

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 7, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m., with Mayor Robinson presiding.

2. Roll Call; Flag Salute

City Clerk Charmaine Arredondo called the roll. All Councilmembers were present and participating remotely. Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis led the flag salute.

(a) Black History Month Proclamation

Councilmember Barksdale read the proclamation recognizing February 2022 as Black History Month in Bellevue and urged all residents to reaffirm the contributions of Black people to our communities, our country and to the world and to continue efforts to battle racism and to build a society that is more just, peaceful and prosperous for all.

(b) Lunar New Year Proclamation

Councilmember Zahn read the proclamation recognizing the week of February 7, 2022 as the Week of the Lunar New Year in Bellevue and encouraged residents to join in this celebration of spring, good fortune, health and happiness. She noted that this is the Year of the Tiger and people born on this day are said to assume the traits of a tiger including resilience and strength.

(c) Update from King County Council Chair Claudia Balducci

King County Council Chair Claudia Balducci provided an update regarding the council's activities. She noted the County's strong focus on the pandemic over the past two years including vaccination efforts, providing isolation and quarantine sites, COVID testing, public education and outreach. She said King County passed through nearly \$800 million in federal COVID-related funding to local governments. She said the County has processed the backlog of funding requests for rental assistance and most federal funding has been spent.

Council Chair Balducci thanked the City for its work with the County and others to move forward with the Eastgate permanent supportive housing and affordable housing project. She noted the existing women's and family shelter in Kirkland, youth and young adult shelter in Redmond and the recently opened Mary's Place shelter in Bellevue.

Ms. Balducci said she serves on the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Board. The agency now has approximately 32 employees to manage 263 contracts in King County related to preventing and assisting individuals experiencing homelessness. Ms. Balducci said the County is revising how it counts the number of people experiencing homelessness and it is beginning to create subarea plans for addressing homelessness. She highlighted the Health Through Housing program, which plans to bring up to 1,600 people experiencing chronic homelessness off the street and into permanent housing with the support they need to stay housed. The County has purchased eight properties to date and plans to purchase two to three more properties. Council Chair Balducci noted that the King County Department of Community and Human Services is in negotiations with the owner of the former La Quinta Hotel to purchase the property for supportive housing. If the property is purchased, the County will need to select an operator, establish the rules of operation, engage with the neighborhood and establish lines of communication.

Chair Balducci said she continues to chair the Growth Management Planning Council's regional affordable housing committee. She thanked Mayor Robinson for her service on the committee as well. Ms. Balducci recalled that House Bill 1220, adopted in 2021, directs cities and local governments to plan for special needs housing (including homeless). It also requires that the Washington State Department of Commerce give to counties a measure of countywide need for affordable housing at all income levels.

Ms. Balducci noted an extensive effort of stakeholders and partners to appoint a new sheriff and to think about ways to implement a more effective and equitable approach to criminal justice.

Ms. Balducci said the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) will adopt its first regional housing strategy to address affordability, accountability and equity, and is working to update the Regional Transportation Plan. Ms. Balducci thanked Mayor Robinson for her service on the PSRC Executive Board and Councilmember Robertson for her service on the PSRC transportation policy board.

Chair Balducci said that, last year, King County Metro updated its service guidelines, strategic plan and long-range plan. She noted Councilmember Robertson's strong leadership of the Sound Cities Association's caucus through the Regional Transit Committee (RTC) process and thanked her for all of her hard work. Ms. Balducci said she is advocating to implement the RapidRide K

bus route to Kirkland. She noted her work to ensure that the County now covers the initial \$5 fee for youth ORCA cards. Ms. Balducci highlighted progress on the Eastrail, including the opening of the South Bellevue segment of the trail. She congratulated the City for the opening of the I-90 Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail segment. She noted that funding is now available for the Wilburton Trestle and the SR 520 trail corridor connector.

King County Council Chair Balducci said the County updated its Strategic Climate Action Plan and developed its climate action toolkit last year.

Ms. Balducci highlighted projects serving her district including 4 Tomorrow, which serves the Eastside Latino community, and Hopelink. A grant was provided to the Bellevue College veterans resource center. Ms. Balducci said the County also funded community service organizations in her district including the Immigrant Women's Community Center, Old Friends Club and the Eastside Culture Coalition. In addition, more than \$200,000 was provided to 13 youth sports organizations, including the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue's basketball league.

