

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

August 6, 2018  
8:00 PM

Council Chamber  
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 8:08 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers were present. Mayor Chelminiak led the flag salute.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Chelminiak noted that the item regarding the Bellevue Smart Mobility Interest Statement was moved to the Regular Session.

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to approve the agenda, amended to add Agenda Item 6(a), Bellevue Smart Mobility Interest Statement. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

4. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Pamela Johnston commented on neighborhood area planning. She said it is important to consider both past changes and potential changes that affect a neighborhood. She encouraged a citywide approach, separate from neighborhood planning, for preserving and expanding the tree canopy.

- (b) Warren Halverson thanked staff for meeting with residents earlier in the day regarding the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) franchise agreement. He said energy usage is not increasing despite growth, and there are new and emerging technologies. He expressed concern regarding tree removals. Mr. Halverson said the City of Seattle has a customer review panel to ensure cost-effective, reliable service. He wished the Council a good August recess.
- (c) Lucy Liu expressed concern about allowing a low barrier men's homeless shelter in Bellevue. She noted the recent case of the elderly couple who were attacked by a homeless woman in their Bellevue home. Ms. Liu said there is a higher rate of mental illness within the homeless population, and they are not receiving help.
- (d) Karen Morris expressed concern regarding homeless individuals with mental illness. She said many are in need of professional help that goes beyond serving as a supportive counselor. She noted a number of violent crimes in Bellevue and elsewhere involving homeless individuals. She submitted her comments in writing.
- (e) Fiona Cofield said she attended the Council meeting three weeks ago that concluded the process for adopting the Homeless Services Uses Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA). She recalled that a speaker framed the issue as a matter of whether or not one has compassion for homeless individuals. Ms. Cofield encouraged the Council to continue operating a men's homeless shelter at the Lincoln Center site. She noted a lack of support for that shelter by certain faith-based organizations. She said it will be 3-5 years before a new shelter is operational. Ms. Cofield asked the Council to approve funding for upgrades to the Lincoln Center shelter, and to work with King County on prioritizing funding for homeless shelters through government grants and the current tax system. She submitted her comments in writing.
- (f) Lara Litov expressed concern regarding fire safety for men living in the homeless shelter. She said the Lincoln Center site should be brought up to the proper standards if it will continue to operate as a shelter. She expressed support for Councilmember Robertson's proposal for upgrading the facility.
- (g) Don Marsh said he lives in the Somerset neighborhood, which has the worst electrical reliability in Bellevue. He described a recent power failure, noting that it took nearly 12 hours for Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to resolve the problem. Mr. Marsh said the power could have been restored within minutes using distribution automation technology. He said PSE has installed that technology in some Bellevue neighborhoods, but not in Somerset. He said the Washington Transportation and Utilities Commission (WUTC) cannot compel PSE to act, but the City can influence PSE through the franchise agreement. Mr. Marsh asked the Council to modify the franchise agreement to require PSE to improve its reliability reporting and to identify and prioritize projects for neighborhoods with poor electrical reliability.
- (h) Heidi Dean said she concurred with the City Council's decision to begin the neighborhood area planning effort with Northeast Bellevue and Northwest Bellevue. She

said she appreciated the discussion regarding Crossroads and the Newport Hills area. She noted the importance of the City and residents working together. Ms. Dean said she hopes that neighborhood priorities will continue to be addressed, separately from the formal neighborhood planning process to update the Comprehensive Plan.

5. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions: None.

6. Report of the City Manager

(a) Bellevue Smart Mobility Interest Statement [*Moved from Study Session*]

Joyce Nichols, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, recalled that the Council discussed the Bellevue Smart Mobility Plan on June 18. The plan envisions a transportation system that moves people smarter, safer, and faster while providing more choices, better real-time information, lower emissions, and increased efficiencies. Ms. Nichols said the Council asked staff to prepare a draft interest statement regarding smart mobility goals and initiatives. She noted that interest statements are prepared for a number of topics, and they represent Council policy to guide staff's work on regional issues.

Ms. Nichols said the Bellevue Smart Mobility interest statement incorporates the Council's input from the June 18 meeting. She noted additional comments received since that time to add a reference to the Vision Zero program, add language regarding "maintaining personal choice and flexibility in mobility choices," and to emphasize the importance of maintaining and assuring user security and privacy.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis thanked staff for their work and expressed his support for the interest statement.

Councilmember Robertson concurred and suggested that staff place the interest statement on a future consent calendar for Council action.

