

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

October 15, 2018
8:00 PM

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Chelminiak, Deputy Mayor Robinson, and Councilmembers Lee, Nieuwenhuis, Robertson, Stokes, and Zahn¹

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Chelminiak called the meeting to order at 8:09 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

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

(a) Lights-on Afterschool Day Proclamation

Mayor Chelminiak read the proclamation recognizing October 25 as Lights-on Afterschool Day in Bellevue.

Shelley Brittingham, Assistant Director of the Parks and Community Services Department, noted members of the Eastside Pathways out-of-schooltime collaborative in the audience: Stephanie Cherrington, Executive Director for Eastside Pathways; Melissa Slater and Laura Nicholson, Bellevue School District; Ryan Scott, Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue; and Putter Bert, KidsQuest Museum. Ms. Brittingham said that Lights-on Afterschool Day draws attention to the need for high-quality afterschool programs.

Mayor Chelminiak paused the meeting to take photos.

(b) Recognition of State Representative Vandana Slatter as City Champion by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC)

¹ Councilmember Zahn participated remotely via telephone.

Mayor Chelminiak introduced State Representative Vandana Slatter and commended her service on the Bellevue City Council and in the state legislature on behalf of cities.

Candice Bock, Government Relations Director for the Association of Washington Cities (AWC), presented the award and complimented Representative Slatter's dedicated representation of cities with the state legislature and her work related to protecting local government authority.

Representative Slatter thanked AWC for the award. She noted that her experience serving on the Bellevue City Council has made her a better legislator. She said she welcomes and appreciates input from local government elected officials and constituents, and she is honored to represent Bellevue.

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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) Court Olson, representing People for Climate Action-Bellevue, said he appreciates the City's participation in the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C). However, he said Bellevue and King County are not meeting the targets for the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. He referenced The Carbon-Free City Handbook published by the Rocky Mountain Institute, which addresses a number of actions the City can take to lower GHG emissions. He cited Portland, Oregon as a city with a robust Climate Action Plan.
- (b) Peter Marshall encouraged the City to develop a Climate Action Plan. He said the City of Portland's objective is to reduce GHG emissions by 80 percent by 2050. He said a substantial portion of the reduction measures are related to energy-efficient building development.
- (c) Rachel Krinsky noted that she is the Executive Director of LifeWire, but speaking as the Co-Chair of the King County Alliance for Human Services. She introduced Putter Bert, President and CEO of the KidsQuest Museum; Angela Murray, Executive Director of The Sophia Way; and Stephanie Cherrington, Executive Director of Eastside Pathways. Ms. Krinsky said they are visiting all Eastside cities to request an increase in human services funding to two percent of each city's general funding. She said service providers greatly appreciate the City's ongoing support. However, the needs are overwhelming and continue to grow.

- (d) Angela Murray, Executive Director of The Sophia Way, thanked the Council and the Human Services Commission for their ongoing financial assistance to human services organizations. She said The Sophia Way received a 19 percent increase in funding for its 21-bed shelter, Sophia's Place. She asked the Council to consider funding the organization's full request for operating the emergency shelter. In 2017, The Sophia Way increased the number of women served at the emergency shelter by 70 percent from 2016. So far this year, the shelter has surpassed the number of women served by 33 percent. The additional financial assistance will allow the shelter to serve more individuals and enable the shelter to open at 7:00 p.m. instead of 8:30 p.m. Ms. Murray thanked the Council for considering the request. She said The Sophia Way is reaching out to all cities and partner agencies to provide the best services for women experiencing homelessness.
 - (e) Don Marsh, co-founder of the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy (CENSE), noted that he is also a member of the executive committee for 300trees.org and a member of Puget Sound Energy's new technical advisory group. He reported on the annual City-Puget Sound Energy electrical reliability workshop held at City Hall the previous Friday. He said PSE plans to install self-healing grids by 2020 to improve reliability in the Somerset and Eastgate neighborhoods and in Newcastle. He said the Lake Hills area would also be well served by this technology. He noted PSE's plans for a new Lake Hills transmission line and requested that PSE consider a self-healing grid as an alternate solution.
 - (f) Norm Hansen thanked the City for hosting the electrical reliability workshop. He said the data was presented well by PSE, and it is time to use the data to improve reliability. He encouraged continued discussions between the City, PSE, residents, and regulatory agencies. He noted that a number of circuits in the community are under-performing.
 - (g) Colleen Laing, Associate Director of Planning and Public Policy for the United Way of King County, encouraged the Council to increase human services funding. She expressed concern regarding the high housing costs in Bellevue and the increasing number of individuals experiencing homelessness, including families and Bellevue School District students. She thanked the City of Bellevue for working with the King County Housing Authority to preserve affordable housing.
 - (h) Marlene Meyer encouraged the City to study the steps other cities are taking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. She thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak and asked the City to develop a Climate Action Plan.
5. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions: None.
6. Report of the City Manager