Chair Balducci said King County has the largest vanpool program in the world, and federal regulations indicate that vans must be retired when they reach 70,000 miles. The County gives a few vans away every year in every district. In the past, vans have been donated to Community Homes, Global Social Business Partners, LifeWire and Tent City 4. Ms. Balducci said to let her know if anyone has suggestions about an organization in need of a van to transport people.

Mayor Robinson thanked Councilmember Balducci for the update.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis asked about the County's criteria for selecting the La Quinta Hotel for permanent supportive housing and about the proposed community outreach plan. Ms. Balducci said the main criteria for the properties purchased to date are the right type of rooms (individual rooms with doors), internal systems (e.g., air ventilation), buildings of a certain size and properties with willing sellers. The County is not condemning properties for this purpose. Ms. Balducci said the County Executive's Office will reach out to nearby residents and businesses prior to making an announcement about the purchase of the property. If the County makes the decision to purchase the property, there will be additional public engagement coordinated with the City of Kirkland.

Mayor Robinson asked about the potential for a voucher program in Bellevue for rental housing. Ms. Balducci said she would follow up with more information.

Councilmember Stokes encouraged robust outreach to the community now regarding future permanent supportive housing. Ms. Balducci acknowledged the importance of communication with residents and businesses. She noted, however, that meaningful interaction cannot begin until a housing operator is selected for a site. Mr. Stokes encouraged a strong effort to educate the community about the County's overall plan and the benefits of the projects. Ms. Balducci referred everyone to the King County Health Through Housing web site for more information. She said she would share Councilmember Stokes' concerns with County staff.

Councilmember Zahn expressed an interest in the County's work and partnerships related to climate change. Referring to the pandemic and rental assistance, she encouraged rental assistance for small businesses as well as residents. She expressed concern that many employees of human services organizations do not earn a living wage, which results in high staff turnover. She wondered if grants could be structured to support higher salaries. Ms. Zahn expressed support for safe parking programs and suggested that the City partner with the County and/or King County Regional Homelessness Authority.

County Council Chair Balducci said she shared Ms. Zahn's concerns about small businesses and economic recovery. Ms. Balducci said the County anticipates that some level of COVID-related federal funding has not been used. However, new funding sources will be needed to continue some of the pandemic-related assistance programs.

Ms. Balducci said the County is aware of the challenge of adequate pay for employees of human services organizations. As a related issue, she noted that the County is working to determine how government can help improve the wages of child care workers. She said she would look into the current status of safe parking programs.

3. Approval of Agenda

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to approve the agenda, amended to remove Item 8(e). Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

4. Oral Communications

(a) Cheryl Pietromonaco expressed concern regarding the City's usage of advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) meters. She described her extreme sensitivity to EMF (electromagnetic field) transmissions, noting that after a new cell tower was activated near her home, she was unable to sleep for approximately one month. She said she has been told that all Bellevue customers must have a meter but that she can opt out of the transmitter. She expressed concern also regarding the impacts of ultrasound pulses from the meters through different types of plumbing in her home. She said she would be willing to pay for an alternate meter.

(b) Stephanie Cherrington, representing Eastside Pathways, thanked the Council and the community for their efforts to ensure that public and private nonprofit organizations work together to ensure that equitable pathways are available for children, youth and young adults. Eastside Pathways works with approximately 75 partners to align and agree upon common goals that serve those populations. She highlighted work with the Hispanic and Latino communities to improve systems for early learning, efforts to support high school students' mental health and social and emotional well-being, and work with community and organizational partners to examine and modify their internal practices to increase racial equity.

- (c) Payton Richardson, Data Officer for Eastside Pathways, highlighted elements of the 2021 Community Report, which illustrates the work over the past 22 months in East King County. The report is supported by qualitative and quantitative data regarding outcomes for youth and families through the Eastside Pathways program. Mr. Richardson said that, since March 2020, there have been 45 meetings convening approximately 75 organizations including education, government and community based organizations. He noted the role of racial equity in guiding Eastside Pathways' strategies and activities.
5. Reports of Community Councils, Boards, and Commissions: None.
6. Report of the City Manager: None.
7. Council Business and New Initiatives: None.
8. Consent Calendar
- Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis 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
Council Minutes of January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting
Council Minutes of January 18, 2022 Regular Meeting
- (b) Resolution No. 10061 authorizing the execution of Supplemental Agreement No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with KPFF Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$1,357,834.72, plus all applicable taxes, for a total contract amount of \$3,323,483.24 to complete the final design and environmental documentation for the 120th Avenue NE Stage 4, NE 16th Street to Northup Way Project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-186).
- (c) Resolution No. 10062 authorizing execution of a three-year lease agreement with Delta Business Park, LLC, for a Police Department vehicle evidence storage facility in an amount not to exceed \$190,832, plus all applicable taxes
- (d) Resolution No. 10063 authorizing execution of all documents necessary to implement settlement of the claim brought by Mike Lai in the total amount of \$206,600.97.
- (f) Resolution No. 10065 authorizing execution of a five-year Professional Services Contract with CWA Consultants for plan review services in an amount not to exceed a contract total of \$275,000, plus all applicable taxes