Councilmember Zahn said she attended the Sound Cities Association's (SCA) cybersecurity meeting the previous week. She suggested that the language to "maintain" security is not enough. She said it is important to focus on ensuring and strengthening user security and privacy as part of the smart city initiative.

Deputy Mayor Robinson noted language in the interest statement referring to "state and federal legislation exempting personal information from public disclosure" and "requiring the safeguarding of that data against unlawful access." She questioned whether local legislation is needed to ensure that the City can achieve that goal. Ms. Nichols said a group of City staff is working to address privacy issues related to smart technologies and other initiatives. Ms. Robinson suggested referencing the group and its work in the interest statement.

Responding to Mayor Chelminiak, Ms. Nichols said staff will draft optional language to reflect the importance of both system security and user security. Mr. Chelminiak asked staff to bring the interest statement back for Council action in September.

## 7. Council Business and New Initiatives

### (a) Appointment to the Parks and Community Services Board

Councilmember Robertson noted that one of the Parks and Community Services Board Members is moving out of state. Ms. Robertson said that she, the Parks Board Chair, and the Director of the Parks and Community Services Department interviewed a number of candidates. All of them ranked Pamela Unger highly. She is a Bellevue Essentials graduate and served on the East Main Station Area Planning Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC).

→ Councilmember Robertson moved to appoint Pamela Unger to serve a partial term on the Parks and Community Services Board, expiring on May 31, 2020. Councilmember Nieuwenhuis seconded the motion.

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

### (b) Planned Absence for Councilmember Robertson

→ Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to excuse Councilmember Robertson's absence from the September 10 and September 17 Council meetings. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

## 8. Consent Calendar

→ 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:

### (a) Council Minutes

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(b) Motion to award Bid No. 18083, 112th Avenue NE/108th Avenue NE Pedestrian & Bicycle Improvements Project to Kamins Construction as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$719,610.95, plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. PW-R-199, PW-M-1, CD-22).

(c) Resolution No. 9446 authorizing the execution of a contract not to exceed the total of \$1,686,000, plus applicable taxes, with Kaye-Smith, Inc. to provide the Utilities Department with necessary bill print and mailing services with an initial three-year term and four, one-year options to extend, with the same terms and conditions, for a total contract term of seven years/

- (d) Resolution No. 9447 authorizing the execution of a four-year Professional Services Agreement with Golder Associates to provide on-call geotechnical and environmental engineering services for Transportation federal-aid projects, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, plus all applicable taxes, with an option to extend the contract for an additional year for \$75,000, plus all applicable taxes, with the same terms and conditions.
- (e) Resolution No. 9448 authorizing the execution of a four-year Professional Services Agreement with Aspect Consulting, to provide on-call geotechnical and environmental engineering services for Transportation federal-aid projects, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, plus all applicable taxes, with an option to extend the contract for an additional year for \$75,000, plus all applicable taxes, with the same terms and conditions
- (f) Resolution No. 9449 authorizing the execution of a contract with GameTime for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Lattawood Park, in an amount not to exceed \$109,070, plus all applicable taxes.
- (g) Resolution No. 9450 authorizing the execution of a contract with GameTime for the purchase and installation of playground equipment at Forest Glenn Park, in an amount not to exceed \$109,060, plus applicable taxes.
- (h) Resolution No. 9451 authorizing the execution of a contract not to exceed \$179,000, plus applicable taxes, with Elway Research, Inc. to provide public opinion survey research on solid waste customers' satisfaction with Republic Services for a term of five years. This is consistent with the 2014 Comprehensive Garbage, Recyclables, and Organics Collection Contract ("the Contract").
- (i) Resolution No. 9452 authorizing execution of a three-year General Services Agreement with NW Landscape/Signature Landscape Services, for a total possible contract value not to exceed \$90,402, plus all applicable taxes, to perform the Lake Hills Swale Brushing.
- (j) Resolution No. 9453 authorizing execution of a successor labor agreement by and between the City of Bellevue and International Association of Firefighters, Local 1604, representing Battalion Chiefs (Union) for the contract period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020.
- (k) Resolution No. 9454 authorizing execution of a general services agreement for On-Call Painting Services with Ellis Construction, Inc. for a five-year term with no option for renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, plus all applicable taxes.
- (l) Resolution No. 9455 authorizing execution of a general services agreement for On-Call Painting Services with NI Painting and Construction Company for a five-

year term with no option for renewal, in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, plus all applicable taxes.