(a) 2017 State Auditor's Report

City Manager Brad Miyake asked staff to comment on the 2017 State Auditor's Report.

Finance Director Toni Call said this is the 34th year in a row in which the City received a clean audit opinion, with no findings or management letter items. She said the State Auditor's Office conducts a financial audit, accountability audit, and federal grant audit. The auditors spend approximately four months annually in City Hall to conduct their full review. Ms. Call thanked the City's accounting team for their work.

Mayor Chelminiak thanked staff and noted that the City is dedicated to being a good steward of the public's money. He is proud of the City's long history of clean audit reports.

7. Council Business and New Initiatives

Mayor Chelminiak noted that Councilmember Zahn did not have the opportunity to comment during the earlier Study Session regarding the agreements related to the I-405 Renton to Bellevue widening and express toll lanes project.

Councilmember Zahn recalled discussion regarding expedited reviews during project design. She said it is equally important to be able to achieve staff approval for field changes during construction in a timely manner. She said it is important to have effective communications regarding field changes that may impact the community.

Ms. Zahn questioned whether there is any possibility that the Coal Creek roundabout and related improvements could be included in the I-405 project, if the cost of the contract is below the engineer's estimate. She noted that she served on the state committee that developed the design-build best practices guidelines.

Councilmember Robertson acknowledged that Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft, passed away earlier in the day. She said Mr. Allen dramatically changed the world, the region, and Bellevue. She would like the Council to prepare a commendation for a future meeting to honor Mr. Allen's legacy and philanthropy.

8. Consent Calendar

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Stokes 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 September 24, 2018 Extended Study Session
Minutes of October 1, 2018 Study Session
Minutes of October 1, 2018 Regular Session

- (b) Resolution No. 9475 authorizing execution of an Interagency Agreement with King County Wastewater Treatment Division for constructing the SE 35th Place Shoulder, from 162nd Place SE to 164th Place SE project to improve pedestrian safety in this area.
 - (c) Resolution No. 9476 authorizing execution of a five-year Wireless Communications Facilities Site Lease Agreement with an automatic five-year extension with Sprint at the Clyde Hill 465 Water Reservoir Site located at 9600 NE 22nd Street.
 - (d) Resolution No. 9477 authorizing execution of a five-year Wireless Communications Facilities Site Lease Agreement with an automatic five-year extension with Sprint at the Cougar Mountain #2 Water Reservoir Site located at 16859 SE 60th Street.
 - (e) Resolution No. 9478 authorizing execution of an amendment with Insightsoftware.com, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$30,150, plus all applicable taxes, for the purchase of 10 additional user licenses.
 - (f) Resolution No. 9479 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Agreement with OAC Services, Inc. for design services for Fire Station Six in an amount not to exceed \$108,900, plus applicable taxes.
 - (g) Motion to award Bid No. 18043 for Cougar Mountain No. 3 Pump Station Rehabilitation to Award Construction as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in the amount of \$1,374,120, plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. W-91).
 - (h) Motion for Payment of Claims and Payroll for September 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018.
- 9. Public Hearings: None.
 - 10. Land Use: None.
 - 11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
 - 12. Unfinished Business: None.
 - 13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
 - 14. New Business: None.
 - 15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

Mayor Chelminiak declared the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Kyle Stannert, CMC
City Clerk

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