

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

May 17, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Executive Session

Mayor Robinson declared recess to Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss one item of potential litigation.

The meeting resumed at 6:37 p.m.

3. Roll Call; Flag Salute

City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo called the roll. All Councilmembers were present and participating remotely. Councilmember Stokes led the flag salute.

(a) Joyce Nichols Commendation

Mayor Robinson read the commendation in recognition of the contributions of Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, who is retiring from the City. Ms. Robinson noted Ms. Nichols' extensive knowledge and effectiveness within the region and the state.

Councilmember Zahn thanked Ms. Nichols for her work and her ability to help build consensus around policies. Ms. Zahn wished her well in retirement.

Councilmember Robertson thanked Ms. Nichols for her support of the Council and noted that Councilmembers are always well staffed in their regional efforts. Ms. Robertson said Ms. Nichols has been a trusted advisor and she wished her well.

Councilmember Stokes said he will miss Ms. Nichols and her support of his involvement in regional committees. He wished her well in retirement.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis said Ms. Nichols' work for the City has been critical to its success. He complimented her extensive knowledge of regional issues and policies.

Councilmember Barksdale commended Ms. Nichols for her work with the Council to bring everyone's priorities and interests together into a shared platform. Mr. Barksdale thanked her for her many years of contributions to the City.

Councilmember Lee commended Ms. Nichols' work with the Council, legislators, and others throughout the region. Mr. Lee said her experience and knowledge have been critical for the City. He thanked Ms. Nichols for her advice and support over the years and wished her well in retirement.

City Manager Brad Miyake thanked Ms. Nichols for her many years of service with the City. He thanked her for her wise counsel and support of him both professionally and personally.

Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. Nichols for her contributions and dedication to Bellevue.

Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, said she has had the good fortune to work and build relationships with many talented individuals over the years in both the public and private sector. She said it has been great working with Mr. Miyake and the Council, and she praised them for always keeping the public benefit at the front of what they do. Ms. Nichols noted the important work of public service and commended the Council for their compassion and understanding of the community's needs. She thanked her husband and family for their support of her career. She credited Mr. Miyake's philosophy of doing the right things for the right reasons.

(b) Public Works Week Proclamation

Councilmember Robertson read the proclamation recognizing the week of May 16-22, 2021, as National Public Works Week in Bellevue.

4. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Robinson noted a proposed amendment to the agenda.

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to amend the agenda to add Item 13(a), Resolution No. 9943, for the Council's consideration. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

→ Councilmember Robertson moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

5. Oral Communications

- (a) Matt Jack, Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), provided comments regarding the Grand Connection, noting that it is a top priority for the BDA. He said Patrick Bannon, BDA President, recently sent a letter to the Council summarizing the BDA's feedback to the Planning Commission regarding design guidelines and standards for the project. Mr. Jack expressed support for wayfinding and placemaking elements of the project. He encouraged the Council to adopt the code amendment this summer. He encouraged creative flexibility for property owners to develop within their built environments. He encouraged public-private partnerships.

6. Reports of Community Councils, Boards, and Commissions: None.

7. Report of the City Manager

- (a) Amazon Donation

City Manager Miyake recalled Amazon's \$1 million contribution to the City's human services fund last year. He announced the receipt of a new donation from Amazon providing \$1.4 million for human services funding, neighborhood enhancement projects, and three parks improvement projects.

Brian Huseman, VP of Public Policy, Amazon, thanked Mr. Miyake and the City Council for all of their work over the past year in response to the pandemic. He said Amazon has broken ground for the construction of their new building known as Bellevue 600. The building will provide retail, child care facilities, and park space and will align with the City's Grand Connection vision. He thanked the City for its thoughtful distribution of the previous \$1 million donation to more than 40 nonprofit organizations that provide human services. Mr. Huseman said Amazon believes that everyone should have access to the housing they can afford. He noted Amazon's \$2 million housing equity fund created earlier this year. He said Amazon wants to be a true partner and neighbor to the City.

Mayor Robinson thanked Amazon for the donation and support of the community.