Item postponed:

- (e) Resolution No. 10064 authorizing execution of a five-year Professional Services Contract with GeoEngineers for geotechnical and structural peer review services for shoring installations in an amount not to exceed a contract total of \$275,000, plus all applicable taxes.
9. Public Hearing: None.
10. Study Session
- (a) Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project Update and Non-Communicating Water Meter Service Program

City Manager Brad Miyake introduced staff's update regarding the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project.

Nav Otal, Utilities Department Director, introduced Vanja Knezevic, Chair of the Environmental Services Commission.

Chair Knezevic said the commission had a robust discussion on May 6, 2021, regarding the AMI project and input from the public and City staff. The commission voted 4-2 in opposition to the proposed AMI opt-out program. Ms. Knezevic said the commission trusts the scientific research around AMI technology and finds it difficult to consider voting to allow residents to opt out of the program. She expressed concern that the cost will land on the majority of residents at some point. She thanked staff for their work to capture the costs and to recommend an opt-out fee. Approximately 45 residents have requested to opt out of the program. Ms. Knezevic said the commission determined that allowing residents to opt out of the AMI program is not financially sustainable.

Ms. Otal said the AMI program is a key foundational element to the overall Smart City approach, and the meters are able to communicate water consumption data to the Utilities Department. Ms. Otal noted that the City is able to offer, with the Council's approval, the non-communicating water meter service program for residents to opt out of the AMI meter project. While gas and electric meters are typically installed on the side of a house, the water meter is installed in a meter box in the ground at the edge of the property line. The AMI system leverages the existing cellular infrastructure, and water consumption data is transmitted three times per day for 4-6 seconds.

Ms. Otal said the City selected meters and transmitters that are approved by all applicable regulatory agencies, including the National Science Foundation and the American Water Works Association. The cellular transmitter is certified for operation by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Ms. Otal said that no customer information is stored in the meter or transmitter, and the consumption data is transmitted via a secure private cellular network.

Benefits of the AMI program include the ability of customers to monitor their water usage and to detect leaks early. The system helps to ensure water quality, reduces the carbon footprint involved in monitoring meters and reduces utility costs by reducing system leaks and optimizing water pumping energy.

Ms. Otal said the City selected Itron in December 2018 to implement the AMI project and began installing meters in 2021. All large meters have been deployed and meters for approximately 55 percent of customers have been installed to date. Unfortunately, Itron has experienced delays in the large-scale production of their cellular transmitters. Ms. Otal said that transmitters scheduled for delivery last August have been delayed and are now expected to arrive by the end of this month. Despite the delays, the City was able to complete several rounds of testing on a small sample of cellular transmitters. Ms. Otal said staff anticipates that the AMI project and customer portal will be fully implemented in late fall 2022.

Ms. Otal described the opt-out program. During a 2018 Council meeting, staff was asked if it was considering offering an exception to the new AMI meters. She said the project is now at a decision point regarding the opt-out program. The City has received comments from approximately 45 customers regarding their concerns about cellular transmitters. Ms. Otal said that physical meters and cellular transmitters are widely accepted throughout the utility industry and are certified as safe by the applicable regulatory agencies. She said the transmitters communicate using existing cellular networks.

Ms. Otal said that utilities agencies in Washington do not typically offer the opportunity to opt out of the program. However, as a courtesy to customers, staff proposes offering an opt-out program for a limited five-year period. The traditional meters will not be able to transmit real-time data to the City. Ms. Otal said the program would be available only to existing single-family customers. Commercial and multifamily customers and new residential customers would not be eligible to opt out. Customers who opt out of having an AMI meter will not have access to water consumption data and will pay a number of fees to be in the program.

