## CITY OF BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL

## Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 18, 2022 6:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting Bellevue, Washington

- <u>PRESENT</u>: Mayor Robinson, Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis, and Councilmembers Barksdale, Lee, Robertson, Stokes and Zahn
- ABSENT: None.
- 1. <u>Call to Order</u>

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., with Mayor Robinson presiding.

2. <u>Roll Call; Flag Salute</u>

City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo called the roll. All Councilmembers were present and participating remotely. Councilmember Barksdale led the flag salute.

- 3. <u>Approval of Agenda</u>
- → Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.
- 4. <u>Oral Communications</u>
- (a) Paul Bruno encouraged the City to increase staffing for the environmental stewardship program to aggressively address the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. He recalled the previous request from People for Climate Action to add \$400,000 to the 2022 budget to hire three staff dedicated to implementing the Environmental Stewardship Plan. He said the current two staff are doing a tremendous job but they need help. He noted that a number of similar-sized cities have larger staffs to address climate change.
- (b) Rachel Doyle concurred with Mr. Bruno's comments and request for more staffing in the environmental stewardship program.

- (c) April Stevens expressed support for the City's goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent by 2030 and encouraged an increase in City staffing to reach that goal. She asked the City to hire three additional staff this year.
- (d) Betsi Hummer, Chair of the East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC), asked the Council to not support HB 1769 sponsored by Representative Larry Springer of the 45<sup>th</sup> District. The proposed legislation would sunset the state's two community councils. During its regular meeting on January 4, 2022, the EBCC took a position to oppose the legislation. The EBCC requests that the City Council not actively support HB 1769. She said the creation of the EBCC was the reason that residents of East Bellevue agreed to annex to the City years ago. Ms. Hummer said that RCW 35.14 already contains a sunset clause in that voters are given the opportunity every four years to support or reject the continuation of the community councils. In November 2021, 82 percent of the voters in East Bellevue voted for the continuance of the EBCC. Ms. Hummer noted that, for the past 20 years, a statement of opposition has not been filed in the voters pamphlet. She said the constituents of East Bellevue have chosen to have the EBCC as their final vote on certain land use and zoning issues in their neighborhood. She encouraged City Councilmembers to reach out to the EBCC with any comments or questions.
- (e) Khaiersta English, a resident of the Enatai neighborhood, said that early in the morning on January 15, an unlicensed crew arrived to remove a tree approximately the size of a four-story building on a steep hillside adjacent to homes, power lines and a busy roadway. She said neighbors were not notified of the tree removal and there was no road crew. The 134-year-old tree's diameter is 36.5 inches. Ms. English said she and other neighbors spoke to the crew, who ultimately did not cut down the tree. Her subsequent research found that a subdivision permit filed in 2016 indicated that the tree was 18 inches in diameter. The original subdivision application retained a 14-inch maple tree to comply with the City's 30-percent tree retention requirement. However, Ms. English noted that that tree was lost due to a storm. She said that land use documents from June obtained through a public records request showed that the developer represented both trees as no longer present. She said the City indicated the large tree should be retained because the maple tree was damaged. Ms. English encouraged City staff to follow up with the developer to ensure that the cedar tree is preserved. She suggested that the City establish a tip line for residents to report code violations. She said she was putting her personal safety at risk by presenting this information to the City Council.
- (f) Mindy Garner, President of the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association, spoke in opposition to proposed state legislation that would sunset the community councils in Bellevue and Kirkland. She said the EBCC was established when residents agreed to be annexed to Bellevue in the 1960s. She said voters have consistently supported the continuance of the EBCC and the LHNA Board voted unanimously to support the EBCC's continued existence. She asked City Councilmembers to communicate their support for the community councils to the state legislature.

Responding to Mayor Robinson, Councilmember Zahn thanked Franz Loewenherz, Daniel Lai and Katie Halse for organizing the Vision Zero and technology roundtable during last week's

Transportation Research Board conference in Washington, D.C. More than 40 people participated in the session including representatives of federal agencies and industry partners and businesses. Ms. Zahn said she believes that the City's Vision Zero work and recent National Roadway Safety Award puts Bellevue in a good position for federal grant funding.