8. Council Business and New Initiatives: None.

9. Consent Calendar

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Stokes 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 May 3, 2021 Regular Meeting
- (b) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period April 1, 2021 - April 30, 2021.
- (c) Resolution No. 9936 authorizing the execution of a one-year purchase order with Questica to provide software for the development, monitoring and related metrics associated with the City's budget process and implementation services in an amount not to exceed \$275,200. This Resolution also authorizes the City to exercise annual options to renew in years two through five which include application software fees and on-call professional services for an additional potential expenditure of \$324,225. The total five-year expenditure of this Purchase Order is \$599,425 plus all applicable taxes. The Purchase Order shall be substantially in the form of the Purchase Order in the Council Library.
- (d) Resolution No. 9937 authorizing execution of a five-year General Services contract with Guardian Security for Fire and Security Alarm monitoring, annual confidence testing and system maintenance for all Parks & Community Services facilities in an amount not to exceed \$295,128.06 including all applicable taxes.
- (e) Resolution No. 9938 authorizing the execution of a three-year Professional Services Agreement with DKS Associates to provide on-call services to the City of Bellevue to support the advancement of New Mobility technology projects. The agreement has a not to exceed amount of \$300,000, plus all applicable taxes, with an option to extend the contract for two years for \$200,000, plus all applicable taxes, with the same terms and conditions.
- (f) Resolution No. 9939 authorizing the execution of a three-year Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. to provide on-call services to the City of Bellevue to support the advancement of New Mobility technology projects. The agreement has a not to exceed amount of \$300,000, plus all applicable taxes, with an option to extend the contract for two years for \$200,000, plus all applicable taxes, with the same terms and conditions.
- (g) Resolution No. 9940 authorizing the execution of a three-year Professional Services Agreement with Cambridge Systematics, Inc. to provide on-call services to the City of Bellevue to support the advancement of New Mobility technology projects. The agreement has a not to exceed amount of \$300,000, plus all applicable taxes, with an option to extend the contract for two years for \$200,000, plus all applicable taxes, with the same terms and conditions.

- (h) Resolution No. 9941 authorizing the execution of a five-year contract with JMA Power Washing LLC., for the cleaning of roofs and rainwater conveyance systems at 26 sites throughout the parks system including the community centers in the amount of \$495,750 plus applicable taxes.
- (i) Resolution No. 9942 authorizing execution of an amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services with Harlowe & Falk, LLP, who provide legal tax advice to the City, in an amount not to exceed \$140,000, exclusive of any applicable taxes.

10. Public Hearing: None.

11. Study Session Items

- (a) Grand Connection Sequence One: Guidelines and Standards Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA)

City Manager Miyake introduced discussion regarding the Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) for the Grand Connection Sequence One Guidelines and Standards.

Emil King, Assistant Director, Community Development Department, said the Grand Connection is envisioned as one of Bellevue's key placemaking features and is an important component of building a livable city and supporting economic development and mobility. He said certain elements are already under construction, including the Downtown Park Gateway on Bellevue Way.

Liz Stead, Land Use Director, Development Services Department (DSD), said that DSD has been working with the Community Development Department for several years to develop the Grand Connection guidelines and standards LUCA. She noted that some projects have already started using the guidelines. She said the proposed guidelines and standards provide clear direction for applicants, and the LUCA incorporates open space and pedestrian corridor guidelines, which are currently a separate section, into the overall Land Use Code. Ms. Stead said staff is seeking Council direction to prepare the LUCA for final action at a future meeting.

Radhika Moolgavkar, Planning Commission Chair, said the Planning Commission received two informational briefings regarding the LUCA (January 22 and June 24) and held two study sessions (March 10 and March 24). A public hearing was held on April 28. She said the commission discussed and supported elements within the LUCA and related ideas for projects and activities along the Grand Connection route, including opportunities for acknowledging cultural sensitivities, incorporating universal design elements, identifying new ideas for activation of the corridor, and fostering a safe environment for all users. The Planning Commission discussed and expressed support for emphasizing cultural diversity with artistic elements (e.g., acknowledgement of Japanese-American and Indigenous histories). The commission suggested increased signage throughout Bellevue to direct residents to the Grand Connection.

