

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

January 17, 2017
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Stokes and Councilmembers Lee, Robertson, and Robinson

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Chelminiak and Councilmember Wallace

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:12 p.m., with Mayor Stokes presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers except Deputy Mayor Chelminiak and Councilmember Wallace were present. Councilmember Robertson led the flag salute.

Mayor Stokes commented on the arson fire at the Islamic Center of the Eastside that occurred over the weekend. He said the incident does not appear to be a hate crime, and the person thought to be responsible for setting the fire was arrested. He said Fire Department crews were able to salvage holy books and electronic items. Mr. Stokes said the Police Department took the 70-year-old suspect into custody within seven minutes of arriving at the site. He had previous contact with the mosque and was arrested there for an assault last July.

Mr. Stokes said a news conference was held at City Hall on Saturday evening with Police Chief Steve Mylett; Fire Chief Mark Risen; and representatives from the FBI; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF); King County Prosecutor's Office; and the Islamic Center of the Eastside. Approximately 100 citizens attended as well. A community meeting with approximately 500 attendees was held on Sunday at Sammamish High School. Mayor Stokes said that he, Councilmember Robinson, former Councilmember Slatter, and others were in attendance.

Mr. Stokes said members of the Muslim community appreciate the support and donations from the many individuals who have offered assistance. Organizations are working with the Islamic Center to help them find temporary facilities for prayer services and educational programs. Mr. Stokes referred the public to the following web site for information on how they can help:
www.eastsidemosque.com.

Mayor Stokes thanked the first responders for their quick response to suppress the fire and arrest the suspect. He thanked Chief Mylett and Chief Risen for their leadership in the community. He thanked City Manager Brad Miyake and other City staff who reached out to the mosque and other members of the community. Mr. Stokes said the response to this incident demonstrates that Bellevue welcomes the world and diversity is our strength.

(a) National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day Proclamation

Mayor Stokes said it was brought to the Council's attention that January 9 was National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. He said the weekend's events further highlight the City Council's appreciation of its Police Department.

Mayor Stokes read the proclamation commending the dedication and sacrifice of Bellevue's law enforcement officers, and recognizing January 9 as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Bellevue.

Assistant Police Chief Patrick Arpin and Captain Andy Popochock accepted the proclamation. Mayor Stokes paused the meeting to take photos with the Police Department representatives.

3. Approval of Agenda

→ Councilmember Robertson moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

4. Communications: Written and Oral

(a) Sid Golenstane, President of the Sunset Ridge Homeowners Association, submitted a petition signed by more than 2,500 individuals opposed to the proposed Eastgate homeless men's shelter. Comments by individuals are attached to the petition. Mr. Golenstane said approximately 90 percent of the signers are Bellevue residents, and others are parents and grandparents of Bellevue College students.

(b) Lindy Bruce spoke in opposition to the Eastgate homeless men's shelter. She said that transit-oriented development (TOD) is an essential component for the economic viability of the Eastgate Land Use and Transportation Plan. She asked the Council to work toward the vision of that plan. She said the homeless shelter was originally a winter emergency shelter in the BelRed area. However, the project has become a year-round, low-barrier overnight shelter for 100 men with a day center for 125 men and permanent housing for 50-80 men. She questioned the funding source for infrastructure and increased services related to the project. She noted the lack of Comprehensive Plan amendments and Land Use Code amendments to support the siting of the shelter. Ms. Bruce expressed concern that one area of the community is expected to accept the impacts of the shelter. She asked the Council to establish a citizens advisory committee before moving forward with additional planning. Ms. Bruce submitted written comments.

- (c) Kathryn Kitchen spoke opposed to the Eastgate homeless shelter. She said the Congregations for the Homeless current intake form requires identification, a criminal background check, and that residents be drug and alcohol free. She said federal funding requires low-barrier entry to shelters in its Housing First approach, which requires the admittance of felons, addicts, and sex offenders. She said the proposed shelter is too close to students, parks, neighborhoods, and businesses. She noted the need for security and safety for shelter residents and the community. Ms. Kitchen said the current plan is incomplete and does not fully address the impacts to the community. She submitted her comments in writing.
- (d) David Schwartz spoke opposed to Puget Sound Energy's Energize Eastside project. He said PSE states that future energy demands will soon outstrip the current system's capacity. He questioned PSE's energy projections, noting that PSE's information on the City's web site indicates that energy usage continues to decrease. He spoke against huge infrastructure investments to allow time for further study of sensible energy alternatives and to fully vet PSE's proposal. Mr. Schwartz submitted his comments in writing.
- (e) Don Marsh, President of the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy (CENSE), said a study by a safety consultant analyzed the safety of building the transmission line over two high-pressure petroleum pipelines. The Willow 2 project alternative failed four of the four safety criteria. The Willow 1 alternative failed two of the four criteria. The consultant determined that the height of the transmission line poles must be increased to reduce risks. Mr. Marsh expressed concerns regarding the impacts on adjacent residences. He asked the Council to work with PSE to listen to residents' concerns and to provide answers to their questions. He submitted his comments in writing.
- (f) Claudia Browsers spoke in favor of the Eastgate homeless men's shelter and thanked the Council for supporting all of its citizens. She said Bellevue Police Department information indicates that the current winter shelter and day center have not increased crime. She has volunteered with both Congregations for the Homeless and Imagine Housing and knows their history of success in moving individuals out of homelessness. She said shelters provide a safe environment, and she is convinced that the Eastgate site is the best option. She encouraged the Council to move forward to eliminate homelessness in Bellevue.
- (g) Aaron Meyer, one of the Rabbis of Temple De Hirsch Sinai, spoke in support of the Eastgate homeless shelter. The temple has a religious school and preschool program. He said it is important for children to learn that the community will not turn its back on them if they become homeless due to job loss, addiction, or a financial crisis related to illness. He expressed support for the proposed shelter site adjacent to social and health services that will provide a safe facility for homeless men. He said the site is located near a number of religious institutions including First Presbyterian Church, the Mormon Temple, and St. Andrew's Church. He said it is important to not leave the homeless men alone.

