

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

May 15, 2017
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Stokes, Deputy Mayor Chelminiak, and Councilmembers Lee and Simas

ABSENT: Councilmembers Robertson, Robinson, and Wallace

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:11 p.m., with Mayor Stokes presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers except Councilmembers Robertson, Robinson and Wallace were present. Councilmember Simas led the flag salute.

(a) National Safe Boating Week Proclamation

Councilmember Lee read the proclamation declaring May 20-26, 2017, as National Safe Boating Week in Bellevue, and urged all citizens to practice safe boating. Members of the Bellevue Sail and Power Squadron accepted the proclamation.

(b) Older Americans Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Stokes read the proclamation declaring May as Older Americans Awareness Month in Bellevue, and encouraged every resident to recognize older adults as powerful and vital citizens who contribute significantly to their community. This year's theme is "Age Out Loud" and is intended to give aging a new voice.

Linda Whitehead, representing The Bellevue Network on Aging, accepted the proclamation and said the month provides the opportunity to shine a light on many important issues and trends related to the aging population. She said the BNOA has three committees (Outreach, Advocacy, and Housing) and works with local and regional agencies and organizations. Ms. Whitehead thanked Councilmembers for their support and noted additional BNOA members in the audience.

(c) Kids to Parks Day Proclamation

Mayor Stokes read the proclamation recognizing May 20 as National Kids to Parks Day in Bellevue, and urged everyone to take the children in their lives to the park. He noted that Bellevue, the City in a Park, has 2,700 acres of parks and open space, 85 miles of trails, 46 playgrounds, and seven beach parks.

(d) Affordable Housing Week Proclamation

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak read the proclamation declaring May 15-22, 2017, as Affordable Housing Week in Bellevue, and encouraged citizens to join in efforts to end homelessness and to provide affordable housing throughout the community.

Mayor Stokes noted that the Affordable Housing Strategy report and recommendations will be presented to the Council on May 22.

Liz Mills, representing the YWCA of Seattle-King County-Snohomish County, thanked the Council for the proclamation. She noted the YWCA's programs that provide housing assistance. Megan Adams of the Housing Development Team for Imagine Housing thanked the City for its work with the technical advisory group (TAG) and the community to develop the Affordable Housing Strategy. Jonie Lew, representing Hopelink, described the agency's advocacy efforts and services to address affordable housing.

(e) National Police Week Proclamation

Councilmember Simas read the proclamation recognizing the week of May 14-20, 2017, as National Police Week and May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in Bellevue. There are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers in the United States. The proclamation notes there were 15,548 assaults against officers in 2015, and more than 20,000 officers have been killed in the line of duty since 1791, including 143 officers killed in 2016.

Assistant Police Chief Patrick Arpin accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Bellevue Police Department.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

→ The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

4. Communications: Written and Oral

(a) Saghar Rasoulamini, Municipal Liaison for Bellevue College students, thanked the City for its efforts to address affordable housing. She expressed concern about comments from certain Councilmembers that appeared to be questioning the need for affordable housing

in Bellevue. She said students are also concerned about the diminished role of stakeholders' input in the City's new Affordable Housing Strategy. Bellevue College will move forward to build its first student housing. However, campus housing will never meet the needs of all students. Ms. Rasoulamini said students are willing to work with the City and other stakeholders to increase the availability of affordable housing for students. She said the new Bellevue College dorms will be market-rate housing with approximately 75 percent international students and 25 percent out-of-state students.

- (b) Randy Bannecker, Seattle-King County Realtors, encouraged Council support for Puget Sound Energy's Energize Eastside project. He expressed concern that not adding adequate electrical transmission capacity affects the economic health and quality of life in Bellevue and the Eastside. He said it is time for a thorough upgrade to PSE's electrical system.
- (c) Pamela Johnston commented that a homeless man was robbed by three other homeless men on May 6 on NE 6th Street in Bellevue, according to the *Bellevue Reporter*. With regard to the Eastside Men's Shelter, she said it is important to have a system of accountability and targeted results. She said Congregations for the Homeless does not have a system to manage low-barrier clients into housing and does not have a clear set of goals or performance measures for those clients. She said clients at the winter shelter did not have a case manager or a limit on the number of days they could stay in the shelter. Ms. Johnston said case management to serve the homeless should be funded first, housing second, and the shelter third. She encouraged the City to hire a consultant to study shelter operations and to conduct a competitive process for the management of the shelter. She hopes the community can work positively and successfully together toward a solution that is right for Bellevue and that benefits those in need.
- (d) Heather Trescases spoke in support of Puget Sound Energy's Energize Eastside project. She spoke about how much Bellevue has changed during the past 15 years. She said reliable power is a baseline need for the community's continued growth and economic vitality.

