcoming CIP agenda item and when they can expect an update on the CIP since they are midway through the cycle. Asst. Director De Boldt said the upcoming agenda item is to review the process which will be used to develop the 2025-2031 CIP. Staff will be coming back to the Commission many times next year and providing a lot of detail then. Dupertuis commented that having some perspective of what is going well and what isn't going so well would be super helpful in order to provide a retrospective understanding as they address the future-looking CIP.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Chair Knezevic, seconded by Vice Chair Wan, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.