

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

February 21, 2012
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Lee, Deputy Mayor Robertson, and Councilmembers Balducci, Chelminiak, Davidson, Stokes, and Wallace

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m., with Mayor Lee presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call, all Councilmembers were present. Councilmember Balducci led the flag salute.

Mayor Lee welcomed Boy Scout Troup 600, which is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue and led by Ron Smith, former Bellevue Mayor.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Vic Bishop, representing the West Lake Sammamish Association, asked the City to delay the installation of the proposed traffic signal at West Lake Sammamish Parkway and SE 34th Street. He noted a petition of 81 residents in favor of delaying the signal, and reported that only 10 residents requested the signal during the two-year project planning process. He described residents' concerns about the effect of the signal on driveway access and traffic delays. Mr. Bishop submitted a written presentation of his comments.
- (b) Cole Sherwood spoke against the proposed traffic signal referenced by Mr. Bishop, noting that he lives one house north of the intersection. He expressed concern that the signal will cause traffic backups that will interfere with access to and from his driveway. He said the intersection does not meet warrants for a traffic signal, and he would rather have taxpayers' money spent on a needed traffic project. He reiterated that only 10 citizens raised their hands in a meeting to express an interest in a traffic signal at the location.

Mayor Lee recalled that the West Lake Sammamish Parkway project involved extensive public participation in the planning process. He asked staff to follow up on today's comments with a written response.

- (c) Eric Givens, Director of Housing for Imagine Housing (formerly St. Andrew's Housing Group), reported that the Andrew's Glen community in Factoria is 100 percent occupied. He thanked the Council and staff for their support and guidance.
- (d) Dave Marcrander said he is a retired U.S. Air Force Officer who served as a pilot and commander. He is passionate about supporting veterans and an ardent supporter of Imagine Housing. He said there are a startling number of homeless veterans. He noted that Andrew's Glen provides housing for 20 veterans who would otherwise still be homeless without the City's generosity. Mr. Marcrander said a Veterans Day steak dinner sponsored by Golden Steer Choice Meats was held at Andrew's Glen for all residents, including non-Veterans. He said the veterans are grateful for the housing and support.
- (e) Quiana Ross, a current resident of Andrew's Glen, said that she served in the U.S. Army as a medical specialist, and her service included deployment to the Kosovo War. She had a difficult time transitioning to civilian life and struggled with homelessness and PTSD. Ms. Ross said that Andrew's Glen has given her a stable foundation. She is enrolled in her second quarter at Bellevue College to complete nursing prerequisites, has a 3.5 GPA, and is employed full time. On behalf of all of the veterans at Andrew's Glen, she extended a heartfelt expression of appreciation to the Council for their support.
- (f) Molly Statham said she provides supportive services to all residents of Andrew's Glen. In the five months that the apartment complex has been open, residents have experienced improvements in their physical and mental health. Several residents have obtained jobs and/or are enrolled in school. She thanked the Council for its investment in affordable housing.

Mayor Lee thanked the veterans for their service.

- (g) Stephen Ruffo, Executive Director of the Wintergrass Festival, invited everyone to the annual music festival. He noted that performers from 35 states and seven countries will participate in this year's 19th annual festival. The event includes performances and educational programs, attracts 4,000 individuals daily, and fills 2,400 room nights in local hotels. When the festival was held in Tacoma in the past, the economic impact was estimated at \$3 million to \$5 million. Mr. Ruffo said Bellevue is now known as the home of Wintergrass. He thanked the City, Hyatt Regency, Westin Hotel, and Marriott Hotel for supporting the festival.
- (h) Two students from Bellevue High School invited the public to this year's Soup4Simpson event. The program was started by a former student diagnosed with cancer, who spent one year eating primarily soup and saving money, which he donated to the New Horizons

homeless shelter at the end of the year. New Horizons is a center in Seattle that helps homeless teens and is open four days and nights per week. The proceeds from this year's Soup4Simpson event, to be held on March 7 at 12:30 p.m., will be donated to the New Horizons life skills and employment program for teens. The program has raised nearly \$30,000 over the past five years.

Mayor Lee commended their commitment and hard work.