Chair Moolgavkar said the Planning Commission found that the Grand Connection Sequence One LUCA meets the decision criteria of Land Use Code 20.30J.135 and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, enhances the public safety and welfare, and is not contrary to the best interests of the residents and property owners in Bellevue. The commission unanimously recommended (with two commissioners absent) that the City Council adopt the Grand Connection Sequence One Guidelines and Standards LUCA without modification.

Michael Austin, Community Development Senior Planner, recalled that the Council adopted the Grand Connection framework plans for Sequence One in 2017 and Sequence Two in 2018. He said the City is already collaborating with a number of active projects in the downtown to ensure that the guidelines are feasible for upcoming projects. Potential implementation strategies for the development of the Grand Connection include activation, wayfinding, I-405 lid, civic center, Meydenbauer Bay Park, Downtown Park, Eastrail integration, mobility studies, future LUCAs, arts, and events.

Mr. Austin said Sequence One extends from Meydenbauer Bay Park and Old Bellevue to the transit center at NE 6th Street, and Sequence Two extends across I-405. He highlighted the route of the Grand Connection, including its link to the Eastrail. He said the objectives of the LUCA are to: 1) implement the applicable elements of the Grand Connection Framework Plan and Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA), 2) update the Pedestrian Corridor and Major Public Open Space Design Guidelines and the Land Use Code to reflect the Grand Connection vision, and, 3) remove redundant guidelines and simplify the content where possible.

Mr. Austin said that guidelines and standards are the tool for implementing the goals and values of the Comprehensive Plan. They provide a common language to enable efficient dialogue and review between the public, City and developers for potential and active projects, and they strive to promote design excellence in the community. Mr. Austin provided brief examples of how design guidelines address elements throughout the corridor.

Mr. Austin highlighted the LUCA process that began in January 2020, including stakeholder briefings, focus groups, and testing the guidelines with active projects. He said the Planning Commission received two briefings in 2020, held two study sessions in March 2021, and held a public hearing on April 28 before voting to recommend the City Council's adoption of the LUCA.

Kristina Gallant, Code and Policy Senior Planner, highlighted the outreach and public engagement process based on Process IV requirements in LUC 20.35. She said the framework plans in 2017 and 2018 provided the structure for the Sequence One LUCA. She noted the involvement of stakeholders, internal and external focus groups, the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), the Transportation Commission and the Parks and Community Services Board.

Ms. Gallant said the LUCA is reflected in LUC Section 20.25A.175, Grand Connection and Major Public Open Spaces. She highlighted the proposed policy language regarding the purpose of the project and of major public open spaces, as well as the Grand Connection guidelines and standards addressing the ecological framework, artistic elements, fixtures, paving, colors, etc.

Ms. Gallant noted key “rooms” along the Grand Connection including Old Bellevue, Downtown Park, Bellevue Way business district, Compass Plaza, and the garden hill climb to the transit center. She said the room-specific design guidelines illustrate how they could be achieved and allow for quick reference by the design teams.

Ms. Gallant highlighted a number of conformance amendments to integrate the proposed LUCA section and ensure consistency with the Downtown Code, provide amendments to definitions, change the right-of-way designation for a section of 102nd Avenue NE, and to correct cross-references and provide clarifications.

Ms. Stead said staff is seeking Council direction to prepare the Grand Connection Sequence One Guidelines and Standards LUCA for final action during a future meeting.

Councilmember Barksdale, liaison to the Planning Commission, thanked the commission for their thoughtful discussion and consideration of the proposed LUCA. He thanked staff for their work and commented in support of the rooms model reflected in the Grand Connection plan. He encouraged discussions about cultural sensitivity and diversity and about public safety in mass gatherings.

Mac Cummins, Director of Community Development, said there are a number of ways staff could address inclusivity in physical spaces and design with the Council. He suggested exploring and discussing a number of placemaking, economic and cultural development strategies.

Councilmember Robertson noted the detailed suggestions from the BDA and requested a follow-up response from staff. Ms. Stead confirmed that staff would follow up with more information. Responding to Ms. Robertson, Ms. Stead noted the challenge of developing code language to integrate the different elements of the Grand Connection, especially for properties that are not currently candidates for redevelopment.

