

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

October 7, 2019
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 8:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers were present. Councilmember Stokes led the flag salute.

(a) Domestic Violence Action Month Proclamation

Deputy Mayor Robinson read the proclamation recognizing October 2019 as Domestic Violence Action Month.

Mayor Chelminiak noted that Councilmember Nieuwenhuis serves on the Lifewire Board of Directors. John McCracken, a Board Member and Major with the Bellevue Police Department, accepted the proclamation. He thanked the Council for helping to raise awareness about domestic violence and noted that it is often a factor that leads to homelessness.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis thanked staff for installing the banner at City Hall that provides information regarding the services available in the community to assist individuals who are experiencing domestic violence.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

→ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 7-0.

4. Oral Communications: None.
5. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions: None.
6. Report of the City Manager
 - (a) Change to Oral Communications Sign-in and Additional Updates

Assistant City Manager Kyle Stannert introduced staff's update regarding changes to the oral communications process and other Council meeting procedures. He recalled the August update to the Council by the Diversity Advantage team, which involved the discussion of a number of concepts including universal design, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accommodations, and language translation. The new sign-in kiosk incorporates universal design in a number of ways (e.g., the ability to change the size of the onscreen form).

City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo said the pilot project for the oral communications sign-in kiosk will launch on October 21. She thanked Tom Roberts, Senior Project Manager in the Information Technology Department, for his hard work on the project.

The sign-in kiosk will replace the handwritten sign-in sheets and will request the same pieces of information. The benefits include the ability to gather accurate contact information and to enable the City Clerk to prioritize the list of speakers based on the Council's rules. The kiosk platform will allow staff to generate reports (e.g., number of times an individual speaks, topics frequently raised by speakers, etc.). Staff would ultimately like to be able to accommodate the five most common languages other than English that are spoken in Bellevue. Ms. Arredondo said that future plans include expanding the use of the kiosk to Board and Commission meetings and to other public meetings. The pilot project will extend through the end of the year.

Ms. Arredondo said that definitions for frequently used terms will be provided on future Council meeting agendas. The presentations from the meetings will be posted on the Council Calendar page of the City's website following the meetings. Presentations from Board and Commission meetings will be provided online as well beginning in late October. Ms. Arredondo said that the presentations during Council meetings since January 1, 2016, have been posted online.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis expressed support for the project and noted the value of being able to generate reports that will be helpful to the Council and staff. Responding to Mr. Nieuwenhuis, Ms. Arredondo said an individual is required to provide information in every field of the kiosk form. Speakers must indicate their preferred contact method (i.e., email, physical address, or telephone number). In further response, Ms. Arredondo said that if an individual who speaks did not arrive in time to sign in, staff will enter their information into the kiosk system later. She said there will not be the ability to sign up online to speak during a meeting, and the kiosk will be activated at 5:00 p.m. on the nights of Council meetings.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis indicated that he would like to discuss the potential for online sign-in in the future.

Responding to Councilmember Robertson, Ms. Arredondo said the presentations will be posted on the City's website by the end of the day following the meeting. In further response, Ms. Arredondo said the pilot project does not anticipate monitoring the sign-in kiosk to prevent individuals from signing up another individual. However, that is a topic for the future if the Council is interested in restricting that practice.

Councilmember Robertson said it would be helpful to add a check box to indicate whether an individual is a Bellevue resident. She expressed support for the project and commented that the kiosk provides fair access to oral communications.

Councilmember Stokes commended staff for their work and concurred with the benefit of requiring individuals to provide at least one contact method.

Councilmember Zahn said she likes the universal design elements and the attempt to remove barriers to the public's participation. Responding to Ms. Zahn, Mr. Stannert indicated that staff will explore the potential for posting meeting presentations prior to the Council meetings. In further response to Ms. Zahn, Ms. Arredondo said the pilot project will require an individual to select a preferred contact method. However, the Council may wish to consider whether to require contact information if a person does not want to provide it. Ms. Zahn said it would be helpful to ask speakers to indicate their neighborhood.

