

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

February 3, 2020  
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber  
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

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

3. Approval of Agenda

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

→ The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

4. Oral Communications

(a) Lynn Stowell expressed concern regarding the traffic backups on 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE by the Chick-Fil-A restaurant. He described a similar situation at a different business and the actions they took to mitigate the impacts. He said the 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE situation is dangerous and poses liability issues for the City should accidents occur.

(b) Randall Apted, President of the Board of the Bellevue Youth Theatre Foundation, and Danielle Brzusek, Vice President of the Board, thanked the Council for its ongoing support of the theatre and its programs. Ms. Brzusek noted the upcoming plays: Rapunzel, Once On This Island JR, The Taming of the Shrew, and Cinderella. Mr. Apted invited the Council and the public to the annual fundraising events on March 13 and March 14.

- (c) Don Marsh noted that he is active in several organizations that oppose certain Puget Sound Energy (PSE) projects. He also serves on PSE's technical advisory group. He said there is strong opposition in the community to PSE's transmission line project on 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He acknowledged that the City Council cannot stop the project. However, he knows the Council is concerned about climate change. He said this is not the time to be cutting down trees. Mr. Marsh said he and many others would like PSE to explore more enlightened technologies. He said Bellevue is a Smart City and it should show the world what that looks like.
- (d) Norm Hansen, a resident of the Bridle Trails neighborhood, expressed concern regarding PSE's transmission line project on NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He said many residents are appalled to see the removal of trees where utilities are currently underground. He said the City paid to place those utilities underground in the 1980s. Mr. Hansen said that several community members would like to meet with the Council and staff leadership to discuss how to prevent a future environmental mistake. He suggested discussing feasibility, best practices, and other planning processes.
- (e) Amanda Li and Angela Phan, representing the Bellevue Youth Link Board, invited the Council to the annual Gumbo Night on Thursday, February 27. Ms. Lee said the event provides the opportunity for youth to interact with local leaders.
- (f) Alex Zimmerman opined that all of the Councilmembers are Democrats and fascists. He said the Seattle City Council does not allow the public to speak.

5. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions

(a) Bellevue Library Advisory Board Report

Stefan Sharkansky provided an update regarding Bellevue libraries and the King County Library System (KCLS). He noted that the Library Advisory Board acts as a liaison between Bellevue residents, the Bellevue City Council, and the King County Library System to advocate for library programs and services that are responsive to the community's needs and interests.

Mr. Sharkansky said the Bellevue Regional Library is the most used KCLS library. The regional library system was recently reorganized and all of Bellevue's libraries are now within one district. Total circulation in Bellevue in 2019 was more than three million, which is the equivalent of every person in Bellevue checking out 20.7 items. Mr. Sharkansky said the circulation of physical items decreased by four percent since 2018, and the circulation of digital items increased by eight percent. Since 2015, the circulation of physical items decreased by 14 percent while the circulation of digital items increased by 117 percent. Mr. Sharkansky noted that Bellevue libraries conducted 549 IdeaX Makerspace programs in 2019 that were attended by 11,300 patrons. He highlighted the list of numerous programs related to access and assistance, diversity, early literacy, lifelong learning, and youth.

Councilmember Robertson, liaison to the Library Advisory Board, thanked the Board for their work and noted that four members were in attendance. She commended the library programs and noted that libraries serve as third places in the community.

Councilmember Zahn thanked Mr. Sharkansky for the update. Ms. Zahn said she recently visited the welcoming center in the downtown library that provides a number of services, including related to starting a business. She said libraries are community resources and gathering places for everyone.

Councilmember Stokes congratulated the library system for all of its work and the facility improvements in recent years. He said libraries create a sense of community as well as spaces for learning.

Councilmember Lee thanked the Library Advisory Board members for their service. He complimented the many programs available for residents, including those in multiple languages. He noted that libraries provide a resource for individuals wanting to start their own business as well.

