

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

April 3, 2017  
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Stokes, Deputy Mayor Chelminiak, and Councilmembers Lee, Robertson, Robinson, and Simas

ABSENT: 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 Councilmember Wallace were present. Deputy Mayor Chelminiak led the flag salute.

(a) State of the County – King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn

King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn provided an update on King County activities. The 2017-2018 budget totals \$11.4 billion, which includes \$1.6 billion in the general fund. The budget preserved the helicopter and marine units. Bellevue projects funded include \$5,000 for the South Bellevue Community Center, \$5,000 to the Parks and Community Services Department, \$2,500 to the Bellevue School Foundation, and \$100,000 for the Coal Creek Trailhead project.

Mr. Dunn said the new Factoria transfer station is open. He expressed concern that, if the Houghton station in Kirkland closes as scheduled, the majority of that traffic will go to the Factoria station. He is working with the Solid Waste Division to study those impacts and to consider alternatives and mitigation.

Councilmember Dunn said King County Metro is planning for the significant ongoing population increase. Bellevue is served by 25 Metro and Sound Transit routes. The 2017-2018 budget expands service hours for nine of those routes as part of the increase in 300,000 regional service hours. The budget also provides additional transit police and safety precautions, including traffic cameras.

Councilmember Dunn said he chairs the King County Flood Control District, which completed \$500 million in infrastructure projects to protect levies, homes, lives, and properties. He said 94 percent of the dollars levied by the District are applied directly to projects. He noted an \$8 million program to reduce flooding and enhance fish passage on Coal Creek. The Willowmoor project on Lake Sammamish will mitigate periodic increases in the lake level that damage docks and the shoreline and will also restore the historic Sammamish River that formerly flowed through the valley. The District also provides \$600,000 for Factoria Boulevard, near the QFC store, to address flooding of Richards Creek.

Mr. Dunn said the County budget provides \$1 million and an additional van for the KidsQuest Museum in Bellevue.

Councilmember Robertson said she appreciated Councilmember Dunn's interest in keeping the Houghton transfer station open, if possible. She said she knows Councilmember Balducci supports that as well. Ms. Robertson said she heard that the Houghton station would close for a month or so this summer. She expressed concern that the observed impacts on the Factoria station might not be accurate because traffic is lighter in the summer, with schools closed and people away on vacation. She suggested closing the Houghton station for a pilot period in the fall to more accurately assess the impacts. Councilmember Balducci noted that the closure has been postponed until 2018.

Ms. Robertson said she appreciates the preservation and enhancement of Metro bus service. She is concerned about the impacts of the upcoming closure of the South Bellevue Park and Ride, and encouraged Metro to coordinate with Sound Transit to minimize disruptions to Bellevue commuters. Councilmember Dunn noted that Deputy Mayor Chelminiak is now an alternate member on the Regional Transit Committee.

Councilmember Robertson expressed support for the Willowmoor project. She said it will create a beautiful public amenity, enhance fish passage, and mitigate flooding. She said the key to its continued success will be proper ongoing maintenance. Councilmember Dunn concurred with the importance of proper maintenance. He noted that, when the County cleared the existing vegetation, flooding was alleviated for approximately 18 months. He said the other problem throughout the county is beavers. When relocated, they return relatively soon and rebuild structures that block waterways.

Councilmember Lee said he is an alternate member for the King County Water Quality Committee. He thanked Councilmember Dunn for his public service on behalf of Bellevue. Mr. Lee complimented the past service of Jennifer Dunn, Mr. Dunn's mother.

Mayor Stokes thanked Councilmember Dunn for his service. Mr. Stokes said he has enjoyed working with Mr. Dunn through the King County Flood Control District. Mr. Stokes thanked the District for the Willowmoor project and for working with the Cities of Bothell and Redmond with regard to restoring Sammamish River. Mr. Stokes thanked Mr. Dunn for the County's support of Coal Creek projects and the KidsQuest Museum. Mayor Stokes said he is happy to have two King County Councilmembers who work well together to represent Bellevue's interests.

