CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

March 19, 2018 Council Chamber
8:00 PM Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Chelminiak called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers were present. Mayor Chelminiak 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 7-0.

Mayor Chelminiak noted that Agenda Item 2(c) from the earlier Study Session had been moved to Agenda Item 5(b) below.

4. Communications: Written and Oral

(a) Diane Woods, speaking on behalf of the Somerset Women for Medic 1, described the group's activities in support of the King County Medic 1 program including fundraising, tracking donations, and sending thank-you notes to donors. She invited the public to consider joining the group, which meets five times annually between September and April. The meetings include luncheons and game nights. Ms. Woods noted the upcoming bridge and luncheon benefit on April 24 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in the Eastgate area. She said more information is available on the Bellevue Fire Department website.

(b) Stefen Winkler, representing Ofo bikeshare, thanked the City for considering a bike share program in Bellevue. He cautioned that electric bikes might not be affordable for everyone and encouraged additional options. He expressed concern that the lack of options will jeopardize the program's success.

(c) David Allen thanked the Council for considering a bike share program. He said most employees are not willing or able to bring bikes to work with them but some will take advantage of a bike share service during the day. He said Bellevue has typically been supportive of environmentally friendly technology businesses. He expressed concern about potential government prohibitions against an environmentally friendly industry. He thanked the City for the protected bike lanes on 108th Avenue.

(d) Michael Stark spoke in support of the bike share pilot program. He said the ability to use a bike in the downtown would increase his mobility options. He noted the growing population of downtown residents who do not own a car. He expressed concern that the pilot program, with 400 bikes, is too limited, and he encouraged more options.

(e) Debra Westwood, Regional Manager for the King County Library System, noted that the Bellevue Regional Library at 1111 110th Avenue NE has a public bike repair station. She introduced the Makerspace program, which provides a library-operated workspace where people are invited to come together to learn, create, and collaborate. The new space will be located on the first floor of the library, and the public is invited to attend the opening on Saturday, April 14, at 10:30 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, a former NASA Astronaut who lives in Lake Forest Park.

(f) Heidi Dean, a Newport Hills resident, requested that the City require the developer of the Newport Hills shopping center to hold a large neighborhood meeting regarding the redevelopment of the center. She said the developer has not conducted extensive public outreach as indicated on their application. There are 2,500 homes in the neighborhood, and less than 100 residents have been contacted. When a different developer was interested in redevelopment in 2016, they held small group meetings to discuss their project. Ms. Dean said a larger group enables more residents to hear a broader range of questions and information and enhances the consistency of the developer's responses.

5. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions

(a) Bellevue Youth Link Board

Rachel Lau, Youth Co-Chair, and Katherine Jordan, Youth Link Board member, provided an update on the Youth Link Program. The 16th Annual Youth Involvement Conference will be held on Friday, March 23. The conference is an opportunity for middle school and high school students to develop their youth voice, and 300 youths are expected to participate.

Ms. Jordan invited the Council to Youth Link's annual gumbo night on Wednesday, April 18. The event is an opportunity for the City Council, Board and Commission members, and Bellevue

School District representatives to meet with Youth Link members in a casual setting to discuss priorities and issues.

Ms. Lau said Youth Link's 28th Annual Community Leadership Awards event will be held on Wednesday, May 30, in Bellevue City Hall. She invited Councilmembers to participate in presenting the awards.

Ms. Jordan said the 2018 priority of the Youth Link Board is youth homelessness. The Youth Link Board is partnering with local organizations to address the issue and to advance change. The Board looks forward to working with the Human Services Commission in this effort and is allocating a one-time grant award, up to $25,000, to support projects addressing youth homelessness in Bellevue.

Councilmember Zahn, Council liaison to the Youth Link Board, noted the importance of having an organization to provide leadership and civic engagement opportunities for youth. She said she looks forward to good work and innovative solutions from Bellevue's youth.

(b) Supported Employment Program *[From Study Session, Agenda Item 2(c)]*

City Manager Brad Miyake noted that the City's Supported Employment Initiative was introduced in 2016 through a partnership of the Human Resources Department and the Diversity Advantage Initiative. The City currently employs eight supported employees in six departments.

Joy St. Germain, Human Resources Director, commented on the City's commitment to full inclusion and to the principle that individuals with disabilities have the right to be employed by community businesses where they can earn comparable wages and work with others of all abilities.

