

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

May 18, 2015
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Balducci, Deputy Mayor Wallace and Councilmembers Chelminiak, Lee, Robertson and Stokes¹

ABSENT: Councilmember Robinson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m., with Mayor Balducci presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers except Councilmember Robinson were present. Councilmember Robertson led the flag salute.

(a) National Older Americans Month Proclamation

Mayor Balducci read the proclamation recognizing National Older Americans Month in Bellevue.

Ethan Crawford, representing The Bellevue Network on Aging, said the group is currently focused on three areas: 1) outreach and finding venues to share information; 2) transportation, and 3) housing. He said they hold monthly meetings in City Hall, and he invited the Council and the public to attend.

(b) APWA Public Works Week Proclamation

Mayor Balducci read the proclamation recognizing May 17-23, 2014, as National Public Works Week in Bellevue.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

Mayor Balducci said oral communications would start with those wishing to speak to items on the evening's agenda. She asked the speakers to complete their comments within three minutes.

¹ Councilmember Stokes joined the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

- (a) Warren Koons, on behalf of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA) and as co-chair of the BDA's land use and livability committee, thanked the Council for making the Downtown Livability work a priority. He said it has been 12 years since the Downtown Livability Plan was adopted. He thanked the City for past and ongoing community outreach efforts.
- (b) Patrick Bannon, President of BDA, said he served on the Downtown Livability Initiative Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). He noted that he heard interest by the Council during the earlier study session in more discussion on certain items (e.g., building heights, FAR, and the amenity incentive system). He requested that the Council move forward to address topics other than those including design guidelines, public and open space, Pedestrian Corridor, as well as items not directly linked to the amenity incentive system. He encouraged forwarding issues to the Planning Commission as soon as possible to facilitate their review.
- (c) Janine Florence, President and CEO of the Fortin Group, said she lives, and the company owns 10 acres, in the Downtown. The Fortin Group has participated extensively in the Downtown Livability work since 2012. She said it is important to update the Downtown Subarea Plan and amenity incentives, and she expressed support for the CAC's final report, including the Northwest Village concept. She agrees with the CAC that increased building heights would allow more open space at street level. Ms. Florence thanked the Council for considering the CAC's recommendations and encouraged moving them forward to the Planning Commission.
- (d) Bill Herman, a Bellevue Towers resident representing www.L4bell.org, commented on the Downtown Livability CAC's report. He said it addresses building heights but does not include much on amenities, parking, or transportation. He said City staff have been very professional and helpful. He questioned the impacts of increased density on traffic, noting that this issue needs to be resolved before the CAC's report is passed on to the Planning Commission. He questioned whether more amenities are needed at the expense of transportation or density.
- (e) Andrew Miller, BDR Capital Partners, spoke on behalf of the owner of the property on the northwest corner of Main Street and 112th Avenue. He said this is a gateway intersection into Downtown Bellevue located 200 yards north of the East Main light rail station. He said the East Main Station Area Planning CAC's recommendations have missed an opportunity with respect to transit-oriented development (TOD) principles. He encouraged the Council to visit the web site: www.eastmaingateway.com. Mr. Miller said the core idea of TOD is to leverage the transit node by creating density around the station. He expressed concern that the Downtown Livability Initiative did not address the area south of Main Street, and the East Main Station is only 200 yards south of that boundary. As a result, the station's influence on the downtown was not considered. He urged the Council to look into effective station area planning. Mr. Miller said the CAC was told to not consider the area north of Main Street because it was being addressed as part of the Downtown Livability work. Mr. Miller said that increasing density will help to

reinforce the district identity.

