

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

May 2, 2016  
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber  
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Wallace

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m., with Mayor Stokes presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers except Councilmember Wallace were present. Councilmember Slatter led the flag salute.

(a) National Older Americans Month

Mayor Stokes read a proclamation recognizing May as National Older Americans Month in Bellevue.

Dan Lassiter, Community Services Supervisor at the North Bellevue Community Center, introduced Dr. Linda Whitehead from The Bellevue Network on Aging.

Dr. Whitehead said President Kennedy designated May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month and, in 1980, President Carter changed the name to Older Americans Month. This year's theme is Blaze a Trail, as older adults are blazing trails in all aspects of American life. The 2010 U.S. Census indicated that 18.5 percent of Americans were 60 years and older. That number will continue to grow because 21.2 percent of Americans were 45-60 years old.

Dr. Whitehead said the City's programs and services have evolved to meet the changing needs of a healthier, better educated, and more diverse older adult population. She said the North Bellevue Community Center provides the community dining program, Meals on Wheels, foot care, tax assistance, support groups, classes (e.g., computer, exercise, dance), finance/legal workshops, lectures, and travel activities. The South Bellevue Community Center provides fitness and wellness programs. Additional City facilities include Robinswood Tennis Center, Bellevue Golf Course, Crossroads Community Center, Northwest Arts Center, Bellevue Aquatic Center, and Highline Community Center.

Dr. Whitehead asked the community to join in celebrating National Older Americans Month.

Councilmember Lee congratulated The Bellevue Network on Aging participants for their work and active involvement in the community.

3. Approval of Agenda

→ Deputy Mayor Chelminiak moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 6-0.

4. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Stanko Milov, Executive Director of the Global Organization for Arts and Leadership (GOAL), provided a video presentation about the program. The video included a number of students commenting on how they have benefitted from the program. Mr. Milov noted that GOAL is a tuition-free program for youths.
- (b) Julie Yu, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Somerset Elementary School and the oldest of three siblings, expressed her concerns about having marijuana stores near places frequented by children. She said a proposal to locate a retail marijuana store in the Factoria area would have been close to the Kumon school and the playground at McDonald's, which are not included on the list of facilities requiring a 1,000-foot separation from marijuana businesses. She expressed concern about marijuana in candy, cookies and snacks. She said her teacher stated that marijuana is habit-forming but not addictive. Ms. Yu observed that such a statement results in a confusing message.
- (c) Blaise Bouchand said he owns an interior design business on 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, across the street from the Noble Tree recreational marijuana store. He has observed drug dealing and crack usage outside of his business, which he has reported to the Police. He said there is a strong odor outside his store from individuals smoking marijuana, as well as increased litter. He questioned why the Council would want to allow marijuana stores, which are opposed by the American Medical Association. Mr. Bouchand thanked Councilmembers Lee and Wallace for their support of his concerns.
- (d) Alice Wang, representing Parents Against Marijuana Near Schools (PAMNS), thanked City staff for listening to and working with residents. Following the earlier Study Session discussion in which City staff reported that there are two pending applications for marijuana retail stores, she said PAMNS has modified its request to urge the Council to issue an immediate moratorium on new stores. She asked the Council to add a separation requirement near single-family and multifamily housing and to expand public noticing regarding proposed marijuana businesses. She asked the City to publish marijuana-related public hearing notices in *The Bellevue Reporter*. Ms. Wang thanked the Council for listening to residents and said they need the Council's leadership.

