

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Study Session

November 21, 2016
6:00 p.m.

Council Conference Room
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Stokes, Deputy Mayor Chelminiak¹, and Councilmembers Lee, Robertson, Robinson, Slatter, and Wallace

ABSENT: None.

1. Executive Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m., with Mayor Stokes presiding. There was no Executive Session.

Mayor Stokes indicated that Deputy Mayor Chelminiak requested the Council's approval to participate in the meeting via speakerphone.

- Councilmember Lee moved to allow Deputy Mayor Chelminiak to participate remotely for the evening's meeting. Councilmember Slatter seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

2. Study Session

- (a) Discussion of Preliminary 2017-2018 Operating Budget and 2017-2023 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan

City Manager Brad Miyake said the purpose of the discussion of the Preliminary 2017-2018 Operating Budget and 2017-2023 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan is to provide the opportunity for Council questions, input, and requests for additional information. He said the third and final budget public hearing would take place during the later Regular Session.

¹ Deputy Mayor Chelminiak joined the meeting at 6:19 p.m. via speakerphone.

Interim Finance Director Toni Call highlighted the Council actions that will be required to adopt the budget, which includes Human Services and Community Development Block Grant funding ordinances, property tax legislation, the 2017 Substantial Need resolution, Utility Rate ordinance, Development Services Fee ordinance, and 2017-2018 Budget umbrella ordinance.

Ms. Call referenced the budget balancing spreadsheet, which is a tracking tool for Finance staff to compile Council requests amending the preliminary budget.

Responding to Councilmember Wallace, Ms. Call suggested that, as the Council considers additions to the budget, the Council should indicate how it would like each item to be funded. Ms. Call said the four primary options for considering Council requests are to: 1) fund from reserves or Council contingency fund, 2) reduce another project expenditure, 3) not fund the item, or 4) provide other direction.

Councilmember Wallace suggested focusing on the \$1 million Council contingency as a funding source for adding items.

Councilmember Robertson noted that the Parks and Community Services Board is recommending items that are not currently in the budget. Ms. Call said she is not aware of requests from any of the other boards or commissions.

City Manager Miyake noted that the Council may choose to retain the Council contingency fund for future consideration and emerging needs.

Responding to Councilmember Slatter, Ms. Call said Council contingency funding includes approximately \$7 million in the Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan and \$1 million in the operating budget.

Responding to Councilmember Robertson, Ms. Call said the Eastside Pathways expenditure is budgeted on an annual basis.

[Deputy Mayor Chelminiak joined the meeting via speakerphone at 6:19 p.m.]

Ms. Call noted the proposed allocation of \$150,000 for a multicultural center feasibility study and diversity programming plan. This work would include an inventory and mapping of current City facilities as well as public outreach.

Councilmember Robertson observed that there are two key issues: 1) multicultural programming, and 2) whether a separate center is needed. She said the City provides multicultural programming throughout Bellevue in a number of facilities. She suggested looking at the programming needs and how they might be met by existing facilities before committing to a separate facility.

Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran confirmed that a number of culture-specific events are held at City facilities, churches, and other venues. However, the intent of the

multicultural center is to bring cultures together and to have inter-cultural activities and educational programs. He said the latter programming does not currently exist in the community.

Councilmember Robertson said she would like a full understanding of the need for the facility before adding a budget item in the CIP Plan. She suggested that City staff explore the issue and/or work with the Parks and Community Services Board for initial evaluation and conversation.

She recalled Council discussions during previous years about the anticipated need for another community center in Bellevue. She does not support pursuing a multicultural center until first completing an inventory of City facilities and programs.

Councilmember Slatter questioned the number of multicultural programs held over the past 1-5 years, the list of countries that were represented, and the event venues. She expressed support for the concept of inter-cultural programming and events. However, she observed that community functions include participants representing a variety of cultures (e.g., Strawberry Festival, culture-specific music and dance events, etc.). She concurred with Ms. Robertson's suggestion to defer the \$150,000 budget item until an internal inventory is completed.

Councilmember Lee said the City has expressed its commitment to the strength in diversity and to welcoming the world. He said it is important to provide event space to enable immigrants to feel welcome. He acknowledged that Bellevue already has a number of programs and events. However, more space is needed to facilitate education and collaboration across cultures. He observed that the participants at current cultural events tend to represent one specific culture. He encouraged events that bring cultures together. Mr. Lee expressed support for adding the \$150,000 feasibility study to the budget.