- 5. <u>Reports of Community Councils, Boards, and Commissions: None.</u>
- 6. <u>Report of the City Manager</u>
  - (a) Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP) - Accessible changing tables for adults and children in several Park locations

City Manager Brad Miyake introduced staff's update regarding the installation of accessible changing tables for adults and children in several City parks.

Blayne Amson, ADA/Title VI Civil Rights Program Administrator, Human Resources Department, said the project will increase the independence and sense of belonging for some of Bellevue's most underrepresented community members. He recalled efforts in 2018 to gather community feedback to inform the City's ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan (SETP). When the plan was discussed with the Council, there was a question about whether there were good ideas that were not reflected in the plan. Based on feedback from the public regarding the changing tables in the restrooms at the Inspiration Playground in Downtown Park, staff recommended accessible changing tables for adults and children at more park locations. Mr. Amson said staff from the Parks and Community Services Department worked with intergovernmental relations staff to secure funding for the project during the 2020 legislative session.

Tom Purcell, Structural Operations Manager, Parks and Community Services Department, said the City received a grant of \$97,000 from the Washington State Department of Commerce with the help of State Representative My-Linh Thai to support the installation of 13 changing tables and their ongoing maintenance. Due to supply chain challenges related to the pandemic, staff anticipates that the tables will be installed in early 2023. Mr. Purcell said the City received heartfelt thanks from a number of residents for providing the changing tables in the restroom at the Inspiration Playground. The new tables will be installed at Highland Community Center, North Bellevue Community Center, Meydenbauer Bay Beach Park, Newcastle Beach Park, Wilburton Hill Park, Robinswood sports fields, Crossroads International Park and Bannerwood Park Stadium.

Mr. Amson said the project embodies how the City thinks about truly welcoming the world, embracing diversity and taking actions based on those principles. He thanked the Council for their support of the project.

(b) Damaged House in Somerset Neighborhood

Mr. Miyake noted that a house in the Somerset neighborhood recently slid off its foundation following heavy rains. He said he visited the site and the incident has received a great deal of media attention. The Bellevue Police Department responded to the 911 call at approximately 4:00 a.m. and rescued the couple and their dog from the house. Mr. Miyake said a number of experts have assessed the site and occupants of nearby homes were evacuated due to safety concerns. The residents were referred to the South Bellevue Community Center for shelter and received support from the Red Cross during the day. Mr. Miyake said he is thankful that there was no loss of life. He said more information will be shared with the Council as it becomes available.

- 7. Council Business and New Initiatives: None.
- 8. <u>Consent Calendar</u>
- → Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following items were approved:
  - (a) <u>Council Minutes</u> Minutes of January 3, 2022 Regular Meeting
  - (b) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period December 1, 2021 December 31, 2021.
  - (c) Motion to award Bid No. 21107, SE 46th Way Curb Ramp Upgrades (CIP Plan Nos. PW-R-199 and PW-W/B-49) to RRJ Company, LLC as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$596,045.32, plus all applicable taxes. This project is partially funded by the Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy.
  - (d) Resolution No. 10054 authorizing execution of three Option Agreements and all documents necessary for the sale of up to 286,500 square feet of Bonus Floor Area owned by the City.
  - (e) Resolution No. 10055 authorizing execution of a Five-year professional services contract to provide Basic Life Support (BLS) patient transport billing services.
  - (f) Resolution No. 10056 authorizing a contract amendment with Reynolds General Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$442,936, plus applicable taxes.
- 9. <u>Public Hearings</u>: None.
- 10. Land Use

 (a) Consideration of Glendale Country Club Rezone application submitted by Brenda Barnes of Clark Barnes for a rezone of a 3.35-acre portion of the Glendale Country Club located at 13440 Main Street from Single Family Low Density (R-1) to Multifamily Medium Density (R-10). Permit File No. 21-104464-LQ.

City Manager Miyake introduced discussion regarding the Glendale Country Club rezone application submitted by Brenda Barnes of Clark Barnes.

Kathy Gerla, City Attorney, said the application requests a rezone of a 3.35-acre portion of the country club property located at 13440 Main Street from Single Family Low Density (R-1) to Multifamily Medium Density (R-10). She said the Hearing Examiner recommended approval of the application and no appeals were filed. She said staff is not requesting final action tonight. Ms. Gerla noted that this is a quasi-judicial matter and she suggested that Councilmembers disclose any ex parte contacts regarding the application.

