

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

## **CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**

Our mission is to facilitate accessible, open and transparent government through communication, information sharing and participation by citizens in municipal government, while providing a necessary link between the legislative and administrative functions of the city.

- **Did You Know?** Council Chambers inside City Hall is fitted with a Hearing Loop device which is also known as an audio induction loop. This special system transmits an audio signal directly into a hearing aid via a magnetic field. The technology greatly reduces background noise, competing sounds, reverberation and other acoustic distortions that reduce clarity so everyone attending events held inside the Council Chambers can enjoy the events without struggling to hear against other competing noises.
- **Did You Know?** In late 2019, the City Clerk's Office piloted the use of an electronic registration form to be used to sign up for Oral Communications and/or Public Hearing to give comments during our City Council meetings. This electronic registration form will soon be available for use to sign up and give comments during public hearings at virtual Council meetings. This eliminates the need to use the traditional pen and paper to register and allows for more accessibility to everyone who would like to provide their comment to Council. Council always accepts written comments submitted to the Council email as well.
- **Did You Know?** Although the Council Chambers has a podium with a static microphone, a separate, hands-free microphone was added on a lower table to allow better access for anyone participating in public comment, particularly those who use wheelchairs. With help from our facilities team, the Council meetings held in City Hall within Council Chambers will always have this additional microphone available for use during the meeting.

To view a full list of accessibility and inclusion highlights from various city departments, visit BellevueWA.gov/ada-30th-anniversary