Councilmember Dunn said he appreciates working with Councilmember Balducci, who is a great asset to the King County Council.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

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

4. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Tu Li Davenport spoke opposed to the Eastgate shelter location. She said Congregations for the Homeless has failed to show relevant successes from other shelters. She noted that churches who are vocal proponents of the Eastgate project do not want it at their churches. She expressed concern about safety and potential federal reductions in social services funding. She said the due diligence reports leave unanswered questions. She expressed concern about people living in RVs parked throughout Bellevue. She noted that the Eastgate social services offices are closed on weekends. She concurred with Councilmember Robertson's comments and questions during the earlier Study Session. Ms. Davenport said residents acknowledge the need for a homeless shelter. However, they want it located away from schools, day care centers, and neighborhoods.
- (b) Tzachi Litov said he has served as the Board Chair of a local nonprofit organization serving homeless youth, was the Executive Director of a local synagogue, and is currently the Clinic Director for a mental health facility in Bellevue. He was also a combat medic in the military. He spoke in support of the community members who believe homelessness is an issue that demands attention. However, there is disagreement about placing a low-barrier homeless shelter in the Eastgate area. He noted Mayor Stokes' comments the previous week and opined that the Mayor is taking the community's reactions personally. Mr. Litov expressed concern that Mr. Stokes shared information from Nextdoor.com. Mr. Litov suggested that the Council and City staff have not done their due diligence. He noted a study indicating that monthly housing costs in a Housing First program were \$2,400 less per person than those costs in conventional city shelters, like the proposed Eastgate facility. He suggested that the City consider other options, and noted that he has worked with the homeless population for many years. Mr. Litov submitted his comments in writing.
- (c) Jared Nieuwenhuis noted that he is a member of the Parks and Community Services Board. However, he was speaking as an individual. He said he serves on the Boards of The Sophia Way and LifeWire, two organizations that assist women experiencing homelessness. He said it is critical to maintain the 100-bed shelter capacity for men. However, he understands the concerns of the Eastgate neighborhood and lives in Lake Hills. He said it would be difficult to mitigate the impacts of the proposed shelter in that area, and he suggested using the Sound Transit light rail Operations and Maintenance

Satellite Facility (OMSF) site for the shelter project. He said the men's winter shelter was previously at that location. He said Sound Transit is obligated to provide a certain amount of affordable housing. He said there is currently no residential development around the Sound Transit site. He asked the Council to direct staff to explore the viability of the OMSF site and to compare it to the Eastgate site.

- (d) Tanya Franzen Garrett said she lives in South Bellevue and she supports the proposed Eastgate shelter. She concurred with Councilmember Lee's comments during the earlier Study Session that the City needs to understand the costs. She said Bellevue is projected to continue to grow significantly, and the number of homeless individuals will increase as well. She said many homeless people in the community are out of sight and need help. She thanked the Council for their efforts and acknowledged that the Council cannot accommodate everyone's needs and preferences.
- (e) Rich Lindsay expressed support for the proposed Eastgate shelter and housing project. He shared his experience with homelessness following a serious illness. He said the Congregations for the Homeless shelter provided a safe place to sleep and eat, as well as good support to rebuild his life. He will be moving into independent permanent housing at the end of the month. Mr. Lindsay said he never observed any illegal drug or criminal activity in the shelter. He said the men in the shelter are all trying to recover from bad circumstances. He said there is peer pressure among shelter residents to succeed and move out of the shelter. He invited everyone to visit the existing shelter and noted that he will work as a volunteer with CFH when he moves out.
- (f) Ann Schroeder Osterberg spoke in favor of the Eastside men's shelter and supportive housing. She is a retired senior adult living in the Northtowne neighborhood, a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, and a development committee member for both Imagine Housing and The Sophia Way. She encouraged the City to partner with two experienced Eastside nonprofit organizations. She supports the City's decision to include permanent housing and services with the shelter to create a path for people to move out of homelessness. She acknowledged that the Council has a difficult task. She suggested establishing a stakeholder group and moving forward with the project.
- (g) Don Marsh observed that it does not appear Michelle Hilhorst will be reappointed to the Planning Commission. He said she has done a good job representing Bellevue residents and neighborhoods. Mr. Marsh said residents appreciate the Council's transparency on this issue.
- (h) Valerie Barber, representing the Newport Hills Community Club, thanked Mayor Stokes and Councilmembers for their diligence in preserving Bellevue's quality of life and vibrant economy. She thanked the City for its work on the Coal Creek trailhead. She expressed support for reappointing Michelle Hilhorst to the Planning Commission, noting that she has demonstrated a commitment to residents' interests. Ms. Barber said Ms. Hilhorst fully reviews information, supports the City's planning processes, and works in a fair and transparent manner. She submitted a written recommendation as well.

5. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions: None.
6. Report of the City Manager: None.
7. Council Business and New Initiatives

Mayor Stokes proposed, given the high level of community interest in the shelter issue, that the Council consider suspending the rules for oral communications during the April 17 meeting to allow five speakers on each side of a topic.

- Councilmember Robertson moved to suspend the Council rules for oral communications at the April 17, 2017 Regular Session to allow an additional 30 minutes of oral communications to accommodate five speakers on each side of the Eastside men's shelter topic, in addition to the regular 30 minutes allowed for oral communications on any topic. Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

(a) 2017 Reappointments to Bellevue's Boards and Commissions

Mayor Stokes noted the Council liaisons' recommendations for Council reappointments to the City's Boards and Commissions. The terms are four years and an individual can serve only two terms. Mayor Stokes read the list of Council liaisons and their recommendations for reappointment:

Arts Commission – Philip Malkin (Mayor Stokes, Liaison)

Human Services Commission – Olga Perelman (Councilmember Robinson, Liaison)

Parks and Community Services Board – Stuart Heath (Councilmember Robertson, Liaison)

Councilmember Robertson noted comments during oral communications regarding Michelle Hilhorst, who serves on the Planning Commission. Ms. Robertson clarified that reappointments to the Planning Commission are not currently under consideration. She suggested the confusion stems from an incorrect reference in the agenda memo to the Planning Commission. Ms. Robertson said further reappointments will be coming forward at a later date.

- Councilmember Robertson moved to approve the reappointments as set forth in the Agenda Memo and stated by the Mayor, with terms ending May 31, 2021. Deputy Mayor Chelminiak seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak said the consideration of reappointments to the Transportation Commission and Planning Commission will be presented to the Council in the future.

8. Consent Calendar

- Councilmember Robertson moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Deputy Mayor Chelminiak 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  
Minutes of January 19-21, 2017 Council Retreat  
Minutes of March 13, 2017 Extended Study Session  
Minutes of March 20, 2017 Study Session  
Minutes of March 20, 2017 Regular Session
  
  - (b) Resolution No. 9249 authorizing execution of a General Services contract with Pacific Studio, for fabrication, delivery, and installation of the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center Interpretive Exhibits, in an amount not to exceed \$105,918 plus applicable taxes.
  
  - (c) Resolution No. 9250 authorizing approval of the ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) 2017 Administrative Budget and Work Program as recommended by the ARCH Executive Board.
  
  - (d) Resolution No. 9251 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the Imagine Housing 30Bellevue low-income apartments in the amount of \$356,084, as recommended by the ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) Executive Board.
  
  - (e) Resolution No. 9252 authorizing execution of the Emergency Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Bellevue and Bellevue School District.
  
  - (f) Motion to award Bid No. 17013 for Midlakes Force Main CIPP to Road Construction Northwest, Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive, bidder in the amount of \$405,170 plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. S-66).
  