Councilmember Lee thanked staff for their work and said the kiosk system will enable the City to have a good record of oral communications. Responding to Mr. Lee, Mr. Stannert said the Mayor will continue to give individuals who did not sign in the opportunity to speak if time allows.

Mayor Chelminiak said it would be helpful to request information indicating whether an individual supports, opposes, or has concerns about a specific item. He suggested that staff explore the system used by the state legislature.

Mr. Chelminiak suggested that staff consider creating a form for the first time a person signs in, with the ability of the kiosk to populate the fields the next time that person signs in to speak. He expressed concern about requiring that individuals provide a phone number or email if the electronic form constitutes a public record. He suggested that perhaps instead of requiring a physical address, individuals could be allowed to enter a zip code.

Responding to Mayor Chelminiak, Ms. Arredondo said the presentations will be provided as PDF documents that cannot be revised or edited by the public.

7. Council Business and New Initiatives: None.

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
Minutes of September 9, 2019 Extended Study Session
Minutes of September 16, 2019 Study Session
Minutes of September 16, 2019 Regular Session
Minutes of September 23, 2019 Extended Study Session
- (b) Resolution No. 9660 authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bellevue School District (BSD) to collaborate on a project to provide safe pedestrian crossings of Bellevue-Redmond Road for Highland Middle School students. This project will install one new signal on Bellevue-Redmond road, aligned with the school's east driveway.
- (c) Ordinance No. 6477: 1) authorizing execution of a four-year interlocal agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accept up to \$409,892 of state funds to support the City's Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) program; 2) amending the 2019-2020 Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund to increase the appropriation by \$204,946; and, 3) authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement (and supplements if necessary) with King County Metro (KCM) in an amount up to \$240,184 for CTR services at CTR-affected employer worksites and at Transportation Management Program (TMP)-affected building sites.
- (d) Ordinance No. 6478: 1) authorizing execution of an Interlocal Agreement (and supplements if necessary) with King County Metro (KCM) for acceptance of \$200,000 in pass-through grant funds from KCM for the City-wide Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Implementation Program 2019-2020; 2) amending the 2019-2020 Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund by increasing the appropriation by \$200,000; and, 3) authorizing execution of a professional services contract (and supplements if necessary) with Bellevue Downtown Association in the total reimbursement amount of \$155,000, plus all applicable taxes, for trip reduction services associated with implementing the TDM Implementation Program 2019-2020.
- (e) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period July 1, 2019 - August 31, 2019.
- (f) Motion to award Bid No. 19052 for Storm Dig and Repair 2019 to Shoreline Construction, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$276,953 plus all applicable taxes (CIP Plan No. D-64).
- (g) Resolution No. 9661 authorizing execution of a unit price contract for on-call electrical services with Wave Electrical, Inc. for an initial term of three years with

an option to renew for one year, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, plus all applicable taxes.

- (h) Resolution No. 9662 authorizing execution of a unit price contract for on-call electrical services with West Coast Signal, Inc. for an initial term of three years with an option to renew for one year, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000, plus all applicable taxes.
- (i) Resolution No. 9663 authorizing execution of an Agreement between the City of Bellevue and Public Safety Corporation (PSC) for a term of four years plus one option to renew, for False Alarm Billing and Tracking Service in partnership with the Bellevue Police Department.

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Resolution No. 9664 supporting King County Proposition No. 1, Medic One Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Replacement of Existing Levy

Mayor Chelminiak opened discussion regarding the Council's interesting in adopting a resolution in support of King County Proposition No. 1, which authorizes the Medic One Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Replacement Levy.