- (h) Vicki Clinton spoke in opposition to Bellevue College's request to waive compensation related to a street vacation located at 145th Place SE and 26th Street. She said the property is valued at \$750,000-\$800,000. She questioned whether the City is giving consideration to the property owners adjacent to the proposed street vacation. She said the college is offering to provide bike facilities in exchange for the City waiving compensation for the street vacation. However, there is no bike path leading to the street vacation location. She said the college continues to encroach into the neighborhood and to take properties. She expressed concern that the City is neglecting the two neighborhoods bordering the college. She noted that students frequently park in the neighborhood due to the lack of sufficient parking on campus. Ms. Clinton is opposed to waiving the street vacation fee, which will benefit students and the college at the expense of residents.

Councilmember Robertson noted that the Council will hold a public hearing on the street vacation item on February 21.

- (i) Betsi Hummer spoke against Bellevue College's request for a street vacation and a waiver of the related compensation fee. She said she researched previous street vacations, the current application, and the college's future plans. She recommended that the Council require that the college pay due compensation for the street vacation. She said the 2003 street vacation was valued at \$400,000, and the City received \$250,000 for that parcel. The City received more than \$100,000 for the 2005 street vacation. She said those actions set precedent for the receipt of compensation in exchange for street vacations to the college. Ms. Hummer said her understanding is that the fees are used toward the purchase of properties as needed by the City. For the current street vacation proposal, the City proposed that the college promise to help in providing a bike path in lieu of paying \$800,000. Ms. Hummer said the college has planned to expand into the Sunset Ranch neighborhood since 1966, and current plans extend into the neighborhood to the east. She said the college will request four more street vacations in the future, which she estimates at a value of \$6.4 million. Ms. Hummer said the City has other priorities for the use of the funds. She thanked the Council for its discussion of the issue during the previous week's meeting and for delaying the public hearing to allow time for further consideration and public input. She thanked Councilmembers for their public service.
 - (j) Vicky Clarke, Cascade Bicycle Club, thanked the City for its leadership in developing new transportation options in Bellevue, including the Eastside Rail Corridor and Grand Connection. She said additional improvements will be possible through the neighborhood transportation connectivity and safety levy approved by the voters in November. She encouraged continued development of the bicycle transportation network in Bellevue. She thanked the Council and requested the funding of bike projects during the first two years of the levy implementation.
5. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions: None.
 6. Report of the City Manager

- (a) Update regarding Bellevue College Street Vacation and Request to Waive Compensation

City Manager Brad Miyake said a management brief regarding the Bellevue College street vacation and request to waive compensation is provided in the meeting packet. The document outlines staff's enhanced public outreach on this topic, including a community meeting prior to the February 21 public hearing.

Staff will continue working with the college and will pursue a legal opinion as requested by the Council in preparation for the public hearing.

- (b) The Changing Face of Bellevue: Update on Community Demographics

Mr. Miyake noted that this topic was discussed during the earlier Study Session.

- 7. Council Business and New Initiatives: None.

- 8. Consent Calendar

→ Councilmember Robertson moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 4-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Council Minutes:

- Minutes of November 21, 2016 Study Session
- Minutes of November 21, 2016 Regular Session
- Minutes of November 28, 2016 Extended Study Session
- Minutes of December 5, 2016 Study Session
- Minutes of December 5, 2016 Regular Session
- Minutes of December 12, 2016 Study Session
- Minutes of December 12, 2016 Regular Session

- (b) Resolution No. 9216 authorizing execution of a five-year professional services contract with Systems Design to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) patient transport billing services, in an amount not to exceed \$389,500.
- (c) Ordinance No. 6338 related to a residential parking zone; establishing Residential Parking Zone 18; and delegating authority to the City Manager or designee to establish time-limited parking or time of day restrictions for vehicles without a Zone 18 permit on an as needed basis on various streets in the Eastgate neighborhood.
- (d) Resolution No. 9217 authorizing execution of a four-year agreement with Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. (Sedgwick) to provide workers'

compensation claims administration services, in an amount not to exceed \$480,000, plus tax, if applicable.

- (e) Resolution No. 9218 authorizing execution of a three-year professional services agreement in the amount of \$240,000 with the option to renew annually for an additional two years at the same rate of \$80,000 a year or \$160,000 for both years with Aon Risk Insurance Services West Inc. The total amount not to exceed \$400,000 plus any applicable taxes for the five year period, for the purchase of the Aon Risk Insurance Services West Inc. brokerage services.
 - (f) Ordinance No. 6339 approving a mediated settlement and authorizing amendment of the 2017-2023 Utility Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plans by decreasing the Sewer Pump Station Improvement Project (CIP Plan No. S-16) in 2017 by \$210,000 and increasing the East Central Business District Sewer Trunk Line Improvement Project (CIP Plan No. S-52) in 2017 by \$210,000.
 - (g) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period November 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
- 9. Public Hearings: None.
 - 10. Land Use: None.
 - 11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
 - 12. Unfinished Business: None.
 - 13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
 - 14. New Business: None.
 - 15. Executive Session: None.
 - 16. Adjournment

At 8:55 p.m., Mayor Stokes declared the meeting adjourned.

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