

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

July 15, 2019
8:00 PM

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Nieuwenhuis

1. Call to Order

Mayor Chelminiak called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers except Councilmember Nieuwenhuis were present. Councilmember Zahn led the flag salute.

(a) Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

Councilmember Robertson read the proclamation recognizing July 2019 as Parks and Recreation Month in Bellevue and encouraged everyone to enjoy the community's parks, trails, and recreation facilities.

David Hamilton, Vice Chair of the Parks and Community Services Board, thanked the Council for the proclamation and for its support of Bellevue parks. He said that more than 20,000 individuals participated in the City's recreation programs, adult sports leagues, and drop-in programs last year. He noted that the park system is the result of careful planning, public engagement, and dedication.

Mayor Chelminiak thanked the Board members for their work. He said parks provide a gathering place for picnics, birthday parties, and community events such as the 4th of July celebration in the Downtown Park.

Mayor Chelminiak paused the meeting for photos.

(b) Probation Services Appreciation Week Proclamation

Mayor Chelminiak noted that Councilmember Nieuwenhuis is the liaison to the Probation Advisory Board and requested the proclamation.

Mayor Chelminiak read the proclamation recognizing the week of July 21-27, 2019, as Probation Services Appreciation Week in Bellevue.

Quanetta West, Probation Manager, thanked the Council for recognizing the work of the Probation Services Division and its role in public safety. Probation staff reflect more than 114 years of combined service to the City of Bellevue. In 2018, 85 percent of active probation cases were successfully closed, and 80 percent of electronic home detention (EHD) cases were successfully closed. The EHD program provided a savings of more than \$412,000 in direct jail costs. The work crew program provided offenders the opportunity to give back to the community by serving 2,000 hours of community service in Bellevue. Ms. West invited the Council to a luncheon on Friday, July 26, 2019, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Chelminiak said he previously served on the Probation Advisory Board. He said the Council appreciates staff's hard work and the cost savings it provides for the City. He noted that restorative justice and the opportunity to turn one's life around is an important benefit of the probation program.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Chelminiak noted that the Council addressed Agenda Item 5 during the earlier Study Session.

- Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to approve the agenda, amended to reflect the handling of Agenda Item 5 during the earlier Study Session. Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve the agenda, as amended, carried by a vote of 6-0.

4. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Thatcher Imboden, Sound Transit TOD (Transit Oriented Development) Manager, said Sound Transit and the City have worked closely to maximize the opportunity at Sound Transit's Operations and Maintenance Facility East (OMF East) to provide affordable housing. He noted that the agreement was discussed during the earlier Study Session. He said the Sound Transit Executive Committee will discuss the agreement on July 18.
- (b) Steve Fantle, representing the Bellevue Community Band, thanked the Bellevue Parks and Community Services Department, Northwest Arts Council, and the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA) for the opportunity to perform during the 4th of July celebration in the Downtown Park. He said the band will perform on August 6 as part of the movies series in Downtown Park. The band was founded in 1962 to provide the

opportunity for musicians of all backgrounds and training to play in a concert band. Mr. Fantle said that Bellevue College students can earn credits by participating in the band, which performs at local venues including Bellevue College, Crossroads shopping center, and senior adult communities. Mr. Fantle said the band is excited to receive a grant from the City of Bellevue's Eastside Arts Partnership program, which will be used to supplement the cost of the band's uniform shirts and other items.

- (c) Michelle Wannamaker thanked the Council for its support of the Eastgate transportation study. She thanked the Transportation Commission, staff, and the City's consultants for their work and urged the Council to fund and implement the projects. She thanked the Council for moving forward with the early implementation of SE 38th Street improvements. Ms. Wannamaker expressed concern that the City's traffic standards are set too low. She urged the Council to direct staff to review and update the Traffic Standards Code to meet drivers' expectations.
- (d) Heidi Dean, a resident of Newport Hills, said the neighborhood is in the process of planning related to undeveloped park property in the area. She said the City does not define the difference between a community park and a neighborhood park. Community parks are meant to serve a larger number of people, and neighborhood parks are meant to serve the immediate area. She expressed concern regarding off-leash dogs at the undeveloped park site and noted the growing expectation that it will remain a dog park, which is typically a community park amenity. She said residents from other cities and other parts of Bellevue are using the property as a dog park. Ms. Dean urged the City to temporarily halt the park development process. She submitted her comments in writing.

5. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions

- (a) Arts Commission's Request for Approval of the 2020 Guidelines for Funding Allocations

[Item handled during earlier Study Session.]

6. Report of the City Manager

- (a) 2019 Annual Resident Performance Survey Data

City Manager Brad Miyake introduced discussion regarding the 2019 annual resident performance survey and noted that this is the 21st year for this major survey conducted by the City.

Micah Phillips, Performance Measurement Program Administrator, introduced Nathan Wiggin, the Research Director for the Northwest Research Group. Mr. Phillips said the performance survey provides information regarding residents' satisfaction with City government and Bellevue's overall quality of life. The full report will be published by July 31.