- (i) David Plummer spoke in opposition to the opiate substitution treatment program and clinic proposed for Bellevue [Agenda Item 5(b)]. He believes there is no demand in Bellevue for the services, and he noted that the location in Rockwood Office Park has limited service by public transportation. He expressed concern about traffic impacts and suggested that the City's hospital district would be a more appropriate location. Mr. Plummer said the clinic has not made significant contact with surrounding residents about the program. He said the City has been hesitant to become involved in public outreach or an analysis of the potential impacts of the clinic. He urged the Council to address the planned treatment program with the State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), and to direct the City Manager to provide an analysis of impacts on surrounding residents.
- (j) Dennis Buckley said his office is in Rockwood Office Park, which is the proposed location for the opiate substitution treatment program. He expressed concerns about parking and neighborhood impacts. He noted that he lives on West Lake Sammamish Parkway, and he would rather have his tax dollars go toward supporting veterans' programs than to install the proposed traffic signal at West Lake Sammamish Parkway and SE 34th Street.

4. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions: None.

5. Report of the City Manager

- (a) 2012 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) Proposals

City Manager Steve Sarkozy introduced staff's presentation of the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) proposals.

Nicholas Matz, Senior Planner, provided a brief overview of the four privately initiated site-specific proposals from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Leggate-Balwada, Banner Bank and Lorge-Benis.

Mr. Matz noted that the City Council may initiate a Comprehensive Plan Amendment at any time to be included in the annual work program. Last year, the Council initiated an amendment to provide policy support and clarity regarding public involvement during the City's master planning processes. This amendment is associated with the update to the City's Shoreline Master Program. This CPA is under development and is likely to be included in the 2012 work program.

The next step in the process is the Threshold Review by the Planning Commission, and public hearings will be conducted later in the summer. Council consideration of whether to adopt the proposed CPAs will be scheduled for the fall.

(b) Management Brief providing Update on Opiate Substitution Treatment Program

Emily Leslie, Human Services Manager, provided a brief overview of the opiate substitution treatment program to be added at the outpatient treatment center for alcohol and chemical dependency operated by Therapeutic Health Services in Bellevue. There are currently no opiate treatment programs in Bellevue or East King County, and THS reports that it has 152 clients who live in East King County and receive treatment in Seattle.

At the State's request, the City submitted information in November 2011 indicating that the facility is permitted outright within the zoning district and is classified as a medical office use. The State held a public hearing at the Lake Hills Library on January 23.

Councilmember Davidson said that, when he signed the submittal to the State in November, he was assured that there would be a rigorous public outreach program. He requested more details on this process.

Ms. Leslie introduced Joellen Monson, Branch Director, and Jon Berkedal of Therapeutic Health Services (THS).

Mr. Berkedal explained that the State has a prescribed approach for community relations planning. THS met with 40 individuals from Bellevue and surrounding areas, including City Councilmembers, business representatives, other agency representatives, and the management group at Rockwood Office Park. More than 300 notices were sent to neighbors inviting them to a public hearing regarding the siting of the proposed program.

THS has provided drug and alcohol outpatient counseling at the site for more than 20 years. THS would like to expand its program to treat individuals with addictions to opiates including heroin, oxycontin, and oxycodone. Mr. Berkedal said that THS has exceeded the State's requirements for its community relations plan. THS was not required to invite neighbors to the public hearing. However, the provider felt it was important for neighbors to know about and to understand the program.

Deputy Mayor Robertson stated her understanding that the treatment program is allowed outright in the zoning district. She questioned whether the City has any authority to condition or limit this use.

Mr. Sarkozy said he is not aware of any City authority to condition the use.

Ms. Leslie said the City's authority is limited to the zoning and permitting of the facility.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Robertson, Ms. Monson confirmed that THS has been treating Suboxone patients from this location for approximately one year. THS has not heard about any concerns or problems from the community. Ms. Monson said that many of the clients are working members of the community. The substitution treatment enables them to function in their jobs while they are working to lessen their addiction to pain medication.

Responding to Ms. Robertson, Mr. Berkedal said that methadone is an alternate medication that is used, primarily, because it is inexpensive. It does not alter a person's cognitive abilities when taken at the prescribed levels, but it maintains stability for the individual and keeps them from going into withdrawal. He explained that the medication is only part of the treatment, which also includes counseling and behavior modification therapy. The medication enables the person to be receptive to these other treatments.

