

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

February 5, 2018
8:00 PM

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Robertson

1. Call to Order

Mayor Chelminiak called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers except Councilmember Robertson were present. Deputy Mayor Robinson led the flag salute.

3. Approval of Agenda

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

4. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Warren Halverson, a Bridle Trails resident speaking on behalf of the Canter Green Homeowners Association, encouraged the Council to involve residents in neighborhood subarea planning this year. He commented on new and emerging technologies for electrical power. He noted his support for bike facilities in Bellevue.
- (b) Qiu Min Ji expressed concerns regarding the hidden cybernetic human body system and the misuse of technology. She left written materials for review by the Council.
- (c) Vic Bishop thanked staff for including his letter regarding the bicycle demonstration project in the meeting packet. However, he noted that the attachment providing more

details on the six issues he raised was not included. He said he is a strong advocate of the Downtown transportation system. He expressed concern regarding the potential loss of vehicle traffic lanes for bike lanes. He said the Transportation Commission spent three years developing the multimodal level of service (LOS) standards and guidelines. He encouraged the Council to review that document, which addresses significant policy issues including bicycle infrastructure. He noted that he was speaking as an individual and not as a representative of the Transportation Commission.

Mayor Chelminiak noted that Mr. Bishop's attachment was included with the email to the Council.

- (d) Debra Westwood, King County Library System, said one of her goals for 2018 is to connect better with elected officials. She said Bellevue has four libraries: Downtown, Lake Hills, Newport Way, and Crossroads shopping center. She noted that, in 2017, Bellevue residents checked out more than 494,000 items from the Newport Way library/ The library issued more than 1,200 library cards, and nearly 216,000 people visited the library during that year. The Newport Way library is the ninth busiest library in the King County Library System. Ms. Westwood said the library provides English-language programming for children and families as well as weekly play and learn sessions in Mandarin, weekly sessions for new English-language speakers who want to practice their skills, and library materials in a number of languages (i.e., Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Spanish). Ms. Westwood said the Newport Way library is partnering with the City of Bellevue's Neighborhood Mediation Program this month to initiate classes on listening, resiliency, cross-cultural communication, and having difficult conversations. The program is intended to enhance civic engagement and community connections. Ms. Westwood thanked Marcia McReynolds, Mediation Program Co-Manager, for working with the Newport Way and Lake Hills libraries to provide the programs. She submitted copies of the Newport Way library monthly program calendar and said she will return in the future to highlight the other libraries in Bellevue.
- (e) Christopher Machielse, a Downtown resident, expressed support for the Downtown bike demonstration project. He said he appreciates the Downtown Park, transit connections, and the ability to use his bike most of the time. He noted the opportunities to stop at businesses along bike routes in Kirkland and Redmond, which is not possible with the bike infrastructure in Downtown Bellevue. He said the new SR 520 bike facility is a great way to access Bellevue, and the Eastside Rail Corridor trail will increase the number of bicycle commuters, including to the REI headquarters.
- (f) David L. Allen thanked the City for moving forward with the bike demonstration project. He lives in Woodridge and appreciates the trail system. He said bike facilities contribute to a healthy lifestyle, safer environment for bikes and vehicles, and economic benefits. On 9th Avenue in New York City, local businesses experienced a 49 percent increase in retail sales after installing a bike lane. The installation of bike facilities has also correlated with an increase in property values in some communities.

- (g) Will Knedlik acknowledged the need for more rail and bus rapid transit (BRT) service, park and ride lots, and increased highway capacity for BRT. He expressed concern that bike lanes will take roadway capacity away from vehicle travel. He said it is important to understand the impacts of bike lanes on curbside uses including autonomous and electric vehicles. He said the City has taken roadway lanes that were partly funded through monies dedicated exclusively for highway purposes. He said the City should think about how it will repay that money to the State Constitutional Trust created by the 18th Amendment if the bike lane is extended beyond a pilot project.
 - (h) Glen Buhlmann said he lives in Seattle, works at Microsoft, and has two children who live in Kirkland. He is the leader of an employee bicycling group with 1,500 members. He said protected bike lanes make it safer for cyclists, pedestrians, and vehicles. He cautioned the City about its use of metrics when measuring the bike demonstration project. He said more cyclists will use bike lanes in Bellevue as the broader network is completed. He thanked the City for moving forward with the bike lane project.
5. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions: None.
6. Report of the City Manager
- (a) Language Access Resource

City Manager Brad Miyake said the U.S. Census reports that one in six Bellevue residents speaks English less than very well, and two of five residents over the age of five speak a language other than English at home.

Elaine Acacio, Diversity and Inclusion Program Administrator, described two new language access resource available to the public to encourage civic engagement and to enhance access to City services. She said the Bellevue School District reports that there are 99 different languages spoken at home by its students. She recalled that the Diversity Advantage initiative includes approximately 60 recommendations, and this program advances several of those recommended actions.

Ms. Acacio said audio transceivers that relay the voice of a live interpreter from English to another commonly spoken language in Bellevue are now available at municipal buildings, public meetings, and public events held by the City. Individuals may request an interpreter at least 48 hours in advance of a public meeting or event. The second resource is a list of toll-free phone numbers for assistance with any City service in Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, and Vietnamese. Individuals who speak other languages may contact Service First, 425-452-6800 to request an interpreter.

Deputy Mayor Robinson questioned how a non-English speaker will be able to request a language interpreter through Service First. Ms. Acacio said Service First can call the language line, which has interpreters available in more than 100 languages, to facilitate the call.

Responding to Councilmember Zahn, Ms. Acacio said culturally competent services refers to inclusion and providing opportunities for public participation. Ms. Acacio said the interpreters not only know the languages but are familiar with different cultures, which is helpful in navigating the translations. In further response, Ms. Acacio said staff has been working on outreach and promotional materials in different languages to publicize the newly available services. Those will be published on the City's website and in public facilities. She said a tutorial video will be interpreted in Spanish and Mandarin as well.