- (f) Scott Sheffield, a West Lake Sammamish resident, spoke on behalf of the Washington Sensible Shorelines Association (WSSA), noted that the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) package was on the evening's agenda. He commented on two topics: advance mitigation credits and impervious surfaces waterward of existing structures within the shoreline vegetation area. He thanked the City for their work and said residents are generally satisfied with the regulations. However, certain restrictions are still viewed as somewhat severe, and the regulations are fairly complicated for the average person to interpret. He urged the Council to hold the line with the State Department of Ecology (DOE) in its review of Bellevue's SMP Update.
- (g) Sue Stronk commented on Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) Energize Eastside project. She expressed concerns about an easement with two Olympic gas pipelines where two new power poles will be buried 15 feet to 50 feet deep. She said this falls along the area's largest earthquake fault zone along the I-90 corridor. She said the Council has not addressed the issue of safety and the impacts, including construction, of placing the two utilities together. She said the risk of an explosion is unacceptable. She said she spoke to a representative of Olympic Pipeline who indicated that the company wants to know the type of vehicles and their locations for traveling over the pipeline route. The depths of the pipelines vary from three to five feet underground. Ms. Stronk urged the Council to consider the economic impact and damage to occur by allowing PSE to construct large industrial towers that will be visible for miles. She asked the Council to review a summary of the EIS testimony soon and to not wait until June 15.
- (h) Loretta Lopez, President of the Bridle Trails Community Club, commented on the Energize Eastside project. She said there has not been adequate or meaningful notice to residents about the environmental impact statement (EIS) scoping review. The sign posted at the site mentions reliability but does not mention tree removal and other impacts. PSE's public notices do not refer to potential alternatives. She questioned whether the project constitutes an essential public facility. She said the City's independent analysis was to address the need for the project, and if the need is not confirmed, residents do not consider it an essential public facility. Ms. Lopez expressed concern that the consultant's report has not been vetted. Citizens and the Council have asked questions that have not been answered. Ms. Lopez asked the City to pause the EIS review to ensure that it is done correctly. She said the residents' goal is to find truth and the best solution. Residents believe it is possible to have reliable energy without damaging the Eastside.
- (i) Alex Zimmerman, StandUP-America, said he is running for the Seattle City Council. He expressed concern about what he perceives to be a lack of true democracy. He urged people to stand up to save America. He referred the public to his web site: www.alexforamerica.com.

4. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions

Dallas Evans, Vice Chair of the Parks and Community Services Board, commented on the renaming of Bovee Park. He said the Board conducted a process of considering names for the park over the past two months. The Board received suggestions from the community, including from the Northtowne neighborhood, Eastside Heritage Center, and others. The online survey received input from 1,400 respondents, and a public meeting to solicit names was held on April 28. The Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Council adopt either Zumdieck Park or Burrows Park, both of which refer to past Northtowne community leaders.

Mr. Evans described the history of the Burrows family and the activism and leadership of Georgia Zumdieck, a Bellevue City Councilmember from 1992 until her death in 1998. He noted there was considerable discussion about renaming the park after Nan Campbell, Bellevue's first female mayor. However, the Board chose to focus instead on Northtowne residents.

Responding to Councilmember Robertson, Mr. Evans said the Board followed guidelines previously established by the City Council in considering names. He said the names Burrows and Zumdieck came up repeatedly from the community. He said the Board supported renaming the park for a woman who was important in Bellevue's history. He noted that Burrows Landing at SE 15th Street on Lake Washington is named for that family. Mr. Evans said a total of 50 names were suggested, and some of the names were suggested 200-300 times.

Mayor Balducci noted that this item was presented for Council action later in the agenda.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Mr. Evans said the suggested name of Burrows Park referred specifically to Rhody Burrows, an historian and the grandson of Albert Burrows who staked a claim in the area in 1884.

5. Report of the City Manager

City Manager Brad Miyake suggested postponing Agenda Item 8(h). He noted that the attachment of the project list was not included in the meeting packet. It will be posted to provide an opportunity for the public to review it.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Lee said applicants for the Transportation Commission vacancy would be interviewed that week, and he invited Councilmembers to attend.

Mayor Balducci requested approval to use more than eight hours of staff time for Sound Transit 3 (ST3) package planning. Sound Transit is developing its conceptual plan over the next few months, and it is important for Bellevue to identify its principles as well as East Subarea projects to be included in the package. She would like the Council to approve staff time to develop an interest statement and to work with other cities to develop an Eastside interest statement.

