

East Bellevue Community Council
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 1, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Kasner, Vice Chair Dhananjaya, Alternate Vice Chair Epstein and Councilmembers Hummer and Lai

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Brian Wendt, Assistant City Attorney
Nick Whipple, Planning Manager, Development Services Department (DSD)
Caleb Miller, Senior Planner, DSD
Trisna Tanus, Consulting Attorney, DSD
Kristina Gallant, Senior Planner, DSD
Kevin McDonald, Principal Transportation Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., with Chair Hummer presiding.

2. ROLL CALL/FLAG SALUTE

Deputy City Clerk Karin Roberts called the roll and all Councilmembers were present. Councilmember Hummer led the flag salute.

(a) 2022 Election of Officers

Councilmember Hummer said she was honored to serve as the EBCC Chair over the past four years. She highlighted the EBCC's accomplishments including improving relations with City Hall and addressing a range of issues including homeless services, transportation, school construction and affordable housing. Ms. Hummer thanked Deputy City Clerk Roberts for her work with the EBCC, including publishing meeting agenda packets seven days prior to a meeting and preparing annotated agendas for the chair. Ms. Hummer thanked Chad Barnes and Brian Wendt for their work with the EBCC. She recalled that she and Vice Chair Dhananjaya began attending Planning Commission meetings a couple of years ago to become better informed and make better decisions.

Ms. Hummer noted that she has learned a great deal over the years about the EBCC's role in land use matters. She said the most important action by the EBCC was to ensure that the Delbrook neighborhood was heard in the permitting process for the redevelopment of the Bellewood School. She said City staff and the applicant analyzed input from the EBCC courtesy hearing and found a solution to satisfy all parties.

Councilmember Hummer thanked Deputy Mayor Nieuwenhuis for providing regular updates during the EBCC's meetings. She thanked City Councilmember Robertson and former City Councilmember Claudia Balducci for their input and support as liaisons to the EBCC. Chair Hummer expressed concern regarding efforts within the state legislature to sunset the state's two community councils. She thanked her colleagues for their support.

Councilmember Hummer introduced the election of officers for 2022.

Councilmember Dhananjaya nominated Councilmember Kasner to serve as Chair.

Hearing no further nominations, Councilmember Hummer closed the floor for nominations.

The nomination for Councilmember Kasner to serve as Chair carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chair Kasner thanked Ms. Hummer for her hard work and leadership.

Councilmember Epstein nominated Councilmember Dhananjaya to serve as Vice Chair.

Hearing no further nominations, Chair Kasner closed the floor for nominations.

The nomination for Councilmember Dhananjaya to serve as Vice Chair carried by a vote of 5-0.

Vice Chair Dhananjaya nominated Councilmember Epstein to serve as Alternate Vice Chair.

Hearing no further nominations, Chair Kasner closed the floor for nominations.

The nomination for Councilmember Epstein to serve as Alternate Vice Chair carried by a vote of 5-0.

Vice Chair Dhananjaya thanked Councilmember Hummer for her leadership and dedication as the EBCC Chair. He said he was especially proud of the EBCC's role in the community engagement process related to the Bellewood School project. Mr. Dhananjaya said he hopes everyone understands the important role of community councils.

Councilmember Epstein said Councilmember Hummer was very helpful when he joined the Council and impressed him with her hard work on behalf of the community. Mr. Epstein thanked her for her leadership.

Councilmember Lai noted that Councilmember Hummer has been very helpful to him as well as a new Councilmember.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Kasner moved to approve the agenda, amended to add discussion at the end of the meeting about planning an EBCC retreat and/or Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) training.

Councilmember Epstein seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

4. COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL

James McEachran said he has been involved in supportive housing and homelessness services for many years. He said supportive services are critical in efforts to maintain housing stability. He thanked the EBCC for their work on behalf of the community.

Sandra Hughes, speaking on behalf of the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association (LHNA), thanked Councilmember Hummer for her leadership of the EBCC over the past few years. Ms. Hughes noted that the next LHNA meeting will be held on February 24. She said the group recently heard an update from City staff regarding projects in Lake Hills, including the Kelsey Creek culvert project. Additional recent updates involved representatives of the Bellevue School District and the King County Tax Assessor's Office. The February 24 meeting will highlight infill development and redevelopment activities in East Bellevue. Ms. Hughes thanked EBCC members for their service.

5. REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, and COMMISSIONS: None.

6. REPORT OF THE CHAIR: None.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None.

8. PUBLIC/COURTESY HEARINGS

(a) Courtesy Hearing: Supportive and Emergency Housing Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA)

Nick Whipple, Planning Manager, Code and Policy Division, introduced the courtesy hearing on the supportive and emergency housing Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA). He recalled that House Bill 1220: 1) requires cities to allow permanent supportive and transitional housing in all land use districts where residential dwellings or hotels are allowed, and 2) requires cities to allow emergency housing and emergency shelters in all land use districts where hotels are allowed. The City Council adopted an interim official control (IOC) through Ordinance No. 6585 to bring the Land Use Code into immediate compliance with state law. The proposed LUCA reflects permanent regulations to replace the IOC.

Mr. Whipple said permanent supportive housing includes supportive services intended to keep tenants permanently in housing. Transitional housing transitions tenants into independent housing over a two-year period. Emergency housing is intended to address basic daily needs and emergency shelters include short-term day centers and overnight shelters.

Caleb Miller, Senior Planner, said the LUCA addresses supportive housing, which is considered non-transient housing with a duration of more than 30 days, and homeless services uses for facilities providing short-term stays. He said new LUC section 20.20.845 indicates that supportive housing is allowed in all districts where residential and hotels/motels are allowed. Homeless services uses continue to be a conditional use in all districts where hotels/motels are allowed. Facilities exempt from complying with the registration and noticing requirements are

facilities with less than 25 percent of their floor area dedicated to providing services, facilities with no on-site services, and facilities requiring confidentiality. Mr. Miller described the registration and noticing requirements for facilities that are not exempt, as well as the general requirements for an on-site kitchen and on-site supportive services.

Mr. Miller presented a map depicting the land use districts within the EBCC jurisdiction. He said supportive housing is allowed in all residential districts. He noted that the EBCC area does not contain any Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU) or Office/Limited Business-Open Space (OLB-OS) districts. The public engagement process for the LUCA followed Process III requirements regarding legal noticing and holding a public hearing. Additional activities included meetings with community stakeholders and online information.

Mr. Miller said the proposed LUCA will be presented to the Planning Commission on February 9, and the commission anticipates providing a recommendation by February 23. Following consideration and action by the City Council, the EBCC will hold a public hearing and take action on the City Council's ordinance.

At 7:05 p.m., Councilmember Lai moved to open the public hearing. Vice Chair Dhananjaya seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ryan Donohue, representing Habitat for Humanity, said he is co-chair of the Eastside Affordable Housing Convening group and a member of the Eastside Housing Roundtable. He expressed strong support for the proposed LUCA and noted the critical need for housing.

Patience Malaba, representing the Housing Development Consortium, said she is also co-chair of the Eastside Housing Roundtable. She expressed strong support for the proposed LUCA and urged the EBCC to support compliance with state law. Ms. Malaba asked the City to not treat emergency housing as a conditional use in areas that allow hotels, and she requested minor revisions to certain definitions.

At 7:14 p.m., Councilmember Epstein moved to close the public hearing. Vice Chair Dhananjaya seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Councilmember Lai thanked everyone for their input. Responding to Mr. Lai, Mr. Miller said it is feasible that two uses could be located on the same site. However, in establishing each of those uses, the applicant would go through separate processes for each use.

Councilmember Hummer thanked staff for the presentation. Responding to Ms. Hummer, Mr. Miller said staff is aware of two supportive housing facilities that have applied for permits since the passage of the IOC. One of those facilities is downtown and the other is located in the Lake Hills neighborhood. In further response, Mr. Miller said the Lake Hills location is still in the permitting process.

Ms. Hummer recalled that the EBCC disapproved the Homeless Services Uses LUCA because it removed the conditional use permit (CUP) process. Mr. Miller noted that the LUCA applies to the rest of Bellevue and provides a development agreement option.

Ms. Hummer said there are a number of locations within the EBCC jurisdiction where homeless services uses could be located. Mr. Miller said that homeless services uses or shelters would be permitted only as a conditional use. Ms. Hummer encouraged streamlining the permitting process to the extent possible to avoid creating barriers to the production of needed housing.