Rebecca Su, Human Resources Analyst, noted the value of supported employment for the employees, their families, co-workers, and the community. She said approximately eight percent of Bellevue's residents have disabilities, and 38 percent of those individuals are age 18-64.

Kristin Headlee, Talent Acquisition and Staffing Analyst, said that supported employment program employees work in the City Attorney's Office, City Clerk's Office, Finance, Human Resources, Parks and Community Services, and Transportation. The positions have been customized to match the skills of the employees while meeting the City's needs. Examples of work include data entry, document scanning and shredding, filing, and greeting customers. Ms. Headlee said the program has received recognition including as honoree for the 2016-2017 Martin Luther King, Jr. City Manager's Award; Supported Employees Champions 2017; City of Bellevue Transportation Department Award from Puget Sound Personnel; and a nominee for the 2017 Employer of the Year by the Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment.

Erica Gilson, Puget Sound Personnel, thanked the Council for their commitment and ongoing support of the program that places adults with disabilities in rewarding positions within the City's departments. She expressed appreciation for the City's vision that promotes inclusion and diversity in the workplace. Ms. Gilson said the City of Bellevue is a model of workplace

inclusion for businesses and organizations in the region. She said Puget Sound Personnel has been a leader in supported employment for more than 35 years. She introduced Sara McIlvaine, Executive Director, and Cathy Ann Mallman, Operations Directors. Ms. Gilson said PSP provides all of the training and ongoing support needed to ensure employment success, at no cost to the City or the employees.

Ms. Gilson introduced Jesse Gillman, a City employee since January 2017, who is thrilled to be working in the City Attorney's Office. Mr. Gillman thanked the City for the opportunity to contribute to the organization and expressed appreciation for his co-workers. Jeff Gillman said his son and others have benefited from the City's wisdom of viewing each citizen as worthy of the opportunity to work and to contribute to their community. He thanked the Council for its leadership in supporting the program. Marcy Gillman said Jesse's employment with the City has enhanced his self-esteem as a productive and valued member of the community, and the experience has been meaningful and truly life-changing.

Mayor Chelminiak thanked the Supported Employment Program employees, Puget Sound Personnel, the families of employees, and City staff for their work and support. He thanked Jesse for his role in providing good service to his co-workers and the community. Mayor Chelminiak said the program reflects the Council's commitment to creating a sense of community and inclusion.

Deputy Mayor Robinson said we all benefit from having Jesse and his peers working with the City. She thanked the employees and everyone else who make the program possible.

Councilmember Lee said he is proud of the City's support of the program. He commended Jesse and his co-workers for their persistence and hard work.

Councilmember Stokes noted that the program exemplifies the strength of a diverse community in working together toward common goals.

Ms. St. Germain acknowledged Joe Tang and Hannah Anderson, who were in the audience, for their work with the City.

6. Report of the City Manager: None.

7. Council Business and New Initiatives

(a) Housing Development Consortium 2018 Municipal Champion Award

[Item was highlighted during the earlier Study Session.]

8. Consent Calendar

Mayor Chelminiak highlighted items on the Consent Calendar including funding for the Eastgate transportation study, a motion to award a bid for the raised intersection at 106th Avenue NE and NE 6th Street, and utilities projects.

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson 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:

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(b) Resolution No. 9385 authorizing the execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Concord Engineering, in the amount of $599,888, plus all applicable taxes, to conduct the Eastgate Transportation Study (CIP Plan No. PW-R-198).

(c) Motion to award Bid No. 18020, 106th Avenue NE and NE 6th Street Raised Intersection Project (CIP Plan Nos. PW-R-182 and CD-44) to Award Construction, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of $735,951.90.

(d) Resolution No. 9386 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Agreement with Balmori Associates to provide design and other related services for the development of design guidelines for the Grand Connection, in an amount not to exceed $125,000.

(e) Motion to award Bid No. 18012, Wetland Mitigation at Larsen Lake Project to mitigate wetland impacts from the 120th Avenue NE (Stage 3) project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-168) to Buckley Nursery Company as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of $223,548.65, plus all applicable taxes.

(f) Motion to award Bid No. 18004 for Wastewater Pump Replacement - Grange Pump Station to Harbor Pacific Contractors, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of $173,600 plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. S-16).

(g) Motion to award Bid No. 17073 for AC Water Main Replacement 2017 - Phase 3 to Earthwork Enterprises, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of $3,375,728 plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan Nos W-16 and W-67).