Councilmember Robertson questioned how the process will work with other Eastside jurisdictions. Mayor Balducci said the Council will ultimately want to take a position on the

conceptual package. However, she suggested providing input now as the package is being developed. She said it is important to actively advocate now for Bellevue's priorities as the Sound Transit Board works on this effort through June and July.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Mayor Balducci said she initiated a request for a planning session on this topic. However, she wanted to request formal Council support for staff work on ST3 planning.

Deputy Mayor Wallace concurred with making this effort a priority. He said if Sound Transit receives the entire taxing authority it is requesting from the state legislature, the agency will be able to impose more than \$1,000 per year in taxes on a family with a \$500,000 house and two \$35,000 cars and that makes approximately \$12,000 in retail sales purchases annually.

Mr. Wallace said the Council needs to determine whether the tax revenue increase is necessary for the East Subarea and how the ST3 plan will benefit Bellevue and the Eastside. He said more information is needed before the Council can take a position on the package. He suggested making this a key part of the City's transportation planning policy and addressing it as a Council as soon as possible.

Mayor Balducci agreed and clarified that the cost and tax implications will be a later issue. The immediate task is to draft the project list for Bellevue.

Councilmember Lee expressed support for the Mayor's request.

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to allow in excess of eight hours of staff time, as needed, to work on developing Bellevue's priority list for ST3 projects. Deputy Mayor Wallace seconded the motion.

Councilmember Chelminiak expressed support for the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Balducci said she will keep the Council updated as the process of identifying ST3 projects moves forward.

Councilmember Robertson reminded everyone that the City Manager anticipates reporting back to the Council on the timing of the opening of NE 4th Street to 120th Avenue NE as it relates to the extension of 120th Avenue NE to the north of NE 8th Street.

Ms. Robertson acknowledged that East Link Station planning and the Downtown Livability work will ultimately go to the Planning Commission. Staff confirmed that they will be looking at how these efforts integrate the station and both segments of light rail connecting to the station.

In looking at the long-range Council calendar, Councilmember Robertson said she did not see a discussion of the Energize Eastside Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scoping process. City Manager Miyake said that discussion is scheduled for June 1. Ms. Robertson noted requests from

the public to extend the comment period and stated her understanding that the City does not by law have the authority to do so. She would like this information to be posted on the City's Energize Eastside web site for the public.

Mr. Miyake said the NE 4th Street issue will be back before the Council within the next few weeks.

7. Approval of the Agenda

- Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. Consent Calendar

- Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to approve the Consent Calendar, amended to pull Item 8(h). Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Council Meeting Minutes
Minutes of April 20, 2015 Study Session
Minutes of April 20, 2015 Regular Session
Minutes of April 27, 2015 Extended Study Session
- (b) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period April 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015.
- (c) Resolution No. 8915 authorizing execution of a 2015-2018 successor labor agreement by and between the City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Local 77 (Union) for the contract period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2018.
- (d) Resolution No. 8916 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Modern Machinery, for the purchase of an excavator for the Transportation Department, in an amount not to exceed \$127,411, plus applicable Washington State sales tax.
- (e) Resolution No. 8917 authorizing the execution of a hardware purchase and technical maintenance agreement with Pioneer Communications Group for the replacement of the City Hall Distributed Antenna System.
- (f) Resolution No. 8918 authorizing the write-off of sixty uncollectible accounts totaling \$109,237.27.

- (g) Resolution No. 8919 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc. for on-call construction management and inspection services for various Utilities CIP programs, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.

Postponed:

- (h) Resolution No. 8920 adopting the City's 2016-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

9. Public Hearings

- (a) Public Hearing on Draft Land Use Code and Draft Development Agreements implementing Crossroads Policy S-CR-79 to enable a mixed-use multifamily development in the Crossroads Subarea, subject to public benefits.

Planning Director Dan Stroh presented the staff report. He noted the existing prohibition on the construction of additional multifamily units in the Crossroads Subarea. The Land Use Code amendment proposes allowing additional multifamily units if the project provides other public benefits and is part of a mixed-use development. Mr. Stroh said the site is the former location of the Top Foods store, which has been vacant for about two years. The proposal involves a Development Agreement addressing four major elements of public benefit: NE 15th Street Park Street, Urban Trail with a Main Street character, park connection, and park interface.