Ms. Otal said the impacts to the Utilities Department is that field staff will be required to manually read the non-AMI meters. The option involves additional administrative coordination, a modified billing process, coordination with the AMI contractor and the future reinstallation effort. Fees for customers who wish to opt out are: 1) \$80 one-time application and processing fee, 2) \$30 one-time transmitter removal fee (if already installed), and 3) \$15 recurring fee for every manual meter reading (currently every two months).

Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. Otal and Chair Knezevic for the presentation.

Councilmember Lee thanked the Environmental Services Commission for its consideration of the opt-out program. He noted comments during earlier oral communications regarding a resident's concerns about the impact of the AMI meters on her health. While the commission does not support the opt-out program, staff recommends adopting it as a courtesy to existing customers for five years.

Councilmember Robertson asked whether the AMI meters and/or the cellular transmitters discover leaks on the City side of the meter or only on the customer side of the meter. Ms. Otal said the meters will primarily detect customers' leaks. In further response, Ms. Otal said the transmitter is activated three times a day for 4-6 seconds each time. Ms. Otal said she was not aware of the ultrasound effects mentioned earlier during oral communications. Responding to Ms. Robertson, Ms. Otal said the opt-out fees are calculated to cover the City's costs.

Councilmember Stokes said it sounded like the commission conducted a thorough and thoughtful review. He noted that the meters, as well as other sources of EMF transmissions, are in widespread use. He questioned the arbitrary timeframe of five years for the opt-out program. He said the option is not scientifically based and is not a good use of staff time. He expressed concern that more people might want to opt out of the program. He expressed support for the commission's recommendation.

Mayor Robinson said she believes that the commission would not have recommended against allowing the opt out program if there were issues about safety and/or privacy. Chair Knezevic said the meters have no issues related to customer privacy. In further response, Ms. Knezevic said she has invested numerous hours in learning about and discussing the technology with the commission over the past two years. She said the majority of the City's customers have no concerns about the AMI meters.

Councilmember Zahn thanked Chair Knezevic and the commission for their work to ensure that AMI meters are safe and the best system for Bellevue.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis thanked Chair Knezevic for attending the meeting. As a former member of the Environmental Services Commission, he was involved in discussions about the AMI program. He said the meters are widely used and he does not anticipate that anything will change to make them more acceptable in five years to the customers who want to opt out now. He expressed support for the commission's recommendation.

- Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to direct staff to not offer the non-communicating water meter service option for customers. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

At 7:33 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared a short break. The meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

(b) Environmental Stewardship Initiative Quarterly Update

City Manager Miyake introduced staff's first 2022 quarterly update of the Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI) program.

Mac Cummins, Director, Community Development, noted that given the community interest in climate change, staff will provide quarterly updates instead of reports every six months.

Jennifer Ewing, Environmental Stewardship Program Manager, said the City is moving forward with three watershed health assessments, a residential energy efficiency program, the Clean Buildings technical support program, and the implementation of Mobility Implementation Plan policies. The Spring District was recently certified with the LEED-ND (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-Neighborhood Development) designation.

The Clean Buildings Incentive Program: 1) supports buildings with 50,000 or more square feet in complying with the state Clean Buildings Act, 2) provides support for energy benchmarking, energy assessments and compliance requirements, and 3) supports the early adopter incentive and Puget Sound Energy (PSE) incentives. The City is already working with 29 buildings, including Meydenbauer Center and Bellevue College. Under state law, commercial buildings must comply with the Clean Buildings Act, and multifamily buildings, including affordable housing, are eligible to apply for the early adopter incentives.

Ms. Ewing highlighted the City's municipal actions including the Green Fleet strategy, solar grant for City Hall from the state Department of Commerce, energy efficiency grant agreement with Department of Commerce, and the urban forest health assessment. She said staff will provide quarterly updates to the Council and an annual report regarding greenhouse gas emissions. Staff has initiated 10 new actions since the last update to the Council, nine of which were incorporated into existing operations (e.g., tree giveaway program).

Ms. Ewing said the Transportation Department recently launched its curbside management planning, which will help to plan for different modes of transportation and look for opportunities for electric vehicle charging in the right-of-way. Staff has begun working on the home energy retrofit program design and the tree canopy assessment. Of the 77 actions in the plan, Ms. Ewing said approximately 75 percent of those actions have been initiated or incorporated into ongoing operations.