(h) Ordinance No. 6408 to vacate a portion of NE 12th Street lying just westerly of 120th Ave NE.

(i) Ordinance No. 6409 amending the Bellevue City Code to create a new Chapter 3.34 specific to the Bellevue Police Department; and establishing an effective date.

(j) Resolution No. 9387 authorizing execution of a contract with S&B, Inc. to provide services supporting the development of a Utilities Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Master Plan, in an amount not to exceed $200,000, plus all applicable taxes.

(k) Ordinance No. 6410 amending the Bellevue City Code to create a new Chapter 3.35 specific to the Bellevue Fire Department; and establishing an effective date.

(l) Resolution No. 9388 authorizing execution of a one-year extension and amendment of the General Services Agreement with Retail Lockbox, Inc., approved by the City Council on March 17, 2014, for an additional amount not to exceed $68,000 plus all applicable taxes, for the contract total not to exceed $266,000 plus all applicable taxes to cover the cost of the remaining term of the contract and any additional processing costs and to renew the contract for 1 additional term of 1 year upon the same terms and conditions.

(m) Resolution No. 9389 ratifying the 2017 Update of the Lake Washington-Cedar-Sammamish Watershed Chinook Salmon Conservation Plan for Watershed Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA 8).

(n) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018.

9. Public Hearings

(a) Public Hearing on the requested street vacation of a portion of SE 20th Street adjacent to 1858 128th Avenue SE

City Manager Miyake noted that the City is required to hold a public hearing in response to a request for a street vacation. He recalled the Council's adoption of Resolution No. 9364, which set tonight's public hearing. Public notice was issued in the newspaper, mailed to residents, and posted on the subject property. Staff is seeking Council direction on the requested street vacation following the public hearing.

Patti Ebert, Senior Real Property Agent, described the requested street vacation of a portion of SE 20th Street adjacent to 1858 128th Avenue SE. Seven City departments reviewed the request, and the Planning and Community Development Department noted a trail marker in the area to be vacated. Staff proposes two conditions: 1) the trail marker should remain in the right-of-way, and 2) additional survey work is needed to determine the potential need for a utility easement. Ms. Ebert said staff is seeking Council direction following the public hearing about whether to proceed with drafting legislation approving or denying the requested street vacation.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Ms. Ebert said the adjacent property owner is interested in acquiring the property to potentially create a short plat in the future.

Responding to Mayor Chelminiak, Ms. Ebert said the property will be appraised to determine the full market value to be paid by the requester.

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to open the public hearing, and Deputy Mayor Robinson seconded the motion.

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

No one came forward to comment.

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

Responding to Mayor Chelminiak, Ms. Ebert said the matter will come back for Council action in 2-3 months, if the Council chooses to move forward.

Councilmember Stokes noted that the applicant paid the required pre-hearing fee of $1,650 and will cover all related fees. Ms. Ebert confirmed that, if the matter moves forward, the applicant will pay the post-hearing fee of $1,100 as well as appraisal and related fees. The applicant will pay full market value for the property.

Responding to Mayor Chelminiak, Ms. Ebert confirmed that the applicant's property could be short platted into two lots now or after the completed street vacation. The possible purchase of the street vacation does not increase the development potential of the site.

Ms. Ebert asked the Council to provide direction regarding the criteria for moving forward to approve the street vacation, as outlined in Bellevue City Code 14.35.070. Mayor Chelminiak noted the criteria that the property is no longer required for public use. Ms. Ebert confirmed that the street vacation will not affect the trail or cause any change that will be noticeable to the public. In further response to Mayor Chelminiak, Ms. Ebert said there have not been any objections to the proposed street vacation.

Deputy Mayor Robinson questioned whether the street vacation will jeopardize the ability to install a sidewalk at the location, if desired in the future. Ms. Ebert said there is additional right-of-way that could accommodate a pedestrian path or sidewalk. In further response, Ms. Ebert said the action will not affect parking on the street.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Ms. Ebert said the current road will remain because the street vacation affects only a section of the adjacent grassy area.

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to direct staff to proceed with drafting legislation approving the requested vacation of a portion of SE 20th Street, because it is no longer required for public use. Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

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

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 9:06 p.m., Mayor Chelminiak declared the meeting adjourned.

Kyle Stannert, CMC
City Clerk

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