Councilmember Barksdale said he recently learned about the extensive digital offerings available through the KCLS. Responding to Mr. Barksdale, Board members said the librarians work together and review all types of programs when making decisions about what is most needed for the patrons of each library. Librarians also seek funding from Friends of the Library to support projects and activities.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis thanked the Board members for their work and noted that he appreciates the emphasis on STEM programs in libraries.

Mayor Robinson thanked the Board members for their service and said she was impressed by the number and variety of programs. Responding to Ms. Robinson, Board members indicated that book mobiles visit child care centers to provide the opportunity to check out books.

6. Report of the City Manager

(a) American Public Works Association (APWA) Reaccreditation

City Manager Brad Miyake said the Utilities Department and the Transportation Department recently received reaccreditation from the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the next four years. He thanked Transportation Director Andrew Singelakis and Utilities Director Nav Ota for their leadership in this effort.

Mr. Miyake introduced Kathleen Davis, Director of Local Programs for the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), to present the reaccreditation awards. Ms. Davis noted that she serves on the APWA Board of Directors. She said the purpose of the accreditation program is to enhance the effectiveness of agencies and their competencies in the public works field. The Utilities Department first received accreditation in March 2004, followed by the Transportation Department in November 2007. Ms. Davis said that both of the departments'

reaccreditation reviews found 100 percent compliance with the program's standards. She said the City of Bellevue has four model programs that could be shared across the country. Ms. Davis said there are currently 143 accredited agencies in the United States and Canada, with nine in Washington state. She commended the Council for supporting the reaccreditation process.

Mr. Singelakis thanked APWA for their work with the City. He noted that the accreditation program is an important component of the Transportation Department's ongoing process improvement efforts.

Ms. Ota recalled that the Utilities Department was the first in the state and the 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation to be accredited. She said the reaccreditation demonstrates the dedication of staff who spend hundreds of hours documenting, reviewing, and presenting the City's practices. She said the department consistently strives to operate efficiently and effectively for the public.

At 8:48 p.m., Mayor Robinson paused the meeting for photos.

(b) 911/Smart Mobility Integration Award

*[Item moved to earlier Study Session.]*

7. Council Business and New Initiatives

There was no discussion.

8. Consent Calendar

- Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Robertson 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 January 13, 2020 Extended Study Session  
Minutes of January 21, 2020 Study Session  
Minutes of January 21, 2020 Regular Session

- (b) Ordinance No. 6501 authorizing: 1) award of Bid No. 19069, West Lake Sammamish Parkway Phase 2 (CIP Plan No. PW-R-183, W-16) to Pivetta Brothers Construction as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$13,124,195.33, plus all applicable taxes, to construct improvements to West Lake Sammamish Parkway from the SE 1900 Block to NE 800 Block; 2) amending the 2019-2025 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to transfer budget totaling \$1,700,000 from the West Lake Sammamish Parkway Phase 3 project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-194) to the West Lake Sammamish Parkway

Phase 2 project; and, 3) increasing the 2019-2020 General CIP Fund appropriation by \$1,700,000.