Councilmember Epstein thanked staff for the presentation. Responding to Mr. Epstein, Mr. Miller said the state law also contains requirements related to addressing supportive and emergency housing in the Comprehensive Plan.

Vice Chair Dhananjaya thanked everyone for the information. Responding to Mr. Dhananjaya, Mr. Miller provided clarification regarding the program to protect confidentiality for survivors of domestic abuse and other individuals. In further response, Mr. Miller said there has not been regional collaboration for this LUCA beyond the community stakeholder engagement process. Mr. Dhananjaya noted the value of standardizing requirements across surrounding cities.

Chair Kasner thanked staff and the public for the information. Responding to Mr. Kasner, Mr. Miller said the CUP process is the only permitting pathway for transient emergency housing in the EBCC jurisdiction.

Mr. Kasner said it would be helpful to know the extent of the need for housing and services in Bellevue.

Councilmember Hummer noted her ongoing support for an equitable distribution of all types of housing throughout Bellevue.

(b) Public Hearing: Affordable Housing Action C-1 Density Bonus LUCA

Trisna Tanus, Consulting Attorney, Development Services Department (DSD), said staff is requesting the EBCC's approval of Resolution No. 600 adopting City Council Ordinance No. 6626 related to the affordable housing Action C-1 density bonus LUCA. Ordinance No. 6626 amends LUC Chapters 20.10 Land Use Districts, 20.20 General Development Requirements, 20.25 Special and Overlay Districts and 20.50 Definitions. The ordinance established a density bonus and additional modifications to other standards and requirements for affordable housing developments on certain public, nonprofit and religious organization-owned properties.

Kristina Gallant, Senior Planner, said properties eligible for the C-1 density bonus must provide affordable housing units at or below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI). In single-family land use districts, the land must be owned by a religious organization. In multifamily districts, the land may be owned by a religious organization, nonprofit organization, or public agency. The bonus is not available in the BelRed, Downtown and Eastgate areas because other housing bonus options are provided.

Ms. Gallant presented maps depicting properties owned by religious and nonprofit organizations and public agencies. She said the new bonus is called a by-right density bonus, which means that any project meeting the specified criteria is eligible for the bonus without additional process. The maximum density bonus is 50 percent. Ms. Gallant provided estimates of the maximum number of housing units that could be developed using the density bonus. The LUCA provides for scaled

flexibility for lot area and surface coverage. In multifamily districts, additional building height is allowed, and parking requirements may be reduced.

Ms. Gallant reiterated that there is no additional review associated with the density bonus. She said that duplexes and triplexes may make up to half of the units in subdivisions in single-family areas. The unit lot subdivision process is available as well to provide opportunities for affordable home ownership. Ms. Gallant said the City typically defines affordable housing as households earning at or below 80 percent AMI.

Ms. Gallant recalled that Action C-1 of the Affordable Housing Strategy is to increase the development potential on land owned by public agencies, faith-based and nonprofit entities for affordable housing. The action conforms the Land Use Code with RCW 35A.63.300. Process IV requirements were followed for the legal noticing, courtesy hearing and public hearing requirements. Additional public engagement included direct conversations with the faith community, nonprofit housing providers and members of the public, as well as a project page on EngagingBellevue.com.

Ms. Tanus said the City Council initiated this work and forwarded the item to the Planning Commission for review and public hearing. A courtesy hearing was held with the EBCC on September 8, 2021. The City Council took action on the LUCA on December 6, 2021. Following tonight's public hearing the EBCC is asked to take action on the City Council ordinance. Staff recommends approval of the LUCA.

At 7:56 p.m., Councilmember Epstein moved to open the public hearing. Councilmember Lai seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ryan Donohue, Advocacy and Policy Director for Habitat for Humanity (Seattle, King and Kittitas Counties), noted that he is co-chair of the Eastside Affordable Housing Convening group and a member of the Eastside Housing Roundtable. He expressed strong support for the proposed LUCA to implement the Action C-1 density bonus for affordable housing. He thanked the City's planning staff, City Council, EBCC, Boards and Commissions for their work on this issue. He said the LUCA will facilitate the development of critically needed housing. He expressed concern regarding the cost of housing, whether buying or renting a home.