Councilmember Robinson acknowledged Mr. Lee's comment about collaboration and Ms. Robertson's comment about programming versus facilities. Ms. Robinson suggested that City Hall and other public buildings could function as centers for multicultural programming. She questioned the need for the \$150,000 budget request to complete an inventory of current facilities and programs.

Mr. Foran suggested that the first step would be public outreach to identify programs and events requested by the community. He said dedicating City staff time to this effort is a workload issue. He said consultants would be needed to translate the programs into space needs. Responding to Councilmember Robinson, Mr. Foran said the \$150,000 would be used for those activities.

Councilmember Wallace observed that there are many projects within the Parks levy package as well as other parks items funded through REET (Real Estate Excise Tax) revenues. He said 2016 REET collections were stronger than budgeted, and he questioned whether some of that money could be dedicated to the multicultural center feasibility study. He acknowledged that a limited-term employee or a consultant could help advance the work.

Mr. Wallace concurred with his colleagues' earlier suggestions to first assess how existing City facilities could be used to achieve diversity goals. He noted past discussions about the demand for a new senior center, which he does not see as a lesser priority. The two types of centers are equal priorities that are raised by the community on an ongoing basis.

Councilmember Wallace said he would like to look at existing City facilities to determine how they could be used to achieve the goals of a multicultural center. He would like to look at Parks levy projects as well to determine whether opportunities consistent with those goals are available. He would like the evaluation to include an analysis of senior/community center needs as well.

Mayor Stokes said a number of community groups have communicated to the City about the lack of performance space in Bellevue. Residents' interest in a senior center has recurred as well. He suggested working with the City's diversity team.

Mr. Stokes observed that City Hall and other City buildings provide good opportunities for hosting events. He is not convinced that a new building is critical for providing the desired programming. Mr. Stokes said it is important to address needs and encourage collaboration before constructing a building. He supports conducting an initial study before committing to a multi-million dollar facility.

Councilmember Robertson observed that every public building in Bellevue is a multicultural center.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak agreed that all of the City's buildings are multicultural facilities and expressed support for Councilmember Lee's comments about bringing groups of different cultures together. Mr. Chelminiak suggested that the initial study address space and programming aimed at finding ways to bring cultures together. He is not convinced that a new building is needed.

Responding to Mr. Chelminiak, Mr. Foran said the current Parks levy expires in 2028.

Councilmember Slatter thanked Councilmember Lee for his advocacy of a multicultural center. She said the City has expanded its diversity program and staff. Ms. Slatter said she is the Council liaison to the Special Events Committee and she has had the opportunity to see groups in need of event space. She expressed support for the objective of infusing multiculturalism throughout the community. She questioned the elements of the proposed study.

Ms. Slatter said she likes the idea of incorporating senior adult programs. Ms. Slatter observed that government will not be defining culture, but that culture happens organically. She said individuals will come together and identify needs. She encouraged that the City infuse multiculturalism through the Grand Connection, Eastside Rail Corridor, and other projects.

Councilmember Lee said the public has already been expressing its needs, and the City knows what the community wants. The City knows there is a shortage of event space, and there is no

facility to bring cultures together. He observed that a new study will not result in any new conclusions, and he would like to move forward with planning a facility.

Moving on, Mr. Foran described the request by the Eastside Pathways program for increased support of \$200,000 per year. He described how the program brings social services agencies together to generate greater benefit to the community. He commented on the history of the program, which was based in part on the City's Wrap Around Services Program in schools.

Mr. Foran said the Council recently approved approximately \$10 million in the City's human services fund to 40-50 organizations, and 37 of those agencies are partners in the Eastside Pathways program. Mr. Foran said the Eastside Pathways program enables organizations to be more productive and effective by working together. He said the program recruits and trains volunteers who participate on 11 teams or collaboratives focused on specific goals.

Mr. Foran said the Eastside Pathways program creates a data framework to facilitate the work of the service providers that have established goals, outcomes, and indicators in specific collaborative work groups. The data is compiled and reported in a way to be useful to social services agencies. He said the report is similar to the City's Human Services Needs Update and is used by organizations to align their activities and services and to pursue grants. The Eastside Pathways program produces an annual report and recently created the interactive tableau dashboard.