Councilmember Stokes said he traveled to Denver in 2012 during his first year serving on the Council and was introduced to the grand connection concept. He noted the opportunities for redevelopment and for highlighting diversity and artistic elements. He expressed support for the LUCA and thanked staff and the Planning Commission for their work.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis thanked staff and the Planning Commission for moving this work forward. Responding to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Ms. Gallant said the key stakeholders involved throughout the public process included property owners along the Grand Connection. Mr. Austin recalled that there was a high degree of community involvement in the past development of the framework plan, as well as throughout the recent process.

Responding to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Ms. Stead confirmed that the Grand Connection will accommodate pedestrians and bicycles. Mr. King said that Sequence One reflects a low cycling speed consistent with the pedestrian activity in the area. He noted the potential for alternative higher speed bike connections in the downtown as well.

Councilmember Zahn expressed support for the vision and for the design standards and guidelines. She encouraged the infrastructure (e.g., electrical) to support performances in open spaces and expressed an interest in more information regarding micro mobility. She expressed support for universal design and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Ms. Zahn thanked the Planning Commission and staff for their work with the community.

Ms. Stead said that open spaces are typically developed to include electrical power and other infrastructure elements needed to activate the public spaces. She commented on the holistic approach to accessibility reflected in the concepts of universal design.

Mr. King said there have been discussions about micro mobility throughout the downtown, and staff is exploring how the Grand Connection planning could fit in with those efforts.

Mr. Cummins said there are opportunities to involve the Transportation Department in coordinating capital investments that affect property development along the Grand Connection, as well as opportunities for public-private partnerships. He concurred with Councilmember Zahn's suggestion to provide electricity and other infrastructure to support public events and performances.

Councilmember Lee thanked staff for moving the Grand Connection planning process forward and noted that it will connect to the Wilburton and BelRed areas as well. He encouraged a focus on diversity, inclusion, and fostering a sense of community. He expressed support for the recognition of local Japanese-American history and other cultural histories. He encouraged flexibility, a global vision, human scale experience, and a celebration of our rich culture. He encouraged the study of similar projects around the world.

Mayor Robinson expressed support for moving forward. She complimented staff for including universal design and accessibility considerations. She said the Grand Connection will provide safe pedestrian and bicycle routes throughout the downtown and to connect with other neighborhoods and the Eastrail. She said the project will transform the community.

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to direct staff to prepare the Grand Connection Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) ordinance for final action at a future meeting.
Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

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

At 7:55 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared a short break. The meeting resumed at approximately 8:05 p.m.

(c) Smart Cities: Program Overview and Transportation Element Update

City Manager Miyake recalled that the Bellevue Smart plan was adopted in 2017 and the Bellevue Smart Mobility Plan was adopted in 2018. He said the last Smart Cities update was on June 24, 2019, with a focus on the connectivity element.

Andrew Singelakis, Director, Transportation Department, introduced staff's presentation regarding the Smart Cities program and transportation policies.

Chris Long, Traffic Engineering Manager, recalled that the City adopted its first Smart City vision in 2014. The Council approved the Smart City approach in 2015 and the Smart City Strategy for the 2017-2018 budget. The Bellevue Smart plan was approved in 2017. He noted the desired Smart City outcomes of livability, sustainability and resiliency.

Mr. Long described the six Smart City elements: 1) Connectivity (consumer services and communications infrastructure), 2) Transportation (safe and efficient mobility), 3) Public Safety (integration of infrastructure, services, agencies and personnel), 4) Water, 5) Buildings (improvements to enhance performance and energy efficiency), and 6) Energy.

Mr. Long recalled the release of the Smart Mobility Plan in 2018 and introduced Daniel Lai to provide additional information.

Daniel Lai, Senior ITS Engineer, Transportation Department, said the Smart Mobility Vision is to use innovation and partnerships to deploy emerging technologies that enhance the safety, sustainability, efficiency and accessibility of Bellevue's transportation system. He highlighted the traffic camera expansion project, noting that the installation of cameras at signalized intersections was nearly 100 percent complete. He said the technology helps staff monitor traffic conditions and supports other City functions as well (e.g., provides views of certain streams throughout Bellevue). He said the City shares the data with business partners to enable them to develop video analytics technology.