  - (g) Ordinance No. 6349 amending the 2017-2023 Utility Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plans by decreasing the total 2017-2018 available budget for the Sewer Pump Station Improvements Program (CIP Plan No. S-16) by \$375,000 and increasing the 2017 budget for the Sewer System Pipeline Replacement Program (CIP Plan No. S-66) by \$375,000.
  
  - (h) Motion to award Bid No. 17014 for Phase 2, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system upgrades at City Hall to MacDonald Miller Facility Solutions, Inc. as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$113,106.86 plus applicable taxes.

- (i) Resolution No. 9253 authorizing execution of a contract with FCI Custom Police Vehicles, for installation of emergency lighting, sirens, and equipment in City of Bellevue Police and Fire Department vehicles, in an amount not to exceed \$228,310.50, plus applicable Washington State sales tax.
  - (j) Resolution No. 9254 authorizing execution of Amendment 3 to a Technical Services Agreement with ManageForce Corporation for technical services and staffing that increases the “not to exceed” contract amount to \$504,000, plus all applicable taxes.
  - (k) Resolution No. 9255 authorizing execution of Amendment 3 to increase the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. by \$202,916 for a total contract amount of \$2,721,595, plus all applicable taxes, to advance design on the NE Spring Boulevard roadway improvements, Zone 1, 116th Avenue NE to 120th Avenue NE (CIP Plan No. PW-R-172), and 120th Avenue NE to 124<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Zone 2, (CIP Plan No. PW-R-173).
  - (l) Resolution No. 9256 authorizing execution of amendments to all fixed price or not to exceed amount contracts, purchase orders and other written commitments (Agreements) meeting specified criteria to pay the applicable sales tax increase going into effect on April 1, 2017.
  - (m) Ordinance No. 6350 authorizing amendment of the 2017-2023 Utility Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plans by decreasing the total 2017-2018 available budget for the Sewer Pump Station Improvements Program (CIP Plan No. S-16) by \$600,000 and increasing the 2017 budget for Meydenbauer Bay Park Sewer Line Replacement Project (CIP Plan No. S-69) by \$600,000.
  - (n) Resolution No. 9257 authorizing execution of Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Professional Services with K&L Gates to increase the total contract amount from \$150,000 to \$300,000 to provide on-call utility regulatory legal advice.
  - (o) Resolution No. 9258 authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for the Imagine Housing Esterra Park low-income apartments in the amount of \$213,883, as recommended by the ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) Executive Board.
9. Public Hearings: None.
10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications

- (a) Betsi Hummer welcomed Councilmember Simas to the City Council. She said she appreciates the thorough consideration being given by the Council regarding the men's homeless shelter. She expressed support for Jared Nieuwenhuis' suggestion to explore the OMSF site as a potential location, as well as Councilmember Robertson's suggestion to study the Lincoln Center site. Ms. Hummer thanked the Council for its responsiveness to the community in addressing issues.
- (b) Stephanie Walter thanked the Council for its thoughtful deliberation on the shelter during the earlier Study Session. She does not believe there is an anti-shelter sentiment in Bellevue. She would like further discussion regarding available data as well as additional data that is needed. She said she has heard statistics on success rates, but they are not backed with data. She said residents want the shelter to have no impacts on surrounding neighborhoods. She said there are places in Bellevue that are not developed and would be more appropriate sites. She questioned the plan to wedge the shelter into a neighborhood that has been in Bellevue for a long time. She expressed an interest in the costs of the shelter project as well.

Councilmember Robertson noted Jared Nieuwenhuis' earlier comments and said she would like an analysis of the OMSF site for the men's shelter as well. She recalled there is a parcel that was not considered a strong candidate for commercial development. However, it might be perfect for this type of use. She would like the site to be evaluated along with the Lincoln Center site.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak requested information on the stakeholder group and Sound Transit's current plans for the site.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 9:04 p.m., Mayor Stokes declared the meeting adjourned.

Kyle Stannert, CMC  
City Clerk

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