

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

December 7, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Stokes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m., with Mayor Robinson presiding. She noted that Councilmember Stokes would not be attending the meeting.

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to excuse Councilmember Stokes from tonight's meeting, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

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

2. Roll Call; Flag Salute

Acting City Clerk Kyle Stannert called the roll. All Councilmembers except Mr. Stokes were present and participating remotely. Councilmember Lee led the flag salute.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

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

4. Oral Communications

(a) Jacinthia Sayed said that she operates a dog rescue organization. She recently rescued a dog that had been very neglected by its owners, and she felt they needed to be held

accountable. She was told that the case was dismissed because Bellevue's City Code is not up to date with the interlocal agreement about which agency has jurisdiction over animal-related violations. Ms. Sayed urged the City to change its code to enable the enforcement of animal-related violations.

- (b) Perrin Kaplan, President of Saving Grace animal adoption organization, expressed concern regarding the abuse and neglect of animals and the lack of enforcement when violations occur. She thanked Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis for addressing this issue for her and expressed support for Ordinance No. 6546. She described her involvement in rescuing abused animals and thanked the veterinarian who alerted her organization to intervene in a recent, extreme case of abuse.
- (c) Paul Bruno, speaking on behalf of Bellevue's People for Climate Action group, encouraged the Council to allocate an additional \$200,000 toward the implementation of the Environmental Stewardship Plan, for a total of \$500,000 in 2021 and 2022. He encouraged the City to focus on actions in the building section of the plan and to implement a comprehensive sustainability training program. Mr. Bruno said the group looks forward to the implementation of the plan.
- (d) Erika Nagy said she volunteers with the Saving Grace organization. She thanked Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis for working with residents to address the issue of animal cruelty. She said there has been a significant increase in abuse against animals during the pandemic. She urged the City to revise the city code to ensure that animals are protected. She noted that there has also been a significant increase in domestic violence during the pandemic.
- (e) Wendy Tyner, representing the Wintergrass music festival, thanked the Council for its support over the past 10 years. She said the organization was forced to reduce staff and expenses this year due to the pandemic. However, Wintergrass has provided virtual educational and performance experiences for youth and the community. Ms. Tyner highlighted the significant economic impact of the Wintergrass festival over the past decade and said the festival will be back at the appropriate time. She wished everyone happy holidays and thanked the City and the public for their support.
- (f) Cathleen O'Shea, a Newport Hills resident, said she was speaking on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County. She noted her involvement with the group's environmental committee and said she was pleased to learn about the City's efforts to engage the community and to implement the Environmental Stewardship Plan. She encouraged a strong community engagement effort and urged the Council to increase funding for the implementation of the plan. She offered her volunteer guidance and support to help engage the community, and thanked Councilmembers for their service.
- (g) Putter Bert, President and CEO of KidsQuest Museum, described the museum's response to the restrictions related to the pandemic. The museum has continued to engage with its partners in the community to provide early childhood education programming, including

remote learning kits that do not require online access. Ms. Bert thanked the City for its ongoing support of the museum and other arts organizations.

- (h) Barbra Chevalier, representing 300Trees.org, encouraged the Council to increase funding by \$200,000 for the implementation of the Environmental Stewardship Plan. She expressed support for the Council's proposed budget amendment 3 [Environmental Stewardship Initiative rapid early win actions]. She expressed concerns related to the impacts of carbon emissions.
- (i) Otilia Baraboi, speaking on behalf of the American Romanian Cultural Society and the Romanian community of Washington state, expressed support for funding the cross-cultural center. She described her experience of moving to the United States and raising a family. She said the American Romanian Cultural Society was founded to offer assistance to the underserved Romanian community and to sponsor cultural and educational programs. She said a cross-cultural center would benefit everyone in Bellevue.
- (j) Lalita Uppala, Executive Director of the India Association of Western Washington, expressed support for the cross-cultural center budget proposal. She said the facility would provide opportunities for the public to meet, learn, connect, and support each other. She encouraged the City to move forward to design the center.
- (k) Chris Johnson, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, expressed support for the proposed operating and capital budgets. He thanked Jesse Canedo, Chief Economic Development Officer, and his staff for their extensive outreach to local businesses. Mr. Johnson described the Chamber's distribution of hand sanitizer and face masks to Eastside businesses. He thanked the City for its ongoing partnership.