Mr. Stroh described artistic depictions of the proposed development and public areas, including the connection to the park. The development creates "eyes on the park" and the vegetation allows visibility. Tonight's agenda item is the required public hearing on the proposal. Final Council action is anticipated on June 1.

Mayor Balducci noted two written communications in the Council's desk packet: one from a citizen and one submitted by the NE 15th Street Residences Coalition in the form of a table of concerns and possible mitigation approaches. Responding to Ms. Balducci, Mr. Stroh said the comments will be included in the record for the public hearing.

Mr. Stroh said staff conducted an additional round of public engagement on the Development Agreement including an open house at Crossroads Community Center the previous Wednesday. The major concerns were traffic issues. Mr. Stroh said the previous Top Foods store was 75,000 square feet and generated 516 peak hour trips. The proposed development is estimated to generate 140 peak hour trips. He said additional traffic analysis will be conducted as part of the project review if the proposal moves forward.

Councilmember Robertson thanked staff for more information on traffic volumes. For the June 1 Council meeting, she asked staff to provide written information about the traffic impacts for the Top Foods store versus the proposed development, including all trips beyond peak hour trips.

→ Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to open the Public Hearing, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

The following individuals came forward to comment:

1. Nick Cooper, representing the NE 15th Street Residences Coalition, presented two concerns. He opined that Top Foods was not a large or particularly busy store, and he thinks the proposed development would generate more traffic. Secondly, residents would like to see better traffic control (e.g., left-turn signals) at 156th Avenue NE and NE 15th Street as well as better coordination of pedestrian crossings on 156th Avenue NE. He apologized that the matrix of questions submitted did not print correctly. He said school buses operate on NE 15th Street, and he suggested notifying the school district about the proposed development. Mr. Cooper said other pending development and redevelopment in the area will add traffic to the area as well. He will submit a correct copy of the matrix of questions.
2. Marsha Meyers, Vice President of the Crossroads Condominiums Association Board, said there is only one way in and out of NE 15th Street. Residents are concerned about construction traffic as well as increased traffic congestion related to the new development. She suggested widening NE 15th Street to three lanes to provide a center turn lane. She noted it was her operator error on printing the matrix of questions. She agreed with Nick that Top Foods was not all that busy, especially compared to 233 residential units and the adjacent Senior Housing Assistance Group (SHAG) housing.
3. Pete Lymberis, representing Intracorp, said the firm has been in business for 25 years and has expertise in urban infill development on the West Coast. He said the proposed Crossroads Village will replace a vacant lot with a nice project, landscaping, and street activation. He said the Comprehensive Plan and Crossroads Subarea Plan already permit and anticipate this type of a development with public benefits. Intracorp has been working with the community, including the adjacent SHAG and Seattle Housing and Resource Effort (SHARE) developments, and will continue to do so. He said Intracorp has worked with the City on traffic projections, and the proposed project generates one-third of the traffic generated by the prior grocery use. Mr. Lymberis asked the Council to approve the Land Use Code amendment and Development Agreement.
4. Mark Weisman said the Weisman Design Group of landscape architects is working on the Intracorp project and has been working on projects in Bellevue for 35 years. The firm looks forward to bringing public benefits to the Crossroads project in the pedestrian environment, landscaping, and connection to the park.
5. Michael Read, principal engineer and founder of Transportation Engineering Northwest, said he attended the Council's previous meeting on the proposed Intracorp project. He has worked with City staff since that time to consider traffic impacts. He said the proposed project generates lower traffic volumes than the Top Foods store, and current zoning could allow development with higher trip generation. He will continue to work with City staff to analyze traffic impacts. He does not anticipate impacts to NE 15th Street,

including to emergency access.

→ Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to close the Public Hearing, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Balducci said this issue will come back to the Council on June 1. The City will continue to accept written comments on an ongoing basis. She observed that a vacant business is not generally good for a neighborhood. She appreciates residents' involvement and their coming forward with concerns. She believes all parties will be able to resolve issues and concerns.

Councilmember Stokes thanked the residents of NE 15th Street for their involvement and input.