Mr. Lai described the winter response fleet automatic vehicle locator (AVL) project, which was implemented during the 2021 winter snow event. The project is a tool to track the locations of City assets and equipment involved in responding to winter weather events. He said the program increased operational efficiencies in the deployment of plows and other equipment.

Mr. Lai described the fiber optic inventory project, which is an interdepartmental partnership with the Information Technology (IT) Department. He said the project provides a new tool that allows the City to document its thousands of miles of fiber infrastructure in Bellevue to operate transportation systems and parks facilities, and to share with other partners including the Bellevue School District (BSD) and Overlake Hospital Medical Center. The tool improved response times to outages and provided the opportunity to share fiber infrastructure with local and regional partners.

Mr. Lai said the live video traffic map was implemented in 2020. It improves real-time traffic visibility and enhances the current view of road conditions during winter events. He said that work related to the Autonomous Vehicle Strategic Vision will begin during the second quarter of 2021 to evaluate industry and agency AV readiness. This effort will involve significant engagement with local businesses, industry, and regional partners. Mr. Lai highlighted staff's use of travel time data platforms to evaluate the performance of the adaptive traffic signal system.

Mr. Lai said he is working with Franz Loewenherz, Senior Planner, on the Crossroads Connect micro mobility project. The program provides an on-demand transit option for East Bellevue residents and connects to Metro's frequent transit network. The project was implemented in October 2020 and was funded through a grant from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) with King County Metro and other partners. Mr. Lai said the Crossroads Connect service launched a program to provide rides to vaccination sites, which generated an increase in overall ridership.

Chris Iverson, Transportation Engineer, described the curbside management pilot projects and future planning. He said that curb management refers to the use of space at the nexus of land use and transportation. He said the increase in rideshare companies, as well as the pandemic-related increase in restaurant delivery and takeout during the pandemic, highlight the need for curbside management and safe mobility solutions.

Mr. Iverson described two curb management pilot partnerships held in 2019: 1) Department of Energy grant project; partners included the University of Washington Urban Freight Lab, City of Bellevue, City of Seattle, and the Pacific Northwest National Lab, and 2) the Smart Cities Collaborative. The objective of the grant project was to explore solutions that reduce fuel consumption by freight vehicles by making delivery routes more efficient.

Under the Smart Cities Collaborative, Bellevue was selected along with the cities of Boston and Minneapolis to participate in the pilot project to explore curbside technologies that improve safety and efficiency. Mr. Iverson noted that the program was modified due to the COVID pandemic. However, the City continued to pursue a curbside performance assessment. The City worked with multiple vendors offering camera solutions marketed as being able to track the arrival and departure of curbside vehicles. Five vendor systems were identified and studied through three assessment periods. Mr. Iverson said a final report will be issued this summer. He said the project provided a great opportunity to work with staff from dozens of cities around the country. The two products of the Smart Cities Collaborative are the COVID and Curb Report and the development of universal curb language and standards. Mr. Iverson said the pandemic significantly changed curbside activity with increased food pickup zones, curbside dining, and Healthy Streets designations.

Mr. Iverson said that usage of the curb should be controlled by local public agencies, and access to curb usage should be equitable to individuals from all backgrounds. He said the data derived from the pilot projects should be open and publicly owned, transferable and clearly communicated.

Mr. Iverson highlighted the anticipated completion of the Curbside Performance Assessment report this summer, ongoing curb technology pilot projects, and the initiation of the development of the curb management plan in late 2021.

Mr. Long said there will be future Smart City updates from other departments in anticipation of a review and modest update of the Bellevue Smart plan in 2022.

Mayor Robinson thanked staff for the presentation.

Councilmember Lee noted his longtime advocacy of transportation technologies and innovation. He thanked staff for the significant achievements through the Smart Cities program and encouraged private-public partnerships.

Councilmember Zahn thanked staff for the presentation and noted that their efforts have earned a Digital Cities award for the City multiple times. She expressed support for the availability and sharing of data. She noted that the Council recently updated its vision and priorities and added innovation, sustainability and equity as three additional values. She wondered whether, as the City considers equity elements, there are certain parts of the community that should be given more attention related to technology and innovation. She said it is important to ensure that there is equitable access, geographically and financially, to the use of technology. Ms. Zahn encouraged the development of more partnerships.