Mayor Chelminiak suggested working with the Seattle-King County Board of Realtors, who are likely to find this type of service helpful. He said a number of realtors specialize in working with individuals from certain cultures and languages. He suggested that perhaps they would be interested in paying for informational brochures to include in their real estate sales packets.

7. Council Business and New Initiatives

Mayor Chelminiak indicated that he, the Deputy Mayor, and potentially other Councilmembers will not be able to attend the February 20 Council meeting. He suggested cancelling the meeting to avoid the possibility of a lack of a quorum for that meeting.

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to cancel the February 20, 2018 Study Session and Regular Session. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Chelminiak announced that the Downtown Park project received the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA) Place Making Award for a public agency, and the Lincoln Square 2 development received a Place Making Award for the private sector. He highlighted key individuals involved in the development of the Downtown Park including Lee Springgate, John Ellis, Carol James, Cary Bozeman, Patrick Foran, Brad Miyake, and numerous Councilmembers over the years.

8. Consent Calendar

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Mayor Chelminiak highlighted the \$6 million grant for roadway construction on Spring Boulevard (120th Avenue to 124th Avenue), funding for two 124th Avenue NE projects, a \$667,000 grant for non-motorized improvements in the Eastgate area, and adoption of the Council's revisions to the multifamily tax exemption (MFTE) program.

→ 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 8, 2018 Extended Study Session

Minutes of January 16, 2018 Study Session
Minutes of January 16, 2018 Regular Session
Minutes of January 22, 2018 Extended Study Session

- (b) Resolution No. 9360 appointing a Board Member and Alternate Board Member to the Cascade Water Alliance Board of Directors.
- (c) Resolution No. 9361 authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$114,500, plus all applicable taxes, to develop conceptual design for 124th Avenue NE, NE 8th Street to NE 12th Street (CIP Plan No. PW-R-190).
- (d) Ordinance No. 6399: 1) authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation to accept up to \$667,111 in federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) funding to support construction of non-motorized-related roadway improvements on Eastgate Way; 2) amending the 2017-2018 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$667,111; and, 3) amending the 2017-2023 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Pedestrian and Bicycle Access and Connections Program (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-56) by \$667,111.
- (e) Resolution No. 9362 authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) to accept up to \$5,950,200 in state funding to support construction of roadway improvements on NE Spring Boulevard (Zone 2) from 120th Avenue NE to 124th Avenue NE (CIP Plan No. PW-R-173).
- (f) Resolution No. 9363 authorizing the City Manager to sign the Amended eCityGov Alliance Interlocal Agreement (ILA).
- (g) Ordinance No. 6400 relating to the Bellevue Multifamily Tax Exemption (MFTE) program and amending sections 4.52.050 and 4.52.090 of the Bellevue City Code (BCC); providing for severability, and establishing an effective date.
- (h) Resolution No. 9364 initiating vacation of a portion of SE 20th Street adjacent to 1858 128th Avenue SE; and setting a time and place for a hearing to consider such a vacation.
- (i) Resolution No. 9365 determining the anticipated shortfall in revenues for providing municipal services to the annexation areas of Eastgate, Hilltop, Tamara Hills and Horizon View (Eastgate Annexation Areas), setting a new threshold amount for the State of Washington fiscal year July 2018 to June 2019, continuing a sales and use tax, as authorized by RCW 82.14.415, Ordinance 6045 and Ordinance 6063 at the existing rate for such fiscal year; and authorizing

certification of the City's true and actual costs to provide municipal services to the annexed areas.

- (j) Resolution No. 9366 authorizing execution of a 25 year Wireless Communications Facilities Site Lease Agreement with three automatic five-year extensions with King County for installation of equipment related to the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) at Bellevue Fire Station #9 located at 12412 Newcastle Way, Bellevue Washington.
- (k) Resolution No. 9367 authorizing execution of all documents necessary to acquire a 10-year ingress and egress easement across private property located at 2436 West Lake Sammamish Parkway Southeast for access to a Sewer Utility lift station.
- (l) Motion to award Bid No. 17120 for Kelsey Creek Culvert Replacement to Interwest Construction, Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$2,065,289 plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. D-105).
- (m) Resolution No. 9368 authorizing execution of a General Services contract with Canber Corps for landscaping services at various streetscape sites for an initial two-year term in an amount not to exceed \$130,761, with the option to renew for an additional two years, for a total contract value of approximately \$261,522, plus any applicable taxes and State-mandated prevailing wage increase and/or City-approved special or unanticipated market condition that does not exceed the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U, Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton) for the most recently completed calendar year.
- (n) Resolution No. 9369 authorizing execution of documents necessary to partially release two water easements located at 4020 Factoria Boulevard, 12826 SE 40th Lane, and 4049 129th Place SE; and to fully release three water easements located at 4049 and 4101 129th Place SE, that have been declared surplus to the city's needs and are no longer required for providing continued public utility service; the granting and recording of such releases being deemed in the best interest of the public.
- (o) Resolution No. 9370 authorizing execution of an amendment of the contract between the City and Mills Meyers Swartling P.S. for legal services in the Sentinel Insurance v. City of Bellevue lawsuit in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.
- (p) Resolution No. 9371 authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc., in the amount of \$1,135,474, plus all applicable taxes, to prepare final design for 124th Avenue NE, NE 12th Street to NE Spring Boulevard (CIP Plan No. PW-R-169).

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 8:47 p.m., Mayor Chelminiak declared the meeting adjourned.

Kyle Stannert, CMC
City Clerk

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