Mr. Foran said Eastside Pathways partners are working together to be competitive in applying for county grants under the Best Starts for Kids program. Eastside Pathways was involved in the Highland Village housing issue and was able to encourage the Bellevue School District to reinstate family connection centers through additional investments in Eastside Pathways partnerships. The Eastside Pathways racial equity team is working with the City and others to address needs and issues as well.

Ms. Call said Eastside Pathways is requesting \$200,000 annually from the City.

Councilmember Slatter noted that this is one of the Council Priorities. She observed that Eastside Pathways provides a framework for enhancing the effectiveness of community organizations. She expressed support for the data collection and dashboard tool to focus on issues and to create solutions that can be measured. Ms. Slatter said she has heard Eastside Pathways presentations and she likes the idea of adaptive leadership. She observed that the request is worth supporting.

Responding to Ms. Slatter, Mr. Foran said Eastside Pathways will apply the \$200,000 to continuing and expanding training programs for the partnership and for the facilitators of the collaboratives. He said funds will also be used to enhance data compilation and reporting and to recruit other organizations into the partnership.

In further response to Ms. Slatter, Mr. Foran said 48 percent of Eastside Pathways funding currently comes from individuals, which is not likely to be sustainable. The goal is to increase support from foundations, businesses, and public agencies.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak said he believes strongly in the collective impact model utilized by Eastside Pathways. However, he would like the program to demonstrate how the money is spent and how it achieves outcomes. Two key issues are whether the program is improving the cradle to career capabilities for children in Bellevue and how the program can become more sustainable without relying on funding from the City.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak expressed support for the funding request but noted that it is a fairly significant increase in financial support. He would like to determine whether the partner agencies view the Eastside Pathways program as an asset in providing their services.

Councilmember Robinson said she sees the value of the collaboration and data collection. She would like Eastside Pathways to study the impacts of housing instability on educational achievement. She observed that this will be valuable information as the City works to address affordable housing.

Responding to Councilmember Wallace, Mr. Foran confirmed that this is a grant request to be funded in the Operating Budget. Mr. Wallace questioned why the request did not come through the regular human services funding process. Mr. Foran said the genesis of the request was its inclusion in the Council work plan for supporting the Eastside Pathways program. Mr. Foran said it supports all of the organizations that apply for funding through the City's human services grant process.

Mr. Wallace expressed support for Eastside Pathways. However, he would prefer to see an increase in the human services budget and to allow the Human Services Commission to determine the best use of additional funding. He questioned the basis for the specific dollar amount.

Mayor Stokes said the Human Services Commission does not necessarily fund the same amount for specific projects or organizations on an ongoing basis. However, Eastside Pathways funding provides long-term, consistent support for organizations involved in the collective impact effort.

Councilmember Wallace expressed his concern that, with the individual requests that are received, the City will be distracted from its core governmental functions by funding organizations based on whether they are liked by the Council and City staff. He said there are additional community budget requests that fall into this same category. He would like to be able to explain the rationale for meeting funding requests received by the City.

Councilmember Lee concurred with Councilmember Wallace's concerns and comments. However, Mr. Lee said the Council is in a leadership position to commit to programs consistent with the City's priorities. He is willing to support the current funding request and would like to know whether and how the program is making a difference in the community, including with regard to addressing multiculturalism.

Mr. Lee observed that successfully integrating multiculturalism is currently the biggest challenge facing the country. He questioned the basis for the dollar amount requested.

Councilmember Robertson observed that the Council and the community support the Eastside Pathways program. She questioned whether this is the type of request that would compete well if it had gone through the regular human services funding process.

Mr. Foran said it likely would not have competed well because the Human Services Commission's decision criteria is more focused on direct human services. The Eastside Pathways proposal funds the backbone that brings the organizations together to work collaboratively. That function is not typically represented in the Human Services Commission's strategies or funding applications. Mr. Foran said one question to consider is whether the City would be doing this work anyway.

Councilmember Robertson observed that, if the proposal is approved for the 2017-2018 Budget, funding from the City is not guaranteed to continue beyond that point. She concurred with Deputy Mayor Chelminiak's request for an evaluation and report on the meaningful progress and added value of the program. She opined that, if funded in the 2017-2018 Budget, it would be appropriate to send it to the Human Services Commission for a review, and to perhaps use human services funds for the request.