Councilmember Lee observed that the development will be an improvement for the area based on what he has learned to date. He encouraged the developers to continue working with neighbors and City staff on traffic impacts and other concerns. He believes this can be a good project for everyone. He thanked everyone for communicating and working together.

Councilmember Chelminiak noted public comment on parking plans, construction impacts, and residents' role in the process. He questioned how the City works with developers in this regard.

Mr. Stroh said the City always addresses construction impacts, parking, traffic circulation, and related mitigation conditions. Chris Dreaney, Development Review Manager, said construction impacts are addressed through the right-of-way (ROW) use permit.

Responding to Mr. Chelminiak, Ms. Dreaney said the public has the opportunity to comment now and as part of the design review process. City staff are available to work with residents to discuss impacts and possible mitigation.

Mayor Balducci thanked everyone for their participation.

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Ordinance No. 6227 amending: (1) the 2015-2021 and 2015-2016 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) to increase the appropriation and modify the project budgets, and (2) the 2015-2021 and 2015-2016 Utility Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plans to increase the appropriations and modify the project budgets, to implement Resolution No. 8903 adopted by Council on April 20, 2015 approving the Amended and Restated MOU, Second Amendment to Transit Way Agreement, and Three Party Agreement.

City Manager Miyake said Ordinance No. 6227 amends the General Capital Investment Program (CIP) budget and Utility CIP budget to implement the Amended and Restated East Link

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) adopted by the Council on April 20. He noted that Finance Department staff were present to answer questions if needed.

Mayor Balducci said this is implementing the budgetary aspects of the East Link MOU. The money is already in the budget and this does not take money away from any other projects.

→ Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6227, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

(b) Resolution No. 8921 renaming Bovee Park (located at 1500 108th Avenue NE) to Burrows Park or Zumdieck Park

Mayor Balducci recalled that the Parks and Community Services Board Vice Chair Dallas Evans spoke earlier in the evening about the renaming of Bovee Park. The Board recommends that the Council consider Burrows Park or Zumdieck Park.

Mayor Balducci thanked the Board for a thorough job of community outreach. She suggested renaming the park to Zumdieck Park. The community process indicated that the name is meaningful to the neighborhood as former Councilmember Georgia Zumdieck was a strong advocate on behalf of its residents. Ms. Balducci supports the idea of naming a park after a woman community leader and believes this would be appropriate.

Councilmember Lee said he served on the Council with Ms. Zumdieck. She represented the community well with honesty, integrity, and fiscal responsibility and is certainly deserving of the honor. Mr. Lee suggested that, in the future, citizens make this type of decision instead of the Council.

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m., and Councilmember Chelminiak seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Councilmember Stokes said he tends to think parks should be named for something other than a particular person. However, he is not opposed to doing so. He noted the City has other parks named after individuals (e.g., Lewis Creek Park). He appreciates the contributions of both Ms. Zumdieck and Mr. Burrows. However, there is already Burrows Landing and Burrows cabin. Mr. Stokes observed that it is appropriate to name the park after a woman who was a strong community leader.

Councilmember Chelminiak said Georgia Zumdieck was an outspoken and effective leader. He sees strong community support for naming the park in her memory and believes it is warranted given her hard work on behalf of neighborhoods.

Councilmember Robertson observed that the naming guidelines do not seem to lean toward naming facilities after individuals. She supports naming the park for a woman leader but, in general, does not think there should be a policy of naming facilities after Councilmembers. Ms. Robertson acknowledged that this is important to the community. She observed that Burrows Park might be confusing because Burrows Landing is in a different part of Bellevue (Chism Park).

→ Councilmember Robertson moved to approve Resolution No. 8921 renaming Bovee Park to Zumdieck Park. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

- (c) Resolution no. 8922 expressing the intent to adopt new policies and regulations contained within the proposed Shoreline Master Program Update, including all conformance amendments for consistency, and authorizing the submittal of those policies, regulations, and conformance amendments to the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Mr. Miyake said Resolution No. 8922 expresses the intent to adopt new policies and regulations contained within the proposed Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Update.

Mayor Balducci said there were two suggestions earlier by the Washington Sensible Shorelines Association (WSSA), which she believes were submitted to staff before the meeting.