Mr. Long said the Crossroads Connect program is one example of an effort to enhance equity in access to transportation and mobility options. He said the pilot program is currently funded through August. He concurred with the Council's interest in continuing to explore new partnerships.

Councilmember Robertson observed that the theme of the evening seems to be connectivity and quality of life, as reflected in the Grand Connection and Smart Cities initiatives. She praised the benefits of the adaptive traffic signal systems and other technology enhancements. She said she is proud of the City and the Council for the accomplishments related to the use of technology.

Responding to Ms. Robertson regarding the timing of the curbside management plan, Transportation Director Andrew Singelakis said staff anticipates initiating the development of the curbside management plan by the end of the year and completing the plan in 2022. The plan will provide a set of guiding principles to help staff prioritize the potential curb uses. Councilmember Robertson said she believes it is important to address curbside management as development continues in the downtown.

Councilmember Barksdale expressed support for the consideration of curbside management strategies, including outdoor dining. Referring to the app used by the Crossroads Connect service, Mr. Barksdale suggested a feature to provide feedback on the reduction in carbon emissions represented by their usage of micro transit.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis thanked staff for the presentation. He commended Mr. Lai for providing real world examples of how Bellevue's Smart Cities technologies benefit residents. He noted his interest in the curbside management program. He asked about the goals of the Crossroads Connect pilot project and what will be considered when deciding whether to extend the program beyond August. He asked whether a similar transit shuttle program might be helpful in other areas of Bellevue.

Mr. Lai said the City is tracking a comprehensive list of performance measures as part of the Crossroads Connect project. A performance monitoring report will be delivered to the State upon the completion of the pilot program in August. Mr. Lai noted that the metrics encompass

ridership, trips per hour, equity, sustainability, and other topics. Mr. Lai said the Crossroads Connect service was initially launched within a small geographic area. However, the service was expanded to cover the entire East Bellevue area east of I-405. Mr. Lai noted discussions with the City of Redmond about future partnerships.

Councilmember Stokes thanked staff for the thorough presentation and noted that Smart Cities initiatives have been implemented relatively quickly over the past few years. He noted the City's collaborations with other jurisdictions. Mr. Long said the City will engage with the State's autonomous vehicle working group. He said that King County Metro and the City of Seattle are interested in Bellevue's efforts in this area. Mr. Long noted that City staff were assisted by City of Issaquah staff in developing the winter storm response AVL system.

Responding to Mr. Stokes, Mr. Long said that developing the curbside management plan will be challenging, especially with the increased demand once employees start returning to office buildings for curbside access for employer shuttles and other micro transit.

Mayor Robinson praised the enhancements on Main Street to support local restaurants.

Ms. Robinson suggested that the Crossroads Connect program provides better service than Metro's Access service, which requires long windows to wait to be picked up. Mr. Lai said that requests for Metro Access service are now forwarded to the Crossroads Connect service if the travel falls within their service area.

Mayor Robinson thanked everyone for their participation.

12. Land Use: None.

13. Other Ordinances, Resolution, and Motions

(a) Resolution No. 9943

City Attorney Kathy Gerla said that proposed Resolution No. 9943 authorizes the funding and hiring of outside legal counsel for the East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC). On April 26, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 6575, which established minimum parking requirements for certain housing near frequent transit service. The EBCC voted to disapprove the ordinance on May 4. However, portions of the ordinance are required by the state Growth Management Act.

Ms. Gerla said the City Attorney's Office normally represents both the EBCC and the City. However, there is now a conflict of interest between the EBCC and the City such that the City Attorney's Office can no longer represent both. The EBCC is in need of separate legal counsel to advise them in this matter. Resolution No. 9943 provides funding in a sum not to exceed \$40,000.

Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. Gerla for the overview.

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve Resolution No. 9943, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

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

14. Unfinished Business: None.

15. New Business: None.

16. Adjournment

At 9:02 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC
City Clerk

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