5. Reports of Community Councils, Boards, and Commissions

(a) East Bellevue Community Council Annual Report

East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC) Chair Betsi Hummer and Vice Chair Ross Gooding provided an update regarding the EBCC's activities and accomplishments over the past year. Mr. Gooding thanked Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis for providing monthly updates to the EBCC. He provided a brief history of the EBCC, which was formed in 1969 when East Bellevue was annexed to the City of Bellevue. He said the EBCC has approval and disapproval authority over certain Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Amendments, as well as conditional use permits (CUPs) in its jurisdiction. He said the EBCC also serves as a community resource for discussions about a number of topics (e.g., preserving Highland Village apartments as affordable housing). Mr. Gooding said the EBCC was sorry to see the recent resignation of EBCC Vice Chair Stephanie Walter. He noted that Ron Epstein was appointed to complete the term.

Chair Hummer said the EBCC approved three land use ordinances and one conditional use permit (CUP) over the past year. She noted a high level of public involvement in the Puesta del Sol elementary school construction project, which resulted in a favorable compromise between

the school district and residents regarding impacts and mitigation. She said the EBCC started 2020 approving the temporary encampment Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) within its jurisdiction. The EBCC held a courtesy and public hearing regarding updates to the National Floodplain Insurance Program this year. Chair Hummer said that in January, the EBCC approved the Interim Official Control (IOC) for the reduction in minimum parking requirements at certain multifamily housing near frequent transit service. The EBCC also approved the IOC regarding temporary use permits for retail and restaurant establishments.

Chair Hummer said EBCC members recently attended the Land Use 101 course provided through the Washington State Department of Commerce. She noted that most of the federal and state planning requirements were developed under President Nixon, who also established the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Ms. Hummer said the EBCC looks forward to continuing to work with the City Council.

Mayor Robinson thanked Chair Hummer and Vice Chair Gooding for the report.

(b) Allocation of Funds to Artists and Arts Groups Serving Bellevue

City Manager Brad Miyake said staff is seeking Council direction to approve the Arts Commission's recommendations for the allocation of funds to artists and arts groups serving Bellevue through the 2021 Eastside Arts Partnerships (EAP), Special Projects, and Power Up funding programs.

Scott MacDonald, Arts Community Manager, said staff is seeking Council direction to approve the recommendations and to proceed with the implementation of the grants.

Philip Malkin, Chair of the Arts Commission, described the Eastside Arts Partnerships, Power Up, and Special Projects grant programs. The EAP has two funding levels (\$5,000 and \$10,000), and the Power Up program provides three grants to organizations seeking capacity building. Special Projects are grants to artists and arts organizations to support new art projects. Mr. Malkin said the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted arts and culture organizations. He noted that many of them quickly transitioned to providing virtual content, and the online events have been well attended.

Mr. Malkin described the grant application and review process. With a budget of \$145,000, 45 grants are recommended for 42 organizations and individuals. He noted there were 13 new applicants. Mr. Malkin said the recommendations were approved by the Arts Commission on October 27. He said the City provided assistance to applicants in five languages. He noted that the arts and arts groups funded by the City will serve more than 1.2 million residents and visitors in 2021 through in-person and virtual performances as well as educational opportunities. The groups will offer programs designed to increase access for people with disabilities, at-risk youth, senior and low-income adults, and individuals who speak limited English. The organizations also support higher levels of civic engagement.

Mayor Robinson thanked Chair Malkin for the presentation.

- Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the Arts Commission's recommendations for the 2021 Eastside Arts Partnerships (EAP), Special Projects, and Power Up funding allocations. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

Responding to Councilmember Zahn, Mr. MacDonald said the application question regarding an organization's operating budget is used to determine whether a group is a community or pro partner. He said that typically pro partners have operating budgets of \$200,000 or higher. Mr. MacDonald noted that the grant amount must be less than 50 percent of the organization's budget. He said organizations must let the City know by November 30 if they will be unable to fulfill or implement the grant before the end of 2021.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis thanked Chair Malkin and Mr. MacDonald for the presentation. Mr. Nieuwenhuis urged the community to support local restaurants, small businesses, and arts organizations in any way possible, including through participation in online events.

Mayor Robinson said it is good to see so many incredible arts organizations. She said the pandemic has highlighted the value of music, art, and entertainment for our well being. She noted that Councilmember Lee and Councilmember Stokes have expressed an interest in discussions about how to inspire private-public arts partnerships. Ms. Robinson said she would like to explore, next year, ways for the City to provide more funding to arts organizations.

Councilmember Lee commented on the role of arts and culture in economic development and vitality. He noted the City's role as a catalyst and encouraged private-public partnerships. Responding to Mr. Lee, Jesse Canedo, Chief Economic Development Officer, confirmed that the funds for the arts grants are provided in the economic development operating budget. There is also a capital budget investment for public art.

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

6. Report of the City Manager

(a) Bellevue Essentials Synopsis

City Manager Miyake introduced staff's update regarding this year's Bellevue Essentials program.

Julie Ellenhorn, Community Relations Coordinator, said the Bellevue Essentials program recently concluded its eighth annual class. She said a record 73 applications were received and 40 individuals were selected. The group represented 15 neighborhood areas, and 39 percent of the participants were born outside of the United States. The students ranged in age from their 20s to their 70s. The program was delivered primarily in a virtual format, with about 10 hours of preparation outside of class and 20 hours of virtual classroom instruction. The course included pre-recorded videos, breakout room discussions, mapping activities, and visits to parks and municipal facilities.

Ms. Ellenhorn said there are now 276 Bellevue Essentials alumni. More than 50 Board, Commission, advisory committee, and elected offices have been filled by Bellevue Essentials graduates, 30 of whom are currently serving. Ms. Ellenhorn said the graduates participate in community service, education, and networking activities together.

Andrew Pardoe thanked the Council for its support of the program. He said the participants learned a lot about the City's operations and have become more engaged citizens. He noted that the students represented a range of backgrounds and levels of experience with local government, which resulted in lively and enlightening sessions. He thanked Ms. Ellenhorn, Neighborhood Outreach Manager Mark Heilman, and other staff for their hard work and support of the program. He noted that students appreciated the virtual dinners held before each class to provide the opportunity to get to know each other a little better.

Grace Chien praised the Bellevue Essentials program and staff's leadership. She thanked the City for continuing to invest in the community. She said the Bellevue Essentials class not only shares knowledge but invites the community to work in partnership with local government to foster strong civic engagement and problem solving. She said she took the class because she is a relatively new resident to Bellevue and is looking for how to best engage in this community.

Councilmember Lee noted that Ms. Chien grew up in Bellevue and welcomed her back.

Mayor Robinson thanked staff for their good work and expressed her support for the program.

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 6-0, and the following items were approved:
 - (a) Council Minutes of November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting
Council Minutes of November 16, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - (b) Motion to award Bid No. 20050 for AC Water Main Replacement 2020 Phase 3 to Laser Underground & Earthworks, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$1,248,363.00 plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. W-16).
 - (c) Resolution No. 9852 authorizing execution of amendments extending by three years the term of the general services contract and concurrent lease agreements with Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) to operate a paddle sport rental program

out of the Enatai Beach Boathouse located at 3519 108th Ave SE and Meydenbauer Bay Whaling Building located at 2 99th Ave NE.