Mr. Robertson expressed concern that the two options for funding the request, as indicated in Attachment A in the meeting packet, are to reduce an existing expenditure or to fund through the use of reserves or Council contingency funds. She said she will support the current request but would want more information for continuing funding beyond the 2017-2018 Budget. She would like to see Eastside Pathways' plan for achieving sustainability.

Moving on, Ms. Call noted the Council request for funding to study the potential for providing parental leave for employees. Staff recommends deferring the consideration of funding until the mid-biennium budget. She said the item is reflected in the Council's "memory bank" list and work plan.

Ms. Call said the Council requested a recommendation from staff regarding whether to restore the year-round operation of certain park restrooms. Staff recommends discontinuing the seasonal closures at five of the 17 park locations affected by the recession, at an annual total cost of \$20,000.

Responding to Councilmember Robinson, Mr. Foran said there are no negative impacts related to keeping the restrooms open.

Responding to Councilmember Wallace, Ms. Call said the restroom operations would be funded through the Council contingency fund unless the Council provides alternate direction. Councilmember Robertson questioned why it would not be funded in the regular Parks operating budget. Mr. Foran said \$20,000 would need to be reduced in another service or program.

Moving to the next item, Ms. Call said the Guan Yin water feature was discussed by the Council during the last mid-biennium budget update. At that time, the Council directed staff to identify options to modify the water feature around the statue. The current budget request is to provide a moving water feature through an expenditure of up to \$150,000, depending on negotiations with Sound Transit about the impacts of the light rail project on the City Hall Plaza.

Nora Johnson, Director of Civic Services, said the water feature envisioned by staff, in response to Councilmember Lee's request, is an enlarged basin with water falling into the basin. This is larger than the original design.

Responding to Councilmember Wallace, Ms. Call said the project consists of a one-time cost in the Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan and ongoing annual costs in the operating budget.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak said he would prefer to not use contingency funds for restoring park restrooms operations. He would like to see staff able to manage the budget to incorporate that function within the Parks Department's operating budget. Councilmember Robertson concurred.

Mr. Chelminiak observed that, while the Council is making decisions tonight, the Council and staff will need to go back to balance the use of the Council contingency fund. He suggested moving forward with the water feature at the \$150,000 level, recognizing that final decisions depend on how the project comes together and how much money is available.

Councilmember Robinson concurred with Mr. Chelminiak regarding the water feature. She said the statue is a wonderful gift to Bellevue and it is important to maximize its beauty and meaning to the community.

Councilmember Robertson expressed support for Option 3 in Attachment B: expanded pool with tiered waterfall. She would prefer the scenario that involves a \$50,000 change order with Sound Transit versus the scenario with an estimated expenditure of \$150,000. Councilmember Wallace said he believes the City can achieve a good solution without spending \$150,000.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Ms. Johnson said staff will negotiate a change order with Sound Transit and the contractor. However, she recommends allocating the higher dollar amount if that option is not feasible. Mr. Lee noted that moving water is an important element because it symbolizes life and vibrancy.

Responding to Councilmember Slatter, Ms. Johnson said maintenance costs are estimated at \$5,000 annually.

Councilmember Wallace said he is opposed to spending \$150,000 on an item previously discussed and decided by the Council. He believes a good solution can be achieved without the additional allocation, given that there are two large related line items. Mayor Stokes confirmed that the Council decided one year ago to not add the water feature.

Moving to the next item, Ms. Call recalled that the Council expressed interest on November 14 in a solid waste study to explore options beyond the current contract with King County. Staff recommends designating \$150,000 from the solid waste fund reserves, with no rate impact, to conduct the study.

Mayor Stokes noted a Council consensus in support of the solid waste study item.

Ms. Call described a Council request for \$50,000 to support the local TechHire program in focusing to enhance diversity and inclusion in the technology sector.

Dan Stroh, Planning Director, said this is a one-time request. The purpose is to support training of local residents for the higher-income technology industry jobs. He noted that Attachment C outlines the Office of Economic Development's plan to implement the City's support. Potential initiatives include apprenticeships, job fairs, and partnering with Eastside Pathways. Mr. Stroh said TechHire is a national initiative.