Carol Helland, Land Use Director, said those have not been incorporated into the Resolution language. The revisions provide clarification and do not make substantive changes. Staff intends to include them unless otherwise directed by the Council.

Councilmember Stokes expressed concern about not seeing information on the City's programmatic approach or the Willowmoor project in the SMP package. He understands, however, that those will be addressed in a separate document to be presented to the state Department of Ecology.

Ms. Helland said staff intends to include a reference to the Willowmoor project in the SMP Cumulative Impact Analysis, which is being prepared by The Watershed Company and will be included in the SMP Update package.

Responding to Mayor Balducci, Ms. Helland said the CIA will indicate the Council's support for the County's Willowmoor project.

→ Councilmember Robertson moved to approve Resolution No. 8922, as amended in the desk packet version. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Robertson commented on the long process and the requirement that the City adopt updated SMP regulations. She has been involved in this topic since before she was elected to the City Council. The Planning Commission and Council have received a great deal of public

comment, both written and oral. Ms. Robertson said Bellevue's shoreline is largely urban and developed. The City has worked with Professor Dick Settle and The Watershed Company, and has heard testimony from other scientists throughout the process. The Council and staff have listened to all of this input.

Councilmember Robertson said the State Shoreline Guidelines require that local master programs retain regulatory provisions designed to achieve no net loss of ecological functions, with all of the relevant constitutional and other legal limitations. The City's proposed update, in her opinion, achieves the required no net loss and balances interests fairly. It has been fully vetted and represents a compromise. At the Planning Commission level, it was a compromise that got them to a unanimous vote. She hopes the Council will reach a unanimous vote as well.

Ms. Robertson said the SMP Update does not include everything she wanted to see, but it is fair and balanced and protects the environment while not overly infringing on the constitutional rights of property owners. The regulations are Bellevue-specific and based on available science and the law. She will support the motion.

Councilmember Stokes said this has been a vigorous and thorough process. He appreciates the significant involvement of the community and believes the package is effective and appropriate for Bellevue. He observed that everyone has gained a better understanding and appreciation of our lakes, waterfront, and shoreline property owners. He noted that the regulations and the City's existing programmatic approach are intended to increase the livability and viability of the lakes.

Deputy Mayor Wallace said this is a monumental achievement reflecting great collaboration over a very long period of time. He appreciates the dedicated constituents who contributed to the process. He said it is important to protect property rights as well as the environment, water quality, and habitat. He thanked the Planning Commission and especially Commission Chair Diane Tebelius. Mr. Wallace said it is great to have completed this process, and he believes the resulting package reflects a balanced approach. He hopes the Department of Ecology will give it the equal weight it gave the light rail project permit through the Mercer Slough.

Councilmember Lee said this has been an effective collaborative process and he is pleased to see that property owners' rights have been respected and protected.

Councilmember Chelminiak said this has been a very long process, but with a positive outcome. The Update package provides a good balance and is improved over the original Planning Commission recommendations through working with the community.

Mayor Balducci expressed support for the SMP Update. She observed that there were honest efforts by a number of parties to meet all of the different interests. She is pleased with the most recent modifications regarding vegetation mitigation. While slightly more complicated, the resulting regulations are intended to be more responsive to property owners' concerns. She expressed support for her colleagues' comments and thanks to everyone who participated in the process. She observed, as a lesson for the future, that the process might have gone better if the Council had provided more specific direction at the outset.

Mayor Balducci thanked Carol Helland and Lacey Hatch for their legal guidance. She concurred with Councilmember comments that the City should support this package strongly with the Department of Ecology.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications

Scott Sheffield, Washington Sensible Shorelines Association, thanked Councilmembers for meeting individually with residents. He thanked City staff for working closely with residents as well. In future SMP Updates, he would like Bellevue and other cities to compile specific data to support the connection between regulations and habitat outcomes. Mr. Sheffield observed that this process was perhaps especially difficult because it had been so long since the last update. He believes that the lack of data is a key component missing from the process. He suggested that the review process should be based on facts rather than opinions and emotions.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 10:15 p.m., Mayor Balducci declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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