- (d) Resolution No. 9853 amending Resolution 9838 to cancel the January 4, 2021 public hearing date and setting a new time and place for a public hearing to consider the release of an existing sewer easement and a portion of a second sewer easement located at 10235 SE 6th Street, which have been declared surplus to the City's needs and are no longer required for providing continued public utility service.
- (e) Resolution No. 9854 authorizing execution of all documents necessary for the acquisition of 1730 West Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE for a future waterfront park on Lake Sammamish, including a purchase and sale agreement in an amount not to exceed \$4,099,000, plus related costs, and rental agreement to lease the home on the property back to the seller for a period of up to three years.
- (f) Resolution No. 9855 authorizing execution of a real estate purchase option agreement, securing rights to the future acquisition of 1710 and 1718 West Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE for a waterfront park on Lake Sammamish, in the amount of \$45,000, plus related costs.
- (g) Ordinance No. 6546 amending Bellevue City Code sections 8.04.180, 8.04.340(6)(a) and 8.04.350, and establishing an effective date.

9. Public Hearing: None.

10. Study Session

At 7:20 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared a 10-minute break. The meeting resumed at 7:34 p.m.

- (a) 2021-2022 Operating Budget and 2021-2027 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan

City Manager Miyake introduced discussion regarding the Preliminary 2021-2022 Operating Budget and the 2021-2027 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan. He said the purpose of the agenda item is to discuss the budget amendments raised last week by individual Councilmembers.

Toni Call, Director of the Finance and Asset Management (FAM) Department, highlighted the list of actions to be taken by the Council on December 14 for the final approval of the budget and CIP Plan. She noted the list of nine budget amendments proposed by Councilmembers.

Mayor Robinson thanked Councilmembers and staff for their work over the past two weeks to develop the proposed budget amendments. She suggested discussing and voting on each of the amendments individually.

- Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to add to the proposed budget the restoration of the Fire Department training administrative assistant position, and to direct staff to bring back the necessary legislation for adoption at a future meeting. Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Robertson said that the Fire training administrative position has been in place for 20 years, including through the 2008 recession. She said the position is more important than ever as more baby boomers retire and new personnel are hired and trained. She said the City will also be hiring firefighters for the new Downtown fire station. The proposal is funded by Basic Life Support (BLS) transport fees.

- The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.
- Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to add to the proposed budget a \$20,000 allocation to the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and \$20,000 allocation to the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA). Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

Mr. Nieuwenhuis said this modest request comes at a critical time when many small businesses will be facing potential closures in 2021 due to the impacts of the pandemic. He highlighted the support and service by both organizations to the business community, especially to small businesses, restaurants, and bars.

Mayor Robinson invited everyone to view the YouTube video of the State of the City presentation to understand the value of both organizations to the community. She expressed support for the budget proposal.

- The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.
- Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to add to the proposed budget \$150,000 to implement the Communities of Color coordinating team. Councilmember Zahn seconded the motion.

Councilmember Barksdale thanked the community for their emails regarding the budget proposal. He noted the importance of prioritizing racial equity as a city and a country. He said that he and Councilmember Zahn propose a request for \$250,000 to implement a detailed plan that staff will develop and bring back to the Council in early January for approval. He suggested establishing a 9-13 member team to work with staff to develop trust and awareness through dialogue, build racial literacy skills through education and training, and to partner with the City and other institutions to make recommendations for actions with racial equity outcomes. Mr. Barksdale said the Council will receive periodic updates as the work moves forward.

Councilmember Zahn said that the most important part of the proposal is that the effort will be community led. The work will focus on the voices in the community that have traditionally not been heard or engaged. She said the Washington Employers for Racial Equity made a commitment this week to build an equitable future. She noted the City's role in advancing the important work related to racial equity.