Mr. Wiggin said that most of the scores from the performance survey have remained high over the past 20 years, including satisfaction with the overall quality of life, quality of City services, value of services for the tax dollars paid, direction the City is heading, and Bellevue's neighborhoods. He noted that 76 percent of the respondents indicated they are getting their money's worth from tax dollars paid, which is higher than other cities nationwide.

Mr. Wiggin said that 73 percent of residents indicated that the City is headed in the right direction. He said it was interesting to see development/growth cited as both a positive and a negative in the survey responses. The three reasons for responding that the City is moving in the right direction were development/growth, planning/infrastructure, and schools/public transportation/education. The reasons for responding that the City is moving in the wrong direction were traffic congestion/crowding, development/growth, and cost of living/expenses/taxes.

Deputy Mayor Robinson thanked staff for the information. Responding to Ms. Robinson, Mr. Wiggin said the survey did not ask respondents to indicate which services they value most.

Responding to Councilmember Stokes, Mr. Wiggin said the report describes the methodology. He confirmed that this is a scientifically sampled, random selection survey. Mr. Wiggin said they track quotas to attempt to cover all age groups, genders, and races in order to achieve a broad cross-section of the community. In further response, Mr. Wiggin said development and growth are typically reported as a negative aspect in a community. He opined that Bellevue's positive results are due to the City's planning.

Responding to Mayor Chelminiak, Mr. Wiggin said Bellevue is outperforming other cities in the Puget Sound region. Mr. Wiggin said they often use Bellevue as a positive example. In further response, he said he will provide a list of the questions used by other jurisdictions on diversity and inclusion. They typically address the availability and usefulness of services. Mayor Chelminiak suggested that the City consider asking similar questions.

7. Council Business and New Initiatives: None.

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 6-0, and the following items were approved:

(a) Council Minutes

Minutes of June 10, 2019 Extended Study Session

Minutes of June 17, 2019 Study Session

Minutes of June 17, 2019 Regular Session

- (b) Resolution No. 9641 authorizing execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement between the City of Bellevue and American Traffic Solutions (ATS) for the use of automated cameras for issuance of notices of red-light infractions at selected arterial intersections and speeding infractions at selected elementary schools within the city limits (the "Agreement"), exercising the first of two options to extend the Agreement for five years.
- (c) Resolution No. 9629 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with MacLeod Reckord PLLC, to provide architectural and engineering services to support the update of the Ashwood Park Master Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$483,760.50 plus all applicable taxes.
- (d) Resolution No. 9630 authorizing the execution of a contract with Landscape Structures, Inc. for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Forest Hill Park, in an amount not to exceed \$140,349.40 plus all applicable taxes.
- (e) Motion to award Bid No. 19049 for Wastewater Pump Replacement to Award Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$1,551,000.00 plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. S-16).
- (f) Resolution No. 9631 authorizing the execution of documents necessary to release an existing slope easement on private property located at 121 112th Avenue NE.
- (g) Motion to award Bid No. 19054 for Vasa SE 41st Street 48" Culvert Repair/ Phase 2 Vasa Creek Downstream Protection to Ecoground Site Solutions, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$128,750 plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. D-64).
- (h) Motion to award Bid No. 19070 for Coal Creek Culvert Roughened Channel Repair to Mike McClung Construction Company, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$420,200 plus all applicable taxes (CIP No. D-59).
- (i) Resolution No. 9632 initiating vacation of a portion of the alley between Downtown Park and 104th Avenue NE, south of NE 4th Street; and setting a time and place for a hearing to consider such a vacation.
- (j) Resolution No. 9633 authorizing the execution of documents necessary to relinquish interest in an existing easement, filed under King County Recording Number 2047555, on private property located at 10624 Woodhaven Lane.
- (k) Resolution No. 9634 initiating vacation of a portion of NE Bellevue-Redmond Road east of 120th Avenue NE; and setting a time and place for a hearing to consider such a vacation.

- (l) Resolution No. 9635 determining that a portion of an existing sewer easement and a portion of an existing water easement located at 4455 148th Ave NE are surplus to the City's needs and are no longer required for providing continued public utility service; and setting a time and place for a public hearing to consider the partial release of these easements.
- (m) Motion to award Bid No. 19047 for Forest Hills Water Main Rehabilitation to Road Construction Northwest, Inc., as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$1,638,213.50 plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. W-16 & W-67).
- (n) Resolution No. 9636 authorizing the execution of a contract with Cascadia Consulting, Inc. for professional services to support the update to the Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI) Strategic Plan, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$150,000, plus all applicable taxes.
- (o) 2019-2030 Transportation Facilities Plan
- (p) Motion for Payment of Claims and Payroll, June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

9. Public Hearings

- (a) Public Hearing and Action on Resolution No. 9638 authorizing the execution of documents necessary to release an existing water easement located at 2221 120th Avenue NE, which has been declared surplus to the City's needs and is no longer required for providing continued public utility service; the granting and recording of such release being deemed in the best interest of the public.