- (c) Resolution No. 9717 determining the anticipated shortfall in revenues for providing municipal services to the annexations areas of Eastgate, Hilltop, Tamara Hills and Horizon View (Eastgate Annexation Areas), setting a new threshold amount for the State of Washington fiscal year July 2020 to June 2021, continuing a sales and use tax, as authorized by RCW 82.14.415, Ordinance 6045 and Ordinance 6063 at the existing rate for such fiscal year; and authorizing certification of the City's true and actual costs to provide municipal services to the annexed areas.
- (d) Motion to award Bid No. 20001, Bridge BELLEVUE4 Painting (CIP Plan No. PW-M-1), to Purcell Paintings and Coatings, LLC as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in the amount of \$492,200, plus all applicable taxes.
- (e) Ordinance No. 6502: 1) authorizing execution of a Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement between the City and King County; 2) amending the 2019-2020 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) plan to increase the appropriation by \$592,000 for the estimated 2020 levy collections to be allocated to Bellevue, 3) and to add a new project, 2020-2025 King County Park Levy (CIP Plan No. P-AD-105); and 4) amending the 2019-2025 General CIP plan appropriation by \$3,552,000, the estimated total levy collections allocated to Bellevue over the six-year life of the levy for P-AD-105.
- (f) Resolution No. 9718 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Pape Kenworth Northwest for the purchase of two replacement Kenworth T470 tandem axle seven-yard dump trucks for the Utilities Department, in an amount not to exceed \$399,888, plus all applicable taxes.
- (g) Resolution No. 9719 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Pape Kenworth Northwest for the purchase of one replacement Kenworth T470 single axle five-yard dump truck for the Parks & Community Services Department, in an amount not to exceed \$180,238, plus all applicable taxes
- (h) Resolution No. 9720 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Braun Northwest for the purchase of one new Ford F550 SWAT equipment truck for the Police Department, in an amount not to exceed \$186,204, plus all applicable taxes.
- (i) Motion to award Bid No. 19090 for the Enatai Water Inlet Station Improvements Project to Gary Harper Construction, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$1,215,030 plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No W-110).

- (j) Resolution No. 9721 determining that five utility easements and a portion of a sixth utility easement 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 release or partial release of these easements. The easements lie within the properties located at 139 106th Avenue NE and 10480, and 10502 Main Street, as well as 30 Bellevue Way NE.
  - (k) Motion to award Bid No.19095, Downtown Park Median Expansion and Crossings (CIP Plan Nos. PW-M-2, and CD-37), to Kamins Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$402,358.20, plus all applicable taxes.
  - (l) Resolution No. 9722 authorizing execution of a successor labor agreement by and between the City and Bellevue Police Support Guild (Union) for the contract period January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2022.
  - (m) Resolution No. 9723 authorizing execution of: (1) a successor labor agreement by and between the City and the Public, Professional & Office-Clerical Employees and Drivers Local Union No. 763, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and representing Inspectors, Plans Examiners, Structural Plans Examiners, and Clearing and Grading Reviewers employed by the Building Division in the Department of Development Services (Union), for the contract period January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2022; and (2) a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the parties agreeing to establish a new classification subject to certain terms for the duration of the contract and providing for a lump sum payment to eligible members of the bargaining unit.
9. Public Hearings: None.
10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions
- (a) Ordinance No. 6503 repealing Chapter 11.55, All-Terrain Vehicles, of the Bellevue City Code and establishing an updated Chapter 11.55, Wheeled All-Terrain and Nonhighway Vehicles.

City Manager Miyake introduced discussion regarding Ordinance No. 6503 related to all-terrain vehicles.

Mark Poch, Assistant Director of Traffic Management, said that the All-Terrain Vehicles code (Bellevue City Code Section 11.55) was established in 1974 and has never been revised. Staff proposes repealing the existing chapter and establishing an updated Chapter 11.55 entitled Wheeled All-Terrain and Nonhighway Vehicles. Mr. Poch said that wheeled all-terrain vehicles are not currently allowed under the City Code. The smaller vehicles will make it easier for City

staff to maintain trails and paths. However, the public cannot use this type of vehicles on City streets.

Mr. Poch said that Transportation Department staff reviewed this proposal with staff in other departments. The Utilities Department and the Fire Department have indicated that they could benefit from the use of the vehicles in certain situations. The proposed code change went through State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) review and a determination of non-significance was issued.

Councilmember Zahn expressed support for the proposed code change. Responding to Ms. Zahn, Mr. Poch said the vehicles are powered by gas. Ms. Zahn encouraged staff to explore whether similar electric vehicles are available.

Councilmember Lee concurred with Ms. Zahn's suggestion to use electric vehicles if available.

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6503, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Councilmember Stokes noted his support for electric vehicles as well.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications: None.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 8:58 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC  
City Clerk

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