Mayor Robinson noted that there were no ex parte communications to disclose.

Reilly Pittman, Planning Manager, Development Services Department (DSD), said the parcel is located in the northeast corner of the Glendale Country Club. The property is currently zoned R-1 and is proposed to be rezoned to R-10 to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) adopted in 2020. The proposed rezone is site-specific and there is no development proposal associated with the rezone application.

Under Land Use Code section 20.35.320, the rezone is a Process III quasi-judicial matter in which the Development Services Director issues a recommendation to the Hearing Examiner following staff's review of the proposal. Mr. Pittman said the Hearing Examiner held a public hearing on November 18, 2021 and issued a recommendation to approve the rezone on November 30, 2021. No appeals were filed. The City Council will issue a final decision on the rezone. The property falls within the jurisdiction of the East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC), which will take action on the City Council's decision.

Mr. Pittman said a determination of non-significance (DNS) for the CPA and the rezone was issued on October 8, 2020. Ordinance No. 6559, EBCC Resolution No 583, and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) DNS are attached to the staff report and recommendation. He described a map depicting the site, noting that a boundary line adjustment resulted in the separate 3.35-acre parcel on the northeast corner of the country club property. Properties east of the site are zoned multifamily (R-30) and the rezone application requests a map designation of R-10 (10 units per acre). Mr. Pittman noted that Kelsey Creek runs along the western portion of the country club property and golf course, and there are wetlands on the property affected by the rezone.

Signage was posted on the site on April 29, 2021, and a public meeting and courtesy hearing was held by the EBCC on May 4, 2021. A second courtesy hearing was held by the EBCC on September 8, 2021. Mr. Pittman noted that the minutes of both EBCC meetings are included in the project file. No comments were received and there were no parties of record. The only comments provided occurred during the EBCC meeting and were in support of the rezone. Mr.

Pittman said that one comment regarding traffic and safety was submitted to the Hearing Examiner for consideration during the public hearing.

Mr. Pittman said the Hearing Examiner found that the proposed rezone is consistent with the Land Use Code, including LUC 20.25B (Transition Overlay Area) and LUC 20.25H (Critical Area Ordinance). He noted that the rezone is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Staff found that the rezone: 1) bears a substantial relation to the public health, safety or welfare, 2) is warranted to achieve consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, 3) will not be materially detrimental to uses or property in the immediate vicinity, and 4) has merit and value to the community as a whole. He reiterated that both the Director and the Hearing Examiner recommend approval of the rezone. The Hearing Examiner issued one condition of approval which is a statement that the rezone does not constitute an approval of any Land Use Code amendments, entitlement review, or any other ancillary permits that may be required for the design and construction of any proposed development on the rezone site.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Pittman for the presentation.

- 11. **Study Session Items** 
  - (a) Briefing on I-405 Master Plan and Renton-to-Bellevue Widening and Express Toll Lanes Project

City Manager Miyake introduced a presentation by Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) staff regarding the I-405 Renton to Bellevue widening and express toll lanes project.

Lacey Jane Wolfe, Assistant Director, Intergovernmental Relations, noted that Bellevue is advocating for increased I-405 funding during the current state legislative session. She said Mayor Robinson and Councilmember Robertson testified before the legislature regarding the need for funding, and Councilmember Zahn has been advocating to build stakeholder support for this important Council priority.

Ms. Wolfe introduced Katie Halse, Policy Advisor in the Transportation Department, who joined the City in July. Ms. Halse said she spent years working with the City while employed at Sound Transit, the Sound Cities Association (SCA) and, most recently, at WSDOT.

Ms. Wolfe introduced the WSDOT staff who work in the I-405/SR 167 program: Deputy Program Administrator Rob Woeck, Engineering Manager Gil McNabb, and Construction Communications Manager Craig Smiley. She noted that Ken Horton, Construction Manager with Flatiron-Lane Joint Venture, was also in attendance.