City Manager Brad Miyake said staff is seeking Council action regarding Resolution No. 9638 authorizing the execution of the documents necessary to release a water easement.

Kim Bui, Real Property Agent, described the proposed release of the water easement located at 2221 120th Avenue NE. She noted that the property owner provided a new water easement for the City-owned facilities.

- Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

No one came forward to comment.

- Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to approve Resolution No. 9638, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

- (b) Public Hearing and Action on Resolution No. 9639 authorizing the execution of documents necessary to release an existing water line easement located at 12443 Bel-Red Road, which has been declared surplus to the City's needs and is no longer required for providing continued public utility service; the granting and recording of such release being deemed in the best interest of the public.

Natasha Platin, Real Property Agent, described the proposed release of an existing water line easement located at 12443 Bel-Red Road. The property is being redeveloped as a new townhome development and the property owner established a new water easement. Ms. Platin requested Council action on Resolution No. 9639.

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

No one came forward to comment.

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to approve Resolution No. 9639, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Resolution No. 9640 supporting King County Proposition No. 1, Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy

Mayor Chelminiak introduced discussion regarding Resolution No. 9640 expressing support for King County's Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy.

Charmaine Arredondo, City Clerk, said that while state law prevents the use of government resources for the promotion or opposition of a ballot measure, the Council may take a collective

position on ballot measures. The meeting agenda must include the title and number of the ballot measure, and members of the public must have an approximately equal opportunity for commenting on both sides of the issue.

Ms. Arredondo recalled that during the July 8 meeting, the Council voted in favor of placing this item on tonight's agenda. The Council directed that the pro and con campaigns would be allowed up to 10 minutes each to make a presentation. After the presentation, the public will be allowed a total of up to 15 minutes for speakers on each side of the issue. Staff was unable to locate a committee opposing the ballot measure and determined that one does not exist. If the Council supports the King County parks levy, it may adopt Resolution No. 9640. If the Council does not want to take a formal position on the levy, no action is required.

Bill Finkbeiner spoke on behalf of the pro committee. He noted that the City of Bellevue will receive \$4.4 million under the proposed levy and will be eligible to pursue additional grants. The levy includes funding for the Eastside Rail Corridor, now known as Eastrail, through Bellevue. Mr. Finkbeiner said the levy provides \$44 million for new and existing swimming pools. He noted that he previously served on the Parks Levy Oversight Board, which monitors the levy to ensure that the funds are spent as presented in the levy package.

Heidi Dean said that south Bellevue has a lack of parks and recreation facilities. She suggested that the City seek funding for a dog park in South Bellevue. She said she wants the Newport Hills park property to be developed as a neighborhood versus a community park.

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to adopt Resolution No. 9640, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Lee said he supports the resolution and feels the levy is important, despite his concern regarding the tax burden. He observed that Bellevue will receive a strong return on the investment of taxpayers' money. He expressed support for the funding included in the package for the development of the Eastrail (formerly the Eastside Rail Corridor) through Bellevue. He said the King County levy will fund projects that otherwise would not be possible.

Councilmember Stokes expressed support for the parks levy, which provides the opportunity for Bellevue to receive a number of significant investments. He noted funding for the Woodland Park Zoo and the Seattle Aquarium, as well as other regional facilities and projects. He looks forward to King County's improvements to the Eastrail and the Mountains to Sound Greenway through Bellevue. Mr. Stokes said the levy package is well planned and fiscally prudent.

Councilmember Robertson expressed support for the parks levy and note the earlier proclamation regarding Parks and Recreation Month. She said the cost for the average homeowner in Bellevue is \$172 annually. She expressed concern that pools have not been improved or added to the region since the 1970s, except for the aquatics center in Federal Way that was built for the Goodwill Games. Ms. Robertson noted her interest in developing a large aquatics center in Bellevue. She said swimming facilities are important for fitness, sports, and health.

Councilmember Zahn expressed support for the resolution and noted that she was pleased to learn that there is a Parks Levy Oversight Board. She said Bellevue residents, workers, and visitors will receive a significant benefit from the levy. She looks forward to the development of the Eastrail, which will provide a connection between Renton and Kirkland.

Mayor Chelminiak noted that a large portion of King County's budget funds the criminal justice system. While he believes that levies are not a good way to finance government, it is the only avenue for the County to fund parks, trails, and recreation facilities. He noted the benefits of regional trails and parks, including the Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park and Marymoor Park adjacent to Bellevue's borders. Mr. Chelminiak said the levy provides money for maintenance and operations needs and for new facilities. He said Bellevue taxpayers receive a positive return on their investment and he strongly supports the levy.

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

Mayor Chelminiak thanked King County staff, the Parks Levy Oversight Board, and the individuals who provided public comment.

12. Unfinished Business: None.
13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
14. New Business: None.
15. Executive Session: None.
16. Adjournment

At 9:20 p.m., Mayor Chelminiak declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC
City Clerk

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