- (e) Alex Zimmerman, StandUP-America, said he speaks to many Councils and government officials, and all are the same. He said they are identical and they are bringing America to collapse. He expressed concern about the ability for free speech.
- (f) Alaric Bien, Board Treasurer for Eastside Pathways, thanked the City for its involvement in this collective partnership of 60 organizations across the Eastside. He said the organization's focus is on ensuring that students graduate from a college or technical school and are equipped to succeed in life. Mr. Bien said eight percent of Bellevue students do not graduate from high school. He encouraged the City to continue its involvement with Eastside Pathways.
- (g) Kelly Jones said she is a data officer working full time for Eastside Pathways. She was the lead on the Community Report, which was recently distributed to the Council. She thanked Councilmembers for their input to date and encouraged them to continue to provide feedback. Eastside Pathways continues to see gaps in a number of indicators of student success. She said less than 20 percent of Bellevue's Latino students are graduating from college, compared to more than 50 percent of white students.
- (h) Will Knedlik thanked the Council for its letter to Sound Transit regarding the Sound Transit Phase 3 (ST3) package. He said Sound Transit's information does not provide clear details about important aspects of financing the package. He said the ST1 and ST2 plans were largely Seattle-centric and included \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion in East King County Subarea revenues. Mr. Knedlik said Kirkland has overpaid \$400 million and Renton has overpaid \$600 million so far. The total contributions to ST1 and ST2 are sufficient to finance bus rapid transit (BRT) on I-405 from Burien to Lynnwood. He said Sound Transit CEO Peter Rogoff's concept of early deliverables is the most important aspect of the ST3 plan. Mr. Knedlik urged the Council to take the lead in encouraging Sound Transit to complete BRT on I-405 as the most important early deliverable in the ST3 package. He said this could be achieved at no cost to Sound Transit because it will recoup all costs through its land bank agreement. Mr. Knedlik submitted his comments in writing with additional materials on subarea equity.
- (i) Keri Pravitz, Community Projects Manager with Puget Sound Energy (PSE), provided an update on the Energize Eastside project. At the end of the Phase I Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process, PSE identified four potential routes, including its preferred route known as Willow 2. She said the preferred route incorporates the community's concerns and input, and PSE continues to listen to the community. She said PSE staff have gone door to door to discuss the project with residents and to show them photo simulations of the proposed project. She asked the Council to let her know if there are others who PSE should be reaching out to.
- (j) Queen Pearl, a Seattle resident, commented on the importance of a positive quality of life for older adults. She expressed concern about the legalization of marijuana, which continues to be illegal under federal law. She noted her involvement in establishing a ban on smoking in public housing. She is opposed to the marijuana store in Seattle's Central

District next to a church. She encouraged the Council to work with Bellevue residents who are concerned about marijuana stores.

- (k) Michael Fuller expressed his concerns regarding immigration, immigrants, and homeless veterans.

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

6. Report of the City Manager

- (a) Low Impact Development Principles Project Process Update

City Manager Brad Miyake asked staff to provide an update on the low impact development principles project.

Catherine Drews, Legal Planner, said this topic was last before the Council on October 19, 2015. The purpose of the project is to incorporate principles of low impact development to reduce impervious surfaces and the loss of native vegetation in order to reduce stormwater flows. Staff conducted four public workshops since October. The City is using that input in its work with consultants to develop proposals for discussion and review during three upcoming public open house events.

Ms. Drews said staff will begin presenting information to the City's Boards and Commissions and to the East Bellevue Community Council, and will return to the City Council in late summer for the next update. She said Council Study Session discussions are scheduled through the fall in order to meet the December 31 deadline for completion of the project.

Mayor Stokes said the upcoming open houses are: May 17 at Bellevue City Hall, 10:00 a.m. until noon; May 18 at Lewis Creek Visitors Center, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and May 19 at Northwest Arts Center, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

7. Council Business and New Initiatives

Mayor Stokes recalled previous Council discussions about moving forward to join the Sound Cities Association (SCA). He said this is consistent with the Council's objectives related to regional involvement and leadership. Mayor Stokes said the SCA Board took action to allow the City to join beginning June 1, 2016, with prorated dues for the remainder of the year. He said a letter from SCA is provided in the Council's desk packet.

Mayor Stokes requested Council concurrence to implement Bellevue's membership in the Sound Cities Association.