Ms. Ewing highlighted key elements of the 2022 work plan including: 1) Community Climate Challenge, 2) Curbside Management Plan, 3) Clean Buildings Act support and home energy retrofit program, 4) multifamily recycling outreach, 5) Green Fleet strategy and City facility energy efficiency, and 6) tree canopy regulation scoping, tree giveaways and watershed management plan. She said a number of working groups will continue to be involved in providing input on a number of projects. Ms. Ewing said staff will continue to pursue partnerships and federal and state grants.

Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis expressed concern regarding the accumulation of litter throughout Bellevue in roads and parks and the related environmental impacts. Ms. Ewing said the issue of litter has been raised by a number of residents. She said the State has launched an anti-litter campaign and City staff is looking at different resources to promote that effort. Mr. Nieuwenhuis encouraged a proactive approach by the City.

Councilmember Stokes thanked Ms. Ewing for the presentation and for staff's progress in implementing the Environmental Stewardship Plan. Mr. Stokes concurred with Mr. Nieuwenhuis' concern regarding littering and expressed support for work to assess the tree canopy.

Councilmember Zahn commended staff for the recent town hall meeting regarding the implementation of the Environmental Stewardship Plan. She expressed support for the LEED-ND award and the introduction of solar technology at City Hall. Ms. Zahn recalled that she suggested establishing a community litter program during last year's Council retreat. She said a number of cities have similar programs in place.

Ms. Zahn encouraged expediting the green local procurements program, reducing operational waste, building retrofits and the Green Fleet program. She noted that the governor is encouraging cities to accelerate their electric vehicle infrastructure projects. She expressed concern about whether adequate staffing and resources have been dedicated to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent by 2030. She said it would be helpful to have an understanding of the weighted impact of different actions through the annual greenhouse gas emissions analysis. Ms. Ewing said staff will provide more information in the July report.

Mayor Robinson noted that a number of the elements of the Spring District's LEED-ND certification were mandated by the City. She suggested that all new construction in Bellevue should be sustainable, clean energy buildings. Responding to Ms. Robinson, Ms. Ewing said the Clean Buildings Incentive Program will focus on retrofitting existing buildings. Mayor Robinson suggested that the Meydenbauer Center is in need of retrofitting.

Ms. Robinson expressed concern regarding the preservation of the tree canopy given the development and redevelopment in the community. Responding to Ms. Robinson, Ms. Ewing said that tree regulations in other jurisdictions could be helpful to Bellevue. Ms. Ewing noted that engaging with residents and the development community will be necessary to explore the technical aspects of the code. Mr. Cummins said that Community Development and Development Services staff are working to identify related city codes.

(c) Ratification of 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies and Urban Growth Capacity Report

Mr. Miyake recalled that the Council discussed the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) in December 2021. Staff is seeking direction to bring the policies back for Council action at a future meeting.

Emil King, Assistant Director, Community Development, said staff is seeking Council direction to ratify the CPPs and Urban Growth Capacity Report. He said this item demonstrates the importance of regional planning and the role that Bellevue plays as a leader in regional policy development and the establishment of growth targets. He said Bellevue elected officials and staff have worked with others across the county over the past year to update the CPPs, which inform the periodic Comprehensive Plan updates.

Thara Johnson, Comprehensive Planning Manager, said the state Growth Management Act (GMA) requires counties to adopt CPPs to align with the regional growth strategy outlined in the Puget Sound Regional Council's Vision 2050. The current updates to the CPPs also reflect revisions to the GMA and recommendations from the Affordable Housing Committee Action

Plan. The CPPs establish growth targets for each jurisdiction based on the Urban Growth Capacity Report and incorporate criteria for defining urban centers and countywide centers. The housing and employment growth targets inform the next update to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Johnson said that Downtown Bellevue was designated as an urban growth center in PSRC's Vision 2050 plan and is one of two metropolitan job centers. The updated CPPs reflect a more equitable jobs and housing balance based on Vision 2050, and five mixed-use countywide growth centers have been identified in Bellevue. Additional topics addressed in the CPPs include equity and climate change. The key changes in housing policies align with the existing Vision 2050 plan and the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force final report and recommendations, strengthen methods for local and regional accountability, achieve health and equity outcomes, and reduce historic disparities. The CPPs reflect a focus on integrating social equity and public health considerations into local and countywide planning.

