

DATE: February 13, 2017

TO: Mayor Stokes and City Councilmembers

FROM: Mary Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Item 5b) Bellevue College Master Plan presentation

On Monday night representatives from Bellevue College will present the College's Campus Master Plan. The Master Plan is expected to be acted on by the College's Board of Trustees on Friday, February 10. The Campus Master Plan focuses on development of the College campus based on projected space needs for the College and its programs.

Bellevue College celebrated its 50th year last year, and is a valued institution in the city. The City Council has included a priority in its 2016-17 Council Vision and Priority statement addressing the importance of the College in helping Bellevue residents achieve their full potential and realize the many opportunities that education can bring:

Council Priority #17:

Build on the higher education opportunities in Bellevue and find ways to expand them

- *Support Bellevue College in its efforts to establish more baccalaureate degrees*
- *Support Bellevue College in its efforts to develop student housing*

The update on the College's Master Plan is provided both to inform the Council and the public on the important work of this key institution, and also to provide additional context for the street vacation request set for a public hearing on February 21. The Master Plan includes plans for development of additional buildings on campus, as well as the introduction of on-campus housing for students. The City does not have a role in reviewing and approving these particular land uses, because the City's zoning authority does not extend to the College campus. As a result of state statute, case law and a prior agreement with the College, buildings actually proposed for construction on the campus must comply with state and city technical codes, such as the building, fire, utilities and clearing & grading codes.

City staff anticipate continuing to build relationships with the College to implement the Council's 2016-17 Vision and Priority, including information sharing on both City and College plans for growth in the area.