At 8:00 p.m., Vice Chair Dhananjaya moved to close the public hearing. Councilmember Lai seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Responding to Councilmember Epstein, Ms. Gallant said all housing must be priced at 80 percent AMI or below, and lower income housing is encouraged. Ms. Gallant said there are separate policies in the affordable housing plan targeting households earning 50 percent AMI or below.

Vice Chair Dhananjaya thanked staff for the presentation and encouraged housing for a broad range of household incomes throughout the region.

Councilmember Hummer said she appreciated the presentation, especially the information about the possibility of building townhomes and providing more opportunities for home ownership.

She said the housing at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection seems to work very well, and it provides duplexes, triplexes, and daylight ramblers. She said she would like the record to show that the EBCC is committed to promoting the construction of affordable housing developments throughout the city in an equitable fashion. She said she would like to amend the resolution approving the City Council ordinance to document the EBCC's position on its action.

Councilmember Hummer said she would like the record to show that on September 8, 2021, the EBCC held a courtesy hearing to discuss the establishment of density bonuses for affordable housing developments in land use districts with single-family and multifamily residences. Following the courtesy hearing, the EBCC submitted a memo to the Planning Commission communicating its concerns about the super density bonus that was initially proposed. Ms. Hummer said the memo was read into the record of the September 22, 2021 Planning Commission public hearing. She would also like the record to show that the EBCC indicated a preference for mixed income multifamily developments to retain the existing 15-percent density bonus above the maximum density allowed in an underlying land use district. In addition, Ms. Hummer said she would like the record to show that since the Planning Commission revised its recommendation and the City Council approved an increased density bonus consistent with state law, the Comprehensive Plan and EBCC's recommendation, the EBCC should help to promote the construction and equitable distribution of affordable housing throughout the City.

Councilmember Lai expressed support for the LUCA and for maintaining compliance with state law. He said he hopes the provisions will lead to an increase in affordable housing citywide. Responding to Mr. Lai, Ms. Gallant said the BelRed, Downtown and Eastgate areas have separate housing incentives.

Chair Kasner expressed concern regarding the process related to this LUCA. He said the Planning Commission addressed the LUCA over several meetings, yet the EBCC did not hear about the issue until two weeks before the Planning Commission's decision and recommendation. He said he would like the EBCC to be notified at the beginning of any land use issue affecting property within the EBCC jurisdiction. Responding to Mr. Kasner, Ms. Gallant said the BelRed area is regulated slightly differently, and smaller units result in increased density. Mr. Kasner said he wants to ensure that housing is built. He is opposed to offering the option of in lieu payments. Ms. Gallant said the C-1 density bonus does not involve in lieu payments.

Responding to Mr. Kasner, Ms. Gallant said the new density bonus is not available to Bellevue parks properties. In further response, Ms. Tanus said it is possible that a nonprofit or faith-based school property could be eligible for the density bonus to develop all affordable housing units.

Chair Kasner said he supports the LUCA as presented. He would like to significantly increase the percentage of affordable housing units at all income levels.

Vice Chair Dhananjaya suggested, for future presentations, that real-life examples or scenarios of the anticipated impacts of policies would be helpful for the EBCC and the public.

Chair Kasner thanked everyone for their input.

(c) Public Hearing: Comprehensive Transportation Project List (CTPL)
Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA)

Chair Kasner introduced Kevin McDonald, Principal Transportation Planner, to provide the staff report regarding the Transportation Policy Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA).

Mr. McDonald said the CPA approved by the City Council repeals the Comprehensive Transportation Project List (CTPL), which was established during the 2015 major update of the Comprehensive Plan. The list combined all transportation projects citywide, and a subsequent review reduced the number of projects from 800 to 80 due to the removal of completed projects, duplicate project listings, and other outdated information. Mr. McDonald said that leaving the list in the Comprehensive Plan would require a CPA every time the list needed to be updated.

Mr. McDonald recalled that the proposed CPA was the subject of a courtesy hearing before the EBCC in July. On December 13, 2021, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 6632 repealing the CTPL and directing that the projects be incorporated into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project list. Mr. McDonald said that three East Bellevue projects were identified on the CTPL. One had been completed and was removed from the list.

Mr. McDonald requested action by the EBCC to approve Resolution No. 601 adopting City Council Ordinance No. 6632.