- Deputy Mayor Chelminiak moved to finalize membership in the Sound Cities Association, with an anticipated start date of June 1, 2016. Upon receipt of a final invoice and confirmation of membership, staff is authorized to pay the necessary dues on behalf of the City Council. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Stokes noted that Councilmember Wallace supports SCA membership as well.

Councilmember Robertson explained to the audience that the Council cannot stop public speakers from swearing or from making racist comments, which are protected as free speech under the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment. However, she noted that she left the dais during one speaker because she did not want to hear the racist comments.

Councilmember Slatter thanked Ms. Robertson for her comments. Ms. Slatter said she would be absent from the May 9 Council meeting because she is participating in the Trade Development Alliance mission to China. She noted the agenda item regarding the Energize Eastside Phase 2 EIS Scoping discussion and asked staff to provide clarification regarding the process and the alternatives included in the EIS, as requested by the public.

City Manager Miyake said staff will be prepared to address the range of questions and comments that have been submitted by the public.

8. Consent Calendar

→ Deputy Mayor Chelminiak moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Council Meeting Minutes  
Minutes of April 11, 2016 Extended Study Session  
Minutes of April 18, 2016 Study Session  
Minutes of April 18, 2016 Regular Session
- (b) Resolution No. 9090 adopting the 2016 Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan, which replaces and supersedes the 2010 Parks & Open Space System Plan.
- (c) Resolution No. 9091 amending the contract with Play-Well TEKnologies for Pre-Engineering and Engineering LEGO® classes and camps at Crossroads Community Center by extending the contract for two additional years and increasing the total contract value to \$244,000.
- (d) Resolution No. 9092 granting authority to the Finance Director to approve annual purchase orders limits for various small items not stocked by City departments for an amount not to exceed the estimated value listed in Attachment A to this Resolution.

- (e) Resolution No. 9093 authorizing: 1) all actions necessary and appropriate to request the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems approve City's participation in the State's Deferred Compensation Program (DCP), a supplemental 457 retirement savings program for the eligible employees of the City of Bellevue, subject to the requirements of Revised Code of Washington 41.50.770 and Washington Administrative Code Chapter 415-501; and 2) all actions necessary and appropriate to terminate the City of Bellevue 457 Plan and Trust upon completing the transfer of the City of Bellevue 457 Trust Funds to the State's 457 DCP Plan Trust Fund.
  - (f) Resolution No. 9094 regarding an analysis of development regulations currently in effect in the City of Bellevue for consistency with the requirements of Chapter 36.70A RCW.
  - (g) Ordinance No. 6283 authorizing and providing for the acquisition of interests in land for the purpose of completing the NE Spring Boulevard (Zone 1) Project; providing for condemnation, appropriation, taking of land and property rights necessary therefore; providing for payment; directing the initiation of appropriate proceedings in the manner provided by law for said condemnation; and establishing an effective date.
  - (h) Ordinance No. 6284 amending Chapter 4.50, Section 4.50.010 of the Bellevue City Code to allow recovery of certain costs for providing Basic Life Support emergency medical services transport to persons transported by the City from other jurisdictions.
  - (i) Ordinance No. 6285 correcting Ordinance No. 6265 adopting the modification of the 2015-2016 Mid-Biennial Budget and the 2015-2021 Capital Investment Program Plan to reflect that Fund 2120, Interest & Debt Redemption – Regular Fund has an appropriation authority of \$50,875,634.
9. Public Hearings: None.
10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
12. Unfinished Business: None.
13. Continued Oral Communications

April Tan noted a comment earlier by the Puget Sound Energy representative that PSE staff is going door to door to talk to residents about the Energize Eastside project. She said no one has visited her family, and she suspects they are only talking to residents immediately under the planned alignment. She would like PSE to expand its outreach to residents in the broader area.

14. New Business: None.
15. Executive Session: None.
16. Adjournment

At 8:55 p.m., Mayor Stokes declared the meeting adjourned.

Kyle Stannert  
City Clerk

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