Councilmember Slatter thanked Councilmember Robinson and Councilmember Lee for bringing the proposal forward and expressed her support.

Councilmember Robinson said the TechHire investment provides opportunities for federal grant funding to partner with Bellevue College and to create educational programs for veterans and other individuals to prepare them for local tech jobs. She noted projections of 12,000 new tech jobs in Bellevue over the next two years.

Councilmember Lee said he takes no credit for the proposal, and he thanked Councilmember Robinson for her work to bring it forward. He questioned whether regular economic development funding could be used for this initiative. Staff said they will bring back more information.

Mr. Wallace thanked Mr. Lee for the question and said he would like to see how it fits with the City's economic development strategy.

Moving to the Grand Connection proposal, Mr. Stroh said funding is provided in the preliminary CIP Plan to begin early implementation of the project. However, there has been a request for an additional \$1.5 million, over two years, to advance the branding and identity of the Grand Connection project. The funds would facilitate further design refinement and potentially make the project competitive for grant funding. He noted that elements of the project, including the raised intersection crossings, are relatively expensive.

Councilmember Robertson expressed support for the proposal, noting that the expenditure is in the out years of the CIP Plan. She observed that the Grand Connection is linked to tourism and economic development, and she questioned whether TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax, or hotel/motel tax) collections could be used for the project. Ms. Call said staff will evaluate that option for the future.

Councilmember Slatter encouraged the consideration of combining funds from different sources for the Grand Connection as well as other projects.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak expressed support for the funding request. He suggested that elements of the Grand Connection project could be combined with other Downtown Livability Initiative items in the future.

Councilmember Wallace said the preliminary budget reflects \$500,000 for 2017, \$1 million for 2018, and \$500,000 for 2019. He suggested increasing the amount for 2019 to \$1 million and providing \$1 million for 2020. Responding to Councilmember Slatter, Mr. Wallace suggested solidifying the plan in 2017 and implementing early wins from 2018 through 2020.

Ms. Slatter questioned whether Mr. Wallace envisions adding other dollars (e.g., tourism, economic development, public art) to the project plan. Mr. Wallace said he and Deputy Mayor Chelminiak previously discussed that it would be helpful to have certain funds allocated to early wins.

Mayor Stokes thanked Deputy Mayor Chelminiak and Councilmember Wallace for working with staff to discuss the Grand Connection proposal.

Moving to the Eastside Rail Corridor proposal, Ms. Call described a Council request for a one-time \$500,000 item to support the design of key crossings and connections in the Wilburton segment of the corridor. This is in addition to \$2 million currently in the CIP Plan.

Transportation Director Dave Berg recalled the City's ongoing interest in the NE 8th Street crossing. The requested funds could potentially be used to leverage with partners (i.e., Sound Transit, King County) to advance design of that crossing. Other connections suggested by the community include one from Spring Boulevard to the ERC.

Mr. Berg noted that grant funding would potentially be available for those projects. He said King County plans to remove the rails and install gravel from Bellevue to Renton next year. The requested funds could be used to establish temporary connections between arterials and the ERC as the public starts using the trail.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak observed that the dollars provide the flexibility for creating safe connections between the trail and city streets. Responding to Councilmember Slatter, Mr. Chelminiak agreed that the neighborhood transportation levy could be a source of funding for providing connections as well. Mayor Stokes said the Council will discuss the use of levy funds early next year.

Councilmember Wallace clarified that the dollars provide design work. Responding to Mr. Wallace, Mr. Berg confirmed that King County is driving the design of the trail.

Moving on, Ms. Call described a request for \$50,000 to benefit the continuation of squash programs: West Coast Junior Squash Showcase, Juniors Squash tournaments, Bellevue Squash

Classic, and Junior Squash Program. She noted the letter from a citizen in Attachment C of the meeting packet.

Councilmember Lee said he supports the request as a multicultural program. He said Bellevue has the best squash players in the world and supporting the support is good for families and the community.

Councilmember Slatter said she was a competitive fencer in college and participating in a sport helped her develop leadership and other skills. She said the squash world championship competition was recently held in Bellevue. She would support providing funding. However, she would want to know the public benefit of the expenditure. She observed that it is similar to other programs that foster leadership and a healthy community (e.g., programs for underprivileged youth, TechHire program, Jubilee Reach, etc.). However, it is important to have clarity about the criteria for responding to this type of request.