At 8:30 p.m., Councilmember Lai moved to open the public hearing. Councilmember Hummer seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

At 8:30 p.m., Councilmember Hummer moved to extend the meeting to 9:30 p.m. Vice Chair Dhananjaya seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Deputy City Clerk Roberts noted that no one signed up or was present to speak on this issue.

At 8:32 p.m., Councilmember Hummer moved to close the public hearing. Vice Chair Dhananjaya seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ms. Hummer thanked Mr. McDonald for the presentation. She expressed concern regarding bus service in East Bellevue and encouraged improved services from Metro and Sound Transit.

Responding to Ms. Hummer, Mr. McDonald said the projects on the CTPL went through essentially the same process that is used to add projects to the TIP project list. He said the local community will continue to have the opportunity to provide input regarding proposed transportation projects.

Councilmember Hummer said she would like to amend Resolution No. 601 to reflect the EBCC's contribution to and feedback regarding the CTPL amendment. She recalled that on July 6, 2021, the EBCC held a courtesy hearing and discussed the proposed repeal of the CTPL from the Comprehensive Plan. At that time the EBCC expressed concern that repealing the CTPL might make future transportation projects less visible to the public. She encouraged making the TIP project list available to the public.

Councilmember Lai thanked staff for the presentation. Responding to Mr. Lai, Mr. McDonald said the goal of the CPA is to streamline the process and to avoid duplication in multiple project lists. Mr. McDonald said the TIP is updated annually, and the Transportation Commission holds a public hearing before making a recommendation to the City Council. He said there is full transparency before the project list is updated every year.

Vice Chair Dhananjaya noted that transportation infrastructure and technologies are changing rapidly, including through the increase in electric vehicles and multimodal transportation facilities. He concurred with Councilmember Hummer's interest in enhanced bus service. He encouraged staff to address both emergent and long-term needs in the annual update to the TIP project list.

Chair Kasner stated his understanding that the traffic lights were fixed only at Main Street and SE 8th Street and no work was completed at NE 8th Street. He asked staff to check on that before removing the project from the list. Mr. McDonald said he would follow up with that information.

Mr. Kasner said that NE 8th Street and 148th Avenue NE is one of the most complicated intersections in the city. He said he looks forward to hearing suggestions for improvements at that location and projected costs. He learned from the recent meeting of the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association that a culvert under Lake Hills Boulevard would cost \$9 million.

Responding to Mr. Kasner, Mr. McDonald said the SE 16th Street project remains in the TIP project list. Mr. McDonald noted that the City Council likes the project, while the EBCC has expressed opposition to the project at different times.

Mr. Kasner suggested that staff reference in the project list the previous project number when a project number is changed in order to make it easier to track a project's history.

(d) Public Hearing: Transportation Element CPA

Mr. McDonald said the Transportation Element CPA amends policies related to multimodal concurrency, as reflected in the City Council's adoption of Ordinance No. 6633 in December 2021. He recalled that the proposal was previously discussed with the EBCC. In April 2021, the City Council directed the Transportation Commission to recommend multimodal concurrency policy for the Comprehensive plan. The commission recommended policy amendments to the Planning Commission, which held a public hearing and transmitted its recommendation to the City Council. Mr. McDonald requested action on Resolution No. 602 approving Ordinance No. 6633.

At 8:50 p.m., Councilmember Epstein moved to open the public hearing. Councilmember Hummer seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Todd Woosley noted that he formerly served as Transportation Commission Vice Chair and is also on the board of his neighborhood association. He thanked the EBCC for its role in retaining the Comprehensive Plan policy of striving to reduce congestion and for helping to influence a better policy. He said there was an initial proposal to remove the foundational policy of trying to

reduce congestion. He commended the recommendation from the City Council to “aggressively plan, manage and expand transportation investments to reduce congestion and to expand opportunities in a multimodal and comprehensive manner that improves the quality of the travel experience for all users.” He encouraged the EBCC to support the proposed language. Mr. Woosley noted that Microsoft, Amazon, and Facebook are significantly increasing their number of employees in Bellevue. He said a multimodal transportation system is needed to protect neighborhoods and overall quality of life. Mr. Woosley said the City conducts a travel demand forecast, as does the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). He encouraged proportional investments in transportation projects consistent with travel mode splits.