Mr. Woeck said the I-405/SR 167 project was identified in the I-405 Master Plan. The project provides express toll lanes and a bus rapid transit (BRT) system that will provide significant benefits to the overall functionality of the corridor. He noted that lower traffic volumes during the pandemic resulted in a significant decrease in toll revenue. He said the project is partially funded and the estimated funding gap ranges from \$175 million to \$450 million. He noted that the SR 522/527 projects on the north end are the most heavily impacted by the revenue shortfall. Mr. Woeck said the governor's proposed budget provides \$450 million, which brings the SR 522/527 and BRT projects in line with Sound Transit's projects.

Mr. McNabb said the 12-mile project from Bellevue to Renton will widen I-405 by one lane in each direction and create express toll lanes to connect to the toll lanes on SR 167. The project involves partnerships with Sound Transit, City of Renton and King County. The project will provide direct-access ramps for BRT at the 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE interchange in Bellevue and at NE 44<sup>th</sup> Street in Renton. In conjunction with King County, Mr. McNabb said the full 2.5 miles of the Eastrail between Renton and Bellevue were completed in November. He said work is progressing on the Eastrail pedestrian bridge over I-405 near the Mercer Slough.

Mr. McNabb said that early work on the NE 44<sup>th</sup> Street interchange in Renton has been focused on relocating the on-ramp to northbound I-405 and widening northbound I-405 at the May Creek bridge. He described plans to replace Bellevue's Main Street bridge to accommodate the widening of I-405. Work on the bridge project is anticipated to begin in March and to be completed in August. The project will begin with a full weekend closure of I-405 to demolish the Main Street bridge. Mr. McNabb said that will be followed by a 150-day closure of the bridge and an additional 60-day period of single lane traffic.

Mr. Smiley said that during the full weekend closure, northbound traffic will be detoured at SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street onto 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and southbound traffic will be detoured at NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street onto 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. Anticipated impacts are heavier than usual traffic along the detour routes and adjacent surface streets as well as construction-related noise during the demolition of the bridge. Mr. Smiley said the project schedule avoids the holiday period between November 15 and January 2 as a contract requirement.

Mr. Horton said the Main Street bridge will be closed in March and the new bridge will be longer than the original bridge. He highlighted the key construction milestones.

Mr. Smiley described the public outreach and coordination with City staff since December 2021 including postcard mailers, WSDOT web site updates, WSDOT news release, WSDOT blog post and social media activity, blog post and publication in Bellevue's It's Your City newspaper, emails to interested parties, business outreach and other community briefings.

Mayor Robinson thanked staff for the presentation.

Councilmember Barksdale asked whether there is a plan to mitigate the impacts of the project on cyclists and pedestrians. Mr. Smiley said they will reach out to the Cascade Bike Club, and information for pedestrians will be provided online by WSDOT and the City of Bellevue. He said there will be signage regarding the detours as well, including before the work begins. Mr. Barksdale suggested dedicated signals to give priority to cyclists during construction.

Councilmember Robertson expressed appreciation for WSDOT and the I-405 team and their partnership with the City. Responding to Ms. Robertson, Mr. Horton said there will be night-time

lane closures on I-405 throughout the project. Mr. Horton confirmed that electronic messaging signs will be used on I-405 to alert drivers as they approach the project.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis thanked staff for the presentation. He said he is glad that the duration of construction activity has been reduced. He suggested publicizing the project well in advance of the beginning of construction in March, including through major employers in Bellevue, the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA) and the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Smiley said he could follow up with information from WSDOT's traffic analysis that addresses the impacts of the detours and lane closures. He said a briefing has been scheduled with the BDA, and WSDOT contacted the Chamber approximately a week ago. He noted that public outreach in advance of construction would begin this week.

Councilmember Lee said the City has a great longtime experience working with WSDOT. Responding to Mr. Lee, Mr. Smiley said the initial full closure of I-405 will extend over a full weekend. After that, lane closures on I-405 will occur at night. Mr. Lee thanked WSDOT staff for their coordination with City staff.

Councilmember Stokes noted that he lives in the Woodridge neighborhood, which will be affected by traffic impacts during construction. He said he appreciated the public outreach and he suggested expanding it to residents in neighborhoods farther from the Main Street bridge as well.

Councilmember Zahn thanked WSDOT staff for the presentation and for finding ways to limit the negative impacts of the project. She asked whether Google Maps is aware of the project and traffic impacts. She asked whether the current strike by concrete workers will have an impact on constructing the project. Mr. Smiley said WSDOT staff is working with City staff to optimize the timing of traffic signals and to address other traffic issues.