Councilmember Robertson thanked Councilmembers Barksdale and Zahn for the budget proposal. Ms. Robertson said the Council has adopted the motto that diversity is our strength. She said funding this initiative is one way to move forward to set goals and to work toward the desired outcomes. Ms. Robertson expressed support for the proposal.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis thanked Councilmembers Barksdale and Zahn and expressed support for the proposal.

Mayor Robinson said it will be exciting to see staff and the community working together to develop a proposal for further discussion and refinement.

Councilmember Lee expressed support for the proposal and agreed that the timing could not be more relevant.

- The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.
- Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to add to the proposed budget \$200,000 to provide funding for the next phase of the cross-cultural feasibility study. Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Lee thanked his colleagues for their support of a cross-cultural center. He thanked the community for their input and advocacy for moving to the next phase of the feasibility study. He said staff and the consultant will work with a diverse range of communities and stakeholders to assess needs and to develop a clear vision for the center. He noted the potential for partnerships involving the center. He said there is a high level of enthusiasm for a cross-cultural center among Bellevue's diverse communities.

Councilmember Zahn thanked Councilmember Lee for moving this proposal forward and voiced her support. She expressed support for Mr. Lee's interest in creating a place that brings the community together. She noted that this proposal complements the work of the Communities of Color initiative. Ms. Zahn said she looks forward to opportunities for partnerships involving the cross-cultural center.

Councilmember Robertson said the Council has been discussing the potential for a cross-cultural center for six or seven years. She said this budget proposal is the next big step to move forward with further planning to create a center for community connection.

Councilmember Barksdale expressed support for Councilmember Lee's proposed budget amendment. Mr. Barksdale said he believes that creating a space as a cross-cultural center will make it easier for people to come together. He thanked Mr. Lee for his persistence in moving this project forward over the past several years.

Mayor Robinson expressed support for the proposed budget amendment. She thanked Councilmember Lee for his perseverance and vision related to the cross-cultural center. Ms.

Robinson said she is pleased to see how much of the budget directly supports community engagement.

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

Councilmember Lee thanked everyone for their support.

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to add to the proposed budget \$50,000 of support and an enhanced stakeholder public engagement process related to the implementation of the Environmental Stewardship Plan. Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis said there are a number of experts in the community who are eager to be involved with environmental stewardship issues. The budget proposal will be funded from the Council Contingency Fund to support opportunities for using the specialized expertise and knowledge of the stakeholder groups that have been active in providing feedback regarding environmental stewardship policies. The proposal will also ensure that staff has the needed resources to conduct this work. The purpose of the effort is to ensure that the City identifies effective ways to gather input and ideas regarding best practices and other relevant technical concepts.

Councilmember Lee expressed support for the proposal. He noted that members of the Environmental Services Commission are interested in being involved in this process.

Councilmember Zahn expressed support for the proposal. She observed that it is complementary to her proposal for additional funding to implement early win actions related to the Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI).

Councilmember Robertson expressed support for the proposal and concurred with Mayor Robinson that the budget funds a number of community engagement processes. Ms. Robertson said there is strong community support for the ESI program. She expressed support for engaging experts and others who can provide valuable input to the City's processes.

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

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to add to the proposed budget \$100,000 per year for 2021 and 2022 to implement early win actions under the Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI). Councilmember Zahn seconded the motion.

Councilmember Zahn said the proposal provides additional funding to accelerate the implementation of early win actions to advance the goals of the Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI). The proposal also requests quarterly updates to the Council. She said it will be important to understand whether the City's efforts are focusing on the most impactful actions. She wants to ensure that there is sufficient funding to spend on projects as well as to potentially leverage with other partners or funding sources.

Councilmember Lee said he supports the intention of the proposal. However, he expressed concern about determining the appropriate level of funding needed to effectively move the early win actions forward. Ms. Call said staff would return next year with a detailed work plan to discuss with the Council how the funds would be spent. She noted Councilmember Zahn's interest in identifying opportunities for leveraging the City's funds with other partners.