At 8:57 p.m., Councilmember Hummer moved to close the public hearing. Vice Chair Dhananjaya seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Councilmember Hummer thanked Mr. McDonald for the presentation. She thanked Mr. Woosley for his comments and for recognizing the EBCC’s role in revising the policy language. Ms. Hummer said she would like to amend the resolution below to reflect that on July 6, the EBCC held a courtesy hearing regarding the transportation policy CPA, and that following the courtesy hearing, the EBCC submitted a memo to the Planning Commission and the City Council regarding its position. She noted the EBCC’s support of the goal to aggressively plan, manage and expand transportation investments to reduce congestion and expand opportunities in a multimodal and comprehensive manner, and to improve the quality of the travel experience for all users.

Councilmember Epstein expressed support for the proposed policy amendment.

Councilmember Lai noted his support for the proposed amendment and for multimodal transportation elements.

Vice Chair Dhananjaya thanked Mr. Woosley for his comments. Mr. Dhananjaya encouraged staff to consider the return on investment over the long term for projects. He encouraged partnerships with large employers to address transportation needs. He expressed concern regarding bicycle and pedestrian accidents and acknowledged the City’s Vision Zero program to increase overall travel safety.

Chair Kasner noted the importance of using transportation dollars for the projects most beneficial to the community. He said the EBCC looks forward to its continued work with the Transportation Commission and staff.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- (a) Resolution No. 599 electing 2022 Community Council Officers

Vice Chair Dhananjaya moved to adopt Resolution No. 599 electing the 2022 East Bellevue Community Council officers. Councilmember Hummer seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

(b) Resolution No. 600 approving City Council Ordinance No. 6626

Councilmember Hummer moved to adopt Resolution No. 600 approving City Council Ordinance No. 6626, amended to insert recitals immediately after the resolution's title to read: "Whereas the East Bellevue Community Council is committed to promoting the construction of affordable housing developments throughout the city in an equitable fashion, and whereas on September 8, 2021, the EBCC held a courtesy hearing to discuss in part the establishment of density bonuses for affordable housing developments in land use districts with single-family and multifamily residences, and whereas following the courtesy hearing, the EBCC submitted a memorandum to the Planning Commission communicating its concerns with the super density bonus as initially proposed. This memorandum also was read into the record at the September 22, 2021 Planning Commission public hearing. Whereas the EBCC communicated a preference that mixed income multifamily developments retain the existing 15-percent density bonus above the maximum density allowed in an underlying land use district, and affordable housing developments be eligible to receive a 50 percent density bonus above the maximum density allowed in an underlying land use district, and whereas the Planning Commission has since revised its recommendation and the City Council approved an increased density bonus consistent with the state law, Comprehensive Plan and the EBCC's recommendation that should help promote the construction and equitable distribution of affordable housing throughout the city."

Responding to Mr. Epstein, Assistant City Attorney Wendt said the recital does not have regulatory effect. Its primary purpose is to provide additional context for the action being taken by the EBCC. Mr. Wendt said it is fairly common to have recitals for resolutions and ordinances to describe the work that was done and maybe even to celebrate certain facts that the body wants to have memorialized.

Councilmember Lai seconded the motion.

Chair Kasner said he does not support adding the recitals and recommends supporting the resolution as presented.

Ms. Hummer said she wanted the recitals to provide more context for constituents in the future.

Vice Chair Dhananjaya concurred that more information could be helpful.

Chair Kasner said the vote on the resolution will reflect the EBCC's position. He said the meeting minutes of previous discussions document the context of the EBCC's approach and decision.

Noting Councilmember Hummer's interest in incorporating similar recitals for the next two resolutions as well, Chair Kasner suggested it would have been helpful to provide the proposed language to the EBCC in advance of action on the resolutions.

Ms. Hummer said she thought the most important point was referring to the removal of the super density bonus, which she believes was influenced by the EBCC's memo to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Hummer said she would be agreeable to shortening the language to: “Whereas the East Bellevue Community Council is committed to promoting the construction of affordable housing developments throughout the city in an equitable fashion, and whereas on September 8, 2021, the EBCC held a courtesy hearing to discuss the establishment of density bonuses for affordable housing developments in land use districts with single-family and multifamily residences.”