## 9. Public Hearings

### (a) 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing on the 2019-2020 Budget and the 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan

Finance Director Toni Call said this is the second of three public hearings on the 2019-2020 Budget and the 2019-2025 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan. The first hearing was held in June, and the third hearing will be scheduled for November. The City Manager will present his preliminary budget to the Council this fall.

- Deputy Mayor Robinson moved to open the public hearing. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

The following individuals came forward to comment:

1. William Bain, a resident of Bellevue Towers and the CEO of a software company in Downtown Bellevue, asked the Council to allocate funds to create a Climate Action Plan for Bellevue. He acknowledged there are competing priorities. However, he said the cost of waiting is that the negative impacts of climate change cannot be reversed. He expressed concern that the King County Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) will not meet its targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
2. Gary Bloxham noted that he has been a Wilburton resident since 1974. He expressed concern that Bellevue is not meeting its K4C goals. He encouraged the City to create a Climate Action Plan. He said that 70 percent of greenhouse gas emissions are generated by cities.
3. Bill Westre commented on Bellevue's diversity, global perspective, sister cities around the world, and concern about greenhouse gas emissions. He said the United States is one of the highest producers of emissions in the world. He encouraged the City to create a Climate Action Plan.
4. Jennifer Keller, a Lake Hills resident, urged the City to place a high priority on allocating funds to develop a Climate Action Plan. She thanked the City for its K4C participation. She noted concerns about the increasing frequency of forest fires.
5. Pamela Johnston said she would like the budget to provide greater opportunities for public engagement. She expressed support for the development of parks in Bridle Trails and Newport Hills. She asked about the sources and purposes for arts funding. She encouraged the City to make online information accessible to individuals with physical challenges. She encouraged transparency in the City's processes. She said it would be

helpful to make information related to an upcoming Council meeting available to the public well in advance of the meeting. She encouraged a citywide focus on the tree canopy. She thanked the Council for all they do and suggested that perhaps the Council needs more staffing.

6. David Schwartz commended Bellevue's commitment to the K4C. He expressed concern that Bellevue and the K4C will not meet the greenhouse gas emissions goals. He urged the Council to create a Climate Action plan. He offered to provide the names of consultants with expertise in this area. He said that Bellevue needs to show leadership on this issue.
7. David Osmer expressed concerns regarding global warming and encouraged the City to create a Climate Action Plan.
8. Don Marsh expressed support for developing a Climate Action Plan and commented on the issue of electrical reliability in Bellevue. He suggested, based on Puget Sound Energy's data, that it would be most beneficial to underground power lines along Newport Way. He suggested undergrounding the lines in coordination with the sidewalk project. He said PSE currently plans to move the lines to the other side of the street. However, that would be difficult and residents do not want PSE to remove trees. Mr. Marsh asked the City to explore the option of undergrounding power lines on Newport Way.
9. Matt Jack, Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), and Chris Johnson, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, said that both organizations have been working to review the City's budget materials and to develop comments and input for the Council. The joint task force will submit formal comments this fall. Mr. Johnson noted support for Fire Station 10 and for the unfunded LEOFF I (Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter) pension obligation.
10. Kristi Weir urged the Council to allocate funds for developing a Climate Action Plan.
11. Claire Wolfman noted examples of global warming (e.g., forest fires) and urged the Council to create a Climate Action Plan.
12. Peter Marshall asked the Council to create a Climate Action Plan. He said the K4C will not reach its greenhouse gas emissions targets. He said local communities need to aggressively address the issue in the absence of federal attention to the problem.
13. Court Olson, representing the Cascade Green Building Council, commented on green building materials and practices. He asked the Council to allocate \$250,000 to create a Climate Action Plan.
14. Heidi Dean expressed support for the speakers' comments on climate change. She encouraged the Council to support the development of park property in the Newport Hills area. She said the residents lost their former community gathering space, and the

shopping center will no longer allow them to use space there. She said the community does not want to lose the opportunity to get together with neighbors.

15. Stephanie Walter encouraged the Council to provide funding for community organizations and events that strengthen neighborhoods. She expressed concern that the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association (LHNA) was charged a fee for its annual picnic for the first time this year. She noted that knowing neighbors improves public safety and security.

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

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

Mayor Chelminiak thanked everyone for their participation.

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

Mayor Chelminiak declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC  
Assistant Director, City Clerk's Office

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