City Clerk Arredondo noted that state law prohibits the use of public resources for the promotion of or opposition to a ballot measure. However, the Council is allowed to take a position on a ballot measure if the following requirements are met: 1) the meeting agenda includes the title and number of the ballot measure, and 2) members of the public and the Council are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view. Ms. Arredondo recalled that the Council voted on September 23 to express unanimous support for taking an official Council position on the EMS levy. At that time, it was determined that the Pro and Con campaigns would be allowed up to 10 minutes each to give their presentations. In addition, other members of the public will be allowed to speak for a total of 15 minutes per side of the issue.

Mayor Chelminiak introduced Helen Chatalas, Assistant Director of the King County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division. Ms. Chatalas recalled that County staff provided information to the Council in June regarding the ballot measure. She described the elements of the Medic One system and noted that EMS levies were initiated in 1979. The upcoming ballot measure renews and replaces the current levy expiring at the end of this year. Ms. Chatalas said the development of the levy package involved a number of regional decision-makers and EMS partners. She thanked Councilmember Robertson for serving on the EMS levy task force.

Ms. Chatalas said Proposition No. 1 reflects a levy of 26.5 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation (AV) for six years. The owner of a \$500,000 home will pay approximately \$133 annually for

Medic One services. The levy continues current services, including the Advanced Life Support (ALS) program; supports programs that provide direct services and functions; and provides training for EMTs and 911 dispatchers.

Mayor Chelminiak invited Greg Markley, Secretary-Treasurer for the Washington State Council of Firefighters, to speak as the representative of the Pro campaign committee. Mr. Chelminiak noted that the City was unable to identify a Con campaign committee.

Mr. Markley said he is a firefighter in Kent for the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, and he has worked on the EMS levy campaigns since 1985. He recalled that the levy failed in 1997 and an emergency three-year levy was adopted in 1998. The next six-year levy was approved in 2001 with 82 percent of the voters in favor of the levy. Mr. Markley said the cardiac arrest survival rate in King County is 56 percent, while the national average from 2013 to 2018 was 18 percent. Some areas of the country, including New York City and Los Angeles, have survival rates below 10 percent. Mr. Markley said it means a lot to firefighters when city councils vote in favor of resolutions to support the levy. He asked the Council to approve the resolution and to let Bellevue residents know the importance of Medic One services to our quality of life.

Mayor Chelminiak thanked Mr. Markley for his comments and for his service as a firefighter and EMT. No one else came forward to speak.

→ Councilmember Robertson moved to approve Resolution No. 9664, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Robertson said she strongly supports the renewal of the six-year replacement levy, which creates equity across the county for emergency medical services. She enjoyed serving on the EMS task force and noted that the levy package provides more services than the current levy. She said the maximum tax rate will be 26.5 cents per \$1,000 AV, and the tax rate will decrease throughout the six-year levy.

Councilmember Stokes said he is an enthusiastic supporter of the levy as well. He said the levy was discussed by the Regional Policy Committee (RPC), for which he served as Vice Chair.

Deputy Mayor Robinson thanked Councilmember Robertson for her work on the task force. Ms. Robinson thanked Ms. Chatalas for her overview of the Medic One program and Mr. Markley for his comments in support of the levy.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis thanked Councilmember Robertson and Mr. Markley for their involvement with the EMS levy and for Mr. Markley's service as a first responder.

Councilmember Zahn expressed her support for the levy. She said it provides equal service across the county and does not depend on an individual city's ability to provide emergency medical services.

Councilmember Lee said that public safety is a top priority for him and the Council. He said the Medic One program is important, needed, and appreciated by the community.

Mayor Chelminiak said that he worked with Ms. Chatalas at King County when the EMS levy failed in 1997. He said one of the arguments against the levy was that it should be provided as a basic government service. However, the Medic One program goes well beyond a basic service, especially when comparing survival rates. He noted the benefits of the tiered countywide system.

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

Mayor Chelminiak thanked everyone for their work and comments regarding the levy.

12. Unfinished Business: None.
13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
14. New Business: None.
15. Executive Session: None.
16. Adjournment

At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Chelminiak declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC
City Clerk

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