Resolution No. 600 carried as amended by a vote of 5-0.

(c) Resolution No. 601 approving City Council Ordinance No. 6632

Councilmember Hummer moved to adopt Resolution No. 601 approving City Council Ordinance No. 6632. Councilmember Epstein seconded the motion.

Councilmember Hummer moved to amend the resolution to add the following: “Whereas on July 6, 2021, the East Bellevue Community Council held a courtesy hearing and discussed the proposed repeal of the Comprehensive Transportation Project List (CTPL) from the Comprehensive Plan, and whereas the EBCC expressed concern that repealing the CTPL might make future transportation projects less visible to the public, and whereas the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a citywide inventory of future transportation projects, is accessible and available to the public.”

Chair Kasner reiterated that the recitals are not necessary and could cause confusion.

Vice Chair Dhananjaya suggested retaining the first whereas phrase only. Councilmember Hummer agreed to that as a friendly amendment.

The motion to approve Resolution No. 601, as amended with the addition of the first whereas clause, carried by a vote of 5-0.

(d) Resolution No. 602 approving City Council Ordinance No. 6633

Councilmember Hummer moved to adopt Resolution No. 602 approving City Council Ordinance No. 6633. Vice Chair Dhananjaya seconded the motion.

Ms. Hummer proposed an amendment to add: “Whereas on July 6, 2021, the EBCC held a courtesy hearing on the Transportation Policy Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA), and whereas following the courtesy hearing the EBCC submitted a memorandum to the Planning Commission and the City Council relaying the EBCC’s concerns related to traffic congestion, and whereas the concurrency policies to be included as part of the Transportation CPA include the following goal to aggressively plan, manage and expand transportation investments to reduce congestion and expand opportunities in a multimodal and comprehensive manner, and improve the quality of the travel experience for all users.” Councilmember Epstein seconded the motion to amend.

Vice Chair Dhananjaya agreed that it is important to note the discussion date of July 6 and that the EBCC is concerned about the impacts of traffic congestion. However, he expressed concern

that the rest of the statement could cause confusion. He reiterated his interest in stating that both near-term and long-term projects should be addressed.

At 9:28 p.m., Councilmember Lai moved to extend the meeting for 15 minutes. Vice Chair Dhananjaya seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Following additional brief discussion, Chair Kasner asked Councilmember Hummer to restate her proposed addition. Ms. Hummer read: “Whereas the concurrency policies to be included as part of the Transportation Policy CPA include the following goal to aggressively plan, manage and expand transportation investments to reduce congestion and to expand opportunities in a multimodal and comprehensive manner, and to improve the quality of the travel experience for all users.” The motion was seconded.

Responding to Deputy City Clerk Roberts, Chair Kasner confirmed that the amendment includes the previous paragraph and “Whereas on July 6, 2021, the EBCC held a courtesy hearing on the Transportation Policy Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA).”

Resolution No. 602 was approved as amended by the previous two paragraphs by a vote of 5-0.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- (a) Discussion of proposed State Legislation to sunset Community Councils

Chair Kasner said the House Government Committee voted to pass House Bill 1769 on to the Rules Committee. The next steps would be moving the bill to the floor for consideration and moving the bill out of the House to the Senate by February 15. Mr. Kasner said he would provide an update at the EBCC’s March 1 meeting.

Councilmember Hummer proposed asking the Deputy City Clerk to draft a memo to be delivered to the Planning Commission regarding the EBCC’s discussion about permanent supportive housing. She suggested that an EBCC member read the memo during the Planning Commission’s hearing. Councilmember Epstein agreed to do so for the commission’s February 9 meeting.

- 11. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

12. CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Hummer noted that the next major Comprehensive Plan update is coming up in the near future. She said it would be helpful to receive information regarding the Planning Commission’s retreat discussion about parliamentary procedure and the creation of a commission handbook. She suggested that the EBCC hold a retreat duplicating the Planning Commission retreat. Deputy City Clerk Roberts said she would look into that information.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- (a) Summary Regular Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2022

Councilmember Epstein moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022 Regular Meeting. Vice Chair Dhananjaya seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

14. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:46 p.m., Chair Kasner declared the meeting adjourned.

Karin Roberts, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

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