Councilmember Robertson questioned the public benefit of funding squash programs versus other sports. She does not support the request.

Councilmember Robinson questioned the focus on squash versus skate parks and other youth activities. She questioned whether the City has collected data on the level of participation in the sport versus other sports. Ms. Call said that analysis had not been completed.

Mayor Stokes said there have been conversations about addressing sports in general. However, he said there should be a more thoughtful and deliberate approach to considering whether to provide funding toward sports. Ms. Slatter suggested discussing the topic at the next Council retreat.

Mr. Lee reiterated that the sport is multicultural, and it is innovative compared to other more traditional sports.

Ms. Call described two community requests: Pacific Northwest Ballet and the Housing Development Consortium. She highlighted the criteria used by the Council in considering community requests, as provided in Attachment D of the meeting packet. The requesting organization must have a sustainable long-term financial model and a clearly defined public benefit. The request should provide for City involvement in financial oversight and the funds must be used for a facility or its operations, not for fundraising activities.

Mr. Stroh said the Pacific Northwest Ballet facility is identified as a feature of the BelRed District and a potential anchor for the cultural district the City would like to foster in that area. The current facility is displaced by the Sound Transit light rail project and is an asset for Bellevue. The organization is requesting funds to use for its new facility.

Councilmember Robinson said there is a tremendous value in having PNB in Bellevue. She said the organization has worked hard to be in Bellevue and it has struggled with Sound Transit. She observed that it is incumbent upon the City to support the relocation of their facility.

Councilmember Wallace said that providing the requested funding feels premature, and he sees it as a response to fixing a problem caused by Sound Transit. He said it is the responsibility of Sound Transit, not Bellevue taxpayers, to resolve the problem. He suggested considering financial assistance next year, after the City learns more about the project and its specific plan and needs.

Councilmember Robertson concurred with Mr. Wallace's comments about the timing. She observed that, if approved in the budget, the City would conduct a process of negotiating with PNB, examining the public benefit, and addressing other issues before transferring funds. Responding to Ms. Robertson, Ms. Call said PNB's submittal indicates construction by September 2017.

Ms. Robertson concurred with Mr. Wallace that Sound Transit caused the problem and the agency should resolve it. However, she supports PNB as an important resource in the community. She is inclined to be supportive, contingent on negotiations and the demonstration of public benefit. Ms. Call confirmed that a funding agreement would be developed before funds would be transferred to PNB.

Responding to Councilmember Slatter, Ms. Call said PNB's request references the Council's decision criteria. However, Ms. Call said the criteria would be examined in greater detail as negotiations move forward. Ms. Slatter said she would need more information and due diligence before expressing support.

Mayor Stokes said the Sound Transit project is not the only factor related to PNB's new facility. He said other factors include the need for more space and the timing of the move. He said the request could be considered at a future date, if desired.

Ms. Call said the Housing Development Consortium requests a transfer of \$1.5 million over two years to the Housing Trust Fund. The preliminary budget includes a 10 percent increase (approximately \$40,000) in the City's contribution to the fund.

Councilmember Robertson suggested deferring the request. She would like to hear the results of the City's Affordable Housing Technical Advisory Group (TAG) process before directing additional funds to a particular resource.

Councilmember Robinson said she agrees with the rationale of reserving the dollars pending the TAG's recommendations. Ms. Call noted that the Council contingency will continue to be available for future needs. Ms. Robinson said she would support granting the request because it demonstrates the City's commitment to affordable housing.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak said he looks forward to seeing, on November 28, the impact of the requests discussed this evening on the Council contingency fund. He would like to leave a decent amount in that contingency that can be used toward affordable housing in the future.

Councilmember Wallace said it appears that the funds would go to A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH). If so, the City's funding would need to be met with collaboration from other ARCH cities. He said the City is still working on a long-term plan to address affordable housing. He would prefer to defer the request and retain the funds in the contingency fund.

Mayor Stokes said the Council will review the overall budget on November 28 and take final action to adopt the budget on December 5.

At 7:59 p.m., Mayor Stokes declared recess to the Regular Session.

Kyle Stannert, CMC
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