Ms. Johnson said the CPPs were released for public comment in March 2021 and the review and comment period extended into April. The Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) approved the CPPs in June 2021 and they were adopted by the King County Council in December 2021. Ratification of the CPPs requires approval by 30 percent of jurisdictions in King County representing approximately 70 percent of the population.

Ms. Johnson requested Council direction to return with an ordinance ratifying the 2021 CPPS and Urban Growth Capacity Report.

Councilmember Robertson, a 12-year member of the GMPC, expressed support for the ratification of the CPPs. She said the City has supported the development of the CPPs and all four amendments proposed by Bellevue were incorporated into the CPPs. She said the City requested the change to better balance the jobs and housing targets. The CPPs have a strong focus on equity and housing. Councilmember Robertson said she appreciated Mayor Robinson's continued work on the affordable housing task force, which contributed to the update of the CPPs. Ms. Robertson noted that Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis is the new representative to serve on the GMPC. She recalled that the City of Sammamish's growth targets were previously very low due to their moratorium related to utilities. The moratorium has been lifted and their growth targets will be increased this year. Ms. Robertson said that Bellevue will not meet its housing target under current land use zoning and the City will need to be more aggressive in its planning going forward, especially in the Wilburton and BelRed areas.

Councilmember Stokes thanked Councilmember Robertson for her work with the GMPC. Mr. Stokes said the updated CPPs reflect work that has been ongoing for a number of years as well as changes in the region. He praised the regional effort to update the policies and expressed support for ratification.

Councilmember Zahn expressed support for the ratification of the CPPs. She concurred with Councilmember Robertson's suggestion for the City to be more aggressive in reaching its housing targets.

Responding to Councilmember Zahn, Mr. King confirmed that the targets through 2044 are 35,000 housing units and 70,000 jobs. The capacity of 26,859 housing units and 117,241 jobs is based on current land use zoning and reflects the need to increase housing capacity through ongoing planning efforts.

In further response to Councilmember Zahn, Ms. Johnson said that part of the work planned for the coming year is to determine the regional and local housing needs based on the different household income levels. Ms. Zahn suggested that perhaps the City's Affordable Housing Strategy needs to be updated to reflect a more aggressive approach.

Mayor Robinson said that if you accept the Housing Development Consortium's recommendation for Bellevue to create 1,000 affordable housing units per year, 25,000 units would be created by 2044, which represents 71 percent of the City's planned housing units. She said she looks forward to establishing a more realistic housing goal. She thanked everyone for their hard work and expressed support for the ratification of the CPPs.

Councilmember Lee suggested that the jobs and housing targets should be realistic and achievable. He thanked everyone for their work with King County and cities in the region. Responding to Mr. Lee, Councilmember Robertson said the growth targets are negotiated. The initial targets were set at 27,000 housing units and 54,000 jobs. Ms. Robertson said that Bellevue wanted a better housing and jobs balance and therefore negotiated for more aggressive housing targets. She said it will be challenging to reach the housing targets and it is important to be aggressive with housing development where possible, including in the BelRed and Wilburton areas.

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to direct staff to prepare legislation for action on a future consent calendar ratifying the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies and the 2021 Urban Growth Capacity Report. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Stokes noted that conditions in the region have changed significantly since the growth targets were last established.

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

At 8:48 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared a short break. The meeting resumed at 9:00 p.m.

11. Land Use

- (a) Ordinance No. 6648 approving with a condition the rezone application Permit File No. 21-104464-LQ; rezone of a 3.35-acre portion of the Glendale Country Club located at 13440 Main Street from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to R-10 (Multi-Family Residential).

City Attorney Kathy Gerla introduced discussion regarding the proposed rezone of a portion of the Glendale Country Club from Single-Family Residential (R-1) to Multifamily Residential (R-

10). This is a Process III quasi-judicial matter and the Hearing Examiner recommended approval of the rezone application with one condition. No appeals were filed.

Ms. Gerla recalled that the proposal was previously discussed by the Council. She suggested that the Council disclose any ex parte contacts with proponents or opponents of the proposed rezone.

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

→ Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6648, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

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

12. Other Ordinances, Resolutions, and Motions: None.

13. Unfinished Business: None.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session

At 9:02 p.m., Mayor Robinson declared recess to Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss a matter pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). She said the meeting would be adjourned upon the conclusion of the Executive Session.

16. Adjournment

The Executive Session began at approximately 9:12 and the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Charmaine Arredondo, CMC
City Clerk

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