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

6. Report of the City Manager: None.

7. Council Business and New Initiatives

→ Deputy Mayor Chelminiak moved to excuse Councilmember Robinson's absence from tonight's meeting. Councilmember Simas seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

8. Consent Calendar

- Deputy Mayor Chelminiak moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 4-0, and the following items were approved:
 - (a) Council Minutes
 - Minutes of April 10 Extended Study Session
 - Minutes of April 17 Study Session
 - Minutes of April 17 Regular Session
 - Minutes of April 24 Extended Study Session
 - Minutes of May 1 Study Session
 - Minutes of May 1 Regular Session
 - (b) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017.
 - (c) Motion to award Bid No. 17019 to Arizon Companies, as the lowest responsible bidder, to design, fabricate, and install an air supported structure (bubble) at the Robinswood Tennis Center.
 - (d) Motion to award Bid No. 17024 for the Clyde Hill 465 Reservoir Water Storage Optimization project to Nordic Construction, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$248,677 plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. W-103).
 - (e) Motion to award Bid No. 17006 for Lower Coal Creek Flood Hazard Reduction - Group 1 Upper Skagit Key Culvert Replacement to Olson Brothers Excavating, Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$1,068,595 plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. D-106).
 - (f) Motion to award Bid No. 17016, 2017 Overlay Program (CIP Plan Nos. PW-M-1 Overlay Program, PW-M-19 Major Maintenance Program, PW-R-199 Neighborhood Safety & Connectivity (Levy), and W-16 Small Diameter Water Main Replacement) to Lakeside Industries, Inc. as lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$3,145,944.60.
 - (g) Motion to award Bid No. 17004, 107th Avenue NE Rockery Replacement (11-153) Project (CIP Plan No. PW-M-19) to Road Construction Northwest, Inc., as lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$313,216.75.
 - (h) Resolution No. 9268 authorizing execution of a contract with Thomson Reuters, for Westlaw computerized legal research services for a period of five (5) years, in an amount not to exceed \$328,000 (plus tax, if applicable).

- (i) Resolution No. 9269 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Owen Equipment for the purchase of two Vactor combination hydro-excavator jet trucks for the Utilities Department, in an amount not to exceed \$1,056,093.48, plus all applicable taxes.
- (j) Ordinance No. 6353 approving the vacation of a portion of 145th Avenue SE lying north of SE 26th Street.
- (k) Resolution No. 9270 authorizing the execution of a 2018 Regional Animal Services Interlocal Agreement for the years 2018-2022, contingent on the costs and the contract remaining materially the same.

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Resolution No. 9271 authorizing execution of the Grant Agreement to provide the King County Housing Authority \$2 million in 2017 from the City's Housing Trust Fund to contribute to the acquisition of the Highland Village Apartments.

City Manager Miyake recalled that the Council directed staff last year to contribute \$2 million from the City's Housing Trust Fund to assist in the acquisition of the Highland Village Apartments in Bellevue.

Dan Stroh, Acting Director for Planning and Community Development (PCD), said Resolution No. 9271 authorizes the execution of the grant agreement to provide \$2 million in 2017 from the Housing Trust Fund to the King County Housing Authority toward the acquisition of the Highland Village Apartments. The property was threatened with demolition and the construction of market-rate townhomes. The complex has 76 units and is home to a large minority community with family incomes below 60-percent of the area median income (AMI).

Mr. Stroh said a number of parties worked together to preserve the apartments, which help to advance the Council's vision to provide low-income affordable housing. The King County Housing Authority led the effort to coordinate funding from several sources.

→ Deputy Mayor Chelminiak moved to approve Resolution No. 9271, and Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak observed that this action demonstrates that the City can be nimble when urgent priorities emerge. He said this is an important effort by the City in its commitment to provide affordable housing, including for the 85 children living in Highland Village Apartments. He said the City's Affordable Housing Strategy is scheduled for Council action on May 22.

Mayor Stokes acknowledged the collaborative effort between the state legislature, King County Housing Authority, King County Executive's Office, City of Bellevue, housing organizations, and residents to accomplish the purchase of the housing units. He said it was an exciting highlight of his Council career to see the group of residents and their children at Stevenson Elementary School when State Representative Joan McBride announced that the families would be able to stay in the Highland Village complex.

Mayor Stokes thanked City Manager Brad Miyake, Deputy City Manager Kate Berens, and staff for their hard work to facilitate this effort. He noted that the issue highlighted the need to identify existing affordable housing in the community.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications

- (a) Betsi Hummer recalled that the courtesy public hearing before the East Bellevue Community Council regarding the Highland Village Apartments was the first opportunity that City staff, developers, and residents discussed the issue. She looks forward to the City's inventory results to identify affordable housing currently available in the community. She said the Highland Village complex is in need of maintenance and extensive repairs. She said a number of residents do not fit the King County Housing Authority's rules and requirements and, unfortunately, will not be able to stay. Ms. Hummer said there will be a community meeting at Bellevue College on May 17 regarding the college's construction plans and new student housing.
- (b) Pamela Johnston encouraged the City to involve the community in discussions about technology and innovation. She asked the Council to consider establishing an innovation and technology commission. She observed that the City's open data is a discredit to the community because it is not being fully utilized.
- (c) Paul Bell thanked the Council and the East Bellevue Community Council for their efforts related to the Highland Village Apartments. He encouraged the City to continue to gather input from residents and community stakeholders in addressing affordable housing.
- (d) Saghar Rasoulamini noted that Bellevue College Student Government postponed the forum regarding the proposed men's homeless shelter in the Eastgate area. The meeting was postponed to the fall when more students will be on campus.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 9:07 p.m., Mayor Stokes declared the meeting adjourned.

Kyle Stannert, CMC
City Clerk

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