Mr. Horton said the bridge girders have been ordered and are under fabrication by a concrete firm in Tacoma. However, the cast-in-place concrete for the project is subject to the strike. He said he hopes the concrete strike is resolved within the next eight weeks.

Mr. Smiley said WSDOT's road closures are reflected in Google Maps.

Mayor Robinson said she is impressed with the estimated project schedule, if things go as planned. Responding to Ms. Robinson, Mr. Horton said the pedestrian-bike bridge over I-405 to connect to the Eastrail will be completed when the concrete strike is over. The bridge is approximately 24 feet wide and 160 feet long. Ms. Robinson suggested avoiding placing signs in bike lanes or on sidewalks.

At 7:34 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared a break. The meeting resumed at 7:47 p.m.

(b) Update on Council's Pledge to reform Police Department Use of Force Policies

City Manager Miyake introduced staff's update regarding the Council's pledge to review and reform the Police Department's use of force policies and to consider body-worn cameras.

Interim Police Chief Wendell Shirley said staff will share the progress on responding to the recommendations in the Office of Independent Review (OIR) report since the last update to the Council on September 20, 2021. He recalled that, on June 11, 2020, Mayor Robinson and the Council pledged to review the Bellevue Police Department's use of force policies to identify any potential reforms. The OIR group conducted extensive public outreach and received more than 1,000 comments from members of the community. The OIR issued its final report in April 2021.

Chief Shirley said that during the fourth quarter of 2021, the Bellevue Police Department responded to an additional 12 recommendations. The department has responded to 32 of the 47 recommendations to date. The majority of the 12 recommendations are focused on the updates related to the use of less lethal force, which primarily includes tasers and impact projectiles.

Chief Shirley highlighted the 12 recommendations that were addressed during the fourth quarter of 2021. Recommendations 22-25 relate to the use of tasers. The police department has revised its policies to prevent the simultaneous deployment of multiple tasers on the same subject, limit the duration of taser applications to five second activations in most circumstances, require officers to reassess the threat before redeploying the taser, limit the number of deployments to three or less, and to provide the medical assistance required after a taser deployment, including the removal of prongs from the subject. Two additional recommendations and policy revisions relate to the use of an Extended Range Impact Device (ERID).

Chief Shirley said recommendation 34 suggests that the police department publish on its web site any munitions authorized for use by its civil disturbance unit or SWAT team. After careful consideration and consultation with subject matter experts, he determined that such action would not be in the best interest of public safety and could compromise the opportunity to simply and effectively protect the community. The police department will therefore not be publishing its tactical munitions on the City's web site.

Recommendation 37 suggests that the City should consider outfitting its officers with body worn cameras, and the police department has strongly embraced this recommendation. A steering committee is currently evaluating this recommendation. Chief Shirley said one benefit of implementing a body worn camera program is it will greatly assist in fulfilling the 2022 state law that requires all custodial interrogations of juveniles and felony suspects to be electronically recorded (audio and video).

Meeghan Black, Bellevue Police Department Public Information Officer (PIO), said an online dashboard was created to reinforce the department's commitment to community transparency and engagement. The dashboard contains links to information regarding citations, complaints, use of force incidents, hate and bias-related incidents, crime mapping and visualized crime data. The department created a web page on EngagingBellevue.com, and Chief Shirley created a video regarding the use of force policies. Ms. Black said progress reports have been provided to the police advisory councils and other stakeholders. She said a community meeting was held via Zoom on January 12 to provide an update regarding the use of force policies and body worn cameras. Ms. Black said the department is committed to ongoing communication and community engagement through news releases, social media posts, EngagingBellevue.com, It's Your City

newspaper, and future community meetings. Ms. Black said that 94 percent of respondents to a Bellevue Police Department poll expressed support for body worn cameras.