- The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.
- Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to add to the proposed budget \$100,000 to ensure continued work with King County Metro and Bellevue College related to the Bellevue College Connector project. Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Zahn said she would like the City to continue working with Metro and Bellevue College to complete 30-percent design for the transit project. She said the project is a good candidate for multimodal transportation grant funding, and the budget proposal would advance the project to the point of being eligible for grants. She said the Bellevue College Connector project is needed to better serve Bellevue College and the greater community, and it is an important component of the transportation infrastructure.

Mayor Robinson thanked Councilmember Zahn for the proposal and agreed that this is an important project. Ms. Robinson noted that all three partners have contributed funding for the planning process. Mayor Robinson suggested that the fund should come from the Transportation Department, however, instead of from the Council Contingency Fund.

Andrew Singelakis, Transportation Director, said funds from the transportation levy could be used for the Bellevue College Connector, most likely within the category of neighborhood congestion mitigation. He suggested moving funds currently targeted for traffic impact studies that are not urgent to the transit project.

- Mayor Robinson moved to amend the motion to fund the proposal from Transportation Department monies instead of from the Council Contingency Fund. Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Lee said he wants to be sure that moving the funds will not cause delays in other neighborhood congestion projects.

Mayor Robinson suggested that the project falls into the Safe Routes to School category because it is a major route to the college.

Responding to Mr. Lee, Mr. Singelakis said that the \$100,000 to be moved was designated for traffic impact studies. However, with a number of projects in the queue, he feels confident that the studies will not be needed before more funding is available. Mr. Singelakis said it is important to keep working with King County Metro and Bellevue College to fund the project and to work through jurisdictional issues.

Councilmember Robertson recalled that funding previously included in the budget for the Bellevue College Connector was moved to the I-405 access study two months ago because Metro and Bellevue College were not able to contribute to the project. However, those partners are now reappropriating some funds. Ms. Robertson expressed support for the amendment and the main motion.

- The motion to amend carried by a vote of 6-0.
- The main motion, as amended, carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Robinson thanked Councilmember Zahn for the budget amendment.

- Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to address the timing of funds to the proposed Vision Zero Rapid Build, Data-Driven Safety Program project to allow for \$355,000 allocations per year for seven years. Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Zahn said the City has been working on Vision Zero for several years since the Council adopted the framework in 2015. She noted her request to spend the \$2.5 million over the next seven years instead of waiting until 2023 to spend \$500,000 annually.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Mr. Singelakis said the projects will be scalable, so any amount of funding will allow items to move forward.

Mayor Robinson said that, as a bicyclist, she appreciates and supports the proposal.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis expressed support for the proposal and the importance of the Vision Zero program.

Councilmember Lee thanked Councilmember Zahn for moving this proposal forward and noted his ongoing interest in transportation technologies.

- The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.
- Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to address the timing of funds in the proposed CIP project related to the Growth Corridor High-Comfort Bicycle Network Implementation project, to allow for \$500,000 per year for 2021, 2022, and 2023. Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Zahn said her amendment proposes prioritizing \$500,000 annually for the next three years to accelerate the Growth Corridor High-Comfort Bicycle Network Implementation project. She noted the potential for partnerships and grant funding as the project moves forward.

Mayor Robinson expressed support for the proposal. She said she hopes the City is able to prioritize the installation of LED lights throughout the community. She noted that the brighter lights are a significant benefit for cyclists and pedestrians.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis said he especially appreciates this proposal as a cyclist. He said more employers and employees are moving to Bellevue, and bike infrastructure is needed as part of the multimodal transportation system.

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

Mayor Robinson thanked everyone for their hard work and collaboration throughout the budget process. She thanked the community for their input and involvement.

11. Land Use: None.
12. Other Ordinances, Resolutions, and Motions: None.
13. Unfinished Business: None.
14. New Business: None.
15. Executive Session: None.
16. Adjournment

At 8:28 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned.

Kyle Stannert
Acting City Clerk

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