(c) Proposal to authorize Police Department to use Body Worn Cameras and to Identify Additional Opportunities for Community Involvement

Kathy Gerla, City Attorney, said staff is seeking Council direction regarding a proposed resolution to authorize the use of body worn cameras by the Bellevue Police Department and to identify additional opportunities for community involvement. She noted that state law (RCW 10.109.020) strongly encourages the adoption of a resolution authorizing the use of body worn cameras before they are implemented and states that the resolution should identify the community involvement process for operational policies. Ms. Gerla said the proposed resolution addresses both of the provisions in state law.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis thanked Police Officers Lyles, Montgomery and Whitaker for their heroic actions in rescuing the occupants and their dog from the home in Somerset. He thanked Chief Shirley and the department for their hard work in responding to the OIR report. He thanked Ms. Black for the significant efforts related to public outreach and transparency. He said this process has provided a number of opportunities to educate the public about the police department and their work. He expressed support for implementing a body worn camera program.

Councilmember Barksdale thanked everyone for the update and for their progress in responding to the OIR recommendations. He expressed support for body worn cameras and said he looks forward to learning about the release and use of body worn camera data and related privacy issues.

Responding to Mr. Barksdale, Chief Shirley confirmed that whenever an incident occurs in another police department, such as a police officer using a gun instead of a taser, the Bellevue Police Department understands the importance of reviewing its own protocols to ensure that training and policies are in place to prevent that type of tragic incident.

Major Andrew Popochock said the use of guns and tasers is addressed through training and by how the tools are worn on the belt to ensure there is not a misidentification. He said guns and tasers are worn on opposite sides of the body, and policies and training address how an officer transitions from using a taser to a gun.

Councilmember Lee thanked Chief Shirley and the department for their extensive work in response to the OIR recommendations. Mr. Lee expressed support for the body worn camera program and asked about the next steps before the program is implemented.

Ms. Gerla said there will be a sequence of actions before police officers start using the cameras. The first step of adopting the resolution is dependent on a number of future actions including working with the unions and negotiating a vendor contract. Agreements with the unions will come back to the Council for approval, as will the vendor contract.

Councilmember Zahn thanked the police department for their progress related to the OIR recommendations. She expressed support for the use of body worn cameras and robust community engagement. She said she appreciated Chief Shirley's analysis of recommendation 34 and his decision that disclosing the department's munitions would not be in the best interest of public safety. She suggested highlighting the online dashboard in the annual report published by the police department.

Responding to Ms. Zahn, Chief Shirley said the police department's goal is to complete its response to the OIR recommendations by June, if not earlier. Sgt. Joe Engman said the department is working on one policy that will address seven of the remaining recommendations. Another policy under development addresses a recommendation regarding civil disturbance and First Amendment assemblies. He said the officer-involved shooting policy has been updated and will go through a review before final approval. Sgt. Engman noted that there could be bargaining issues with the unions that will impact the schedule as well.

In further response to Councilmember Zahn, Chief Shirley said the steering committee is continuing its review, which will include providing an estimate of the final costs.

Responding to Councilmember Robertson, City Manager Miyake said that some money was allocated in the budget as a placeholder for implementing body worn cameras.

Nathan McCommon, Deputy City Manager, said that funding was provided to move forward with researching the use of body worn cameras and developing policies. He said the steering committee will provide the final cost estimate before the budget process later in the year.

Councilmember Robertson expressed support for body worn cameras and suggested taking action on the resolution tonight. Noting the continued growth in Bellevue, Ms. Robertson said she would like an update regarding staffing needs before the budget process later this year. Mr. Miyake said staff will be prepared to discuss staffing in the Police Department and citywide during the budget update process.

Councilmember Stokes said he is proud of the Bellevue Police Department and their progress in addressing reforms. He commented that continual improvement is the way we all learn and grow and become even better. He expressed support for body worn cameras and concurred with Councilmember Robertson's suggestion to take action on the resolution tonight.

Mayor Robinson said she appreciates all of the community engagement, public input, and staff involvement in addressing important issues.

- → Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve Resolution No. 10057 authorizing the use of body worn cameras by the Bellevue Police Department, consistent with any collective bargaining agreements, and other necessary Council actions identifying additional community involvement opportunities. Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.
- $\rightarrow$  The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

- 12. <u>Other Ordinances, Resolution, and Motions</u>: None.
- 13. <u>Unfinished Business</u>: None.
- 14. <u>New Business</u>: None.
- 15. <u>Executive Session</u>: None.
- 16. <u>Adjournment</u>
- At 8:27 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared the meeting adjourned.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC City Clerk

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