In further response to Ms. Robertson, Mr. Berkedal said that Suboxone is a prescribed medication that is not currently dispensed at the branch. It is prescribed by physicians, and clients come to the THS branch office for counseling. Methadone is a liquid medication and its use varies from daily to biweekly, depending on how long the individual has been in the program. Clients are able to receive their medication at the clinic within approximately five minutes and then they leave. If randomly selected for a drug urinalysis, a client would be at the location for another five to ten minutes.

Ms. Robertson questioned public transportation access to the treatment center. Ms. Monson said the office is located near the intersection of 140th Avenue NE and Bel-Red Road, which has bus stops nearby. There is another direct bus line at 140th Avenue NE and NE 8th Street. Ms. Monson said THS works with Hopelink to minimize the number of trips per client.

Deputy Mayor Robertson asked that City staff work with THS to provide a response to Mr. Plummer, who spoke during Oral Communications, and to copy the Council on the information as well.

Councilmember Balducci clarified that the City's role is to establish zoning and to conduct a review to determine whether a permit application fits the zoning. Her understanding is that the City and the Council have no ability to object to the treatment program. Ms. Balducci suggested that Mr. Plummer consider sharing his comments with the State, which is the regulatory body in this matter.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Balducci reported that she attended meetings of the Sound Transit Capital Committee and PSRC Transportation Policy Board. She noted that Bellevue's new Congressman Adam Smith will be holding a Town Hall at Bellevue City Hall on February 23.

Councilmember Stokes said he looks forward to working with the City's Boards and Commissions, and he continues to meet with staff for briefings on a number of topics.

Councilmember Chelminiak said he has been recuperating from recent surgery related to his attack by a bear in 2010. He participated in the State Building Code Council meeting via telephone.

Councilmember Davidson attended a joint meeting of the South-Central Salmon Recovery group and Puget Sound Partnership. He attended meetings of the WRIA 8 Board and the PSRC Growing Transit Communities Partnership, the latter of which is a federally funded study.

Deputy Mayor Robertson attended the Parks and Community Services Board meeting and the Eastside Heritage Center benefit dinner.

(a) Appointment to the Parks and Community Services Board

Ms. Robertson reported that she conducted interviews to fill two vacancies on the Parks and Community Services Board.

→ Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to appoint Stuart Heath to serve the remainder of a term on the Parks and Community Services Board through May 31, 2013; and Erin Powell to serve the remainder of a term ending on May 31, 2012. Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion.

Ms. Robertson noted that, with less than two years remaining in both terms being filled tonight, each appointee will be eligible to serve two additional four-year terms.

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

Mayor Lee commended Councilmember Chelminiak's tenacity in getting through his recent surgery and being back to work tonight.

Mr. Lee said he would provide the Council's committee assignments the next morning. He thanked everyone for their hard work and willingness to take on commitments.

7. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

8. Consent Calendar

→ Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to approve the Consent Calendar, with a correction to the February 6 Regular Session Minutes, and pulling Agenda Item 8(e). Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Minutes of February 6, 2012 Study Session
Minutes of February 6, 2012 Regular Session *[As amended]*
Minutes of February 13, 2012 Extended Study Session

- (b) On-call Appraisal Services

Resolution No. 8365 authorizing execution of a two-year Professional Services Agreement, with an option to renew for an additional two years, with Allen Brackett Shedd, for on-call appraisal services;

Resolution No. 8366 authorizing execution of a two-year Professional Services Agreement, with an option to renew for an additional two years, with Appraisal Group of the Northwest, LLP, for on-call appraisal services;

Resolution No. 8367 authorizing execution of a two-year Professional Services Agreement, with an option to renew for an additional two years, with Murray & Associates, for on-call appraisal services;

Resolution No. 8368 authorizing execution of a two-year Professional Services Agreement, with an option to renew for an additional two years, with Terra Property Analytics LLC, for on-call appraisal services; and

Resolution No. 8369 authorizing execution of a two-year Professional Services Agreement, with an option to renew for an additional two years, with Washington Appraisal Services, Inc., for on-call appraisal services.

- (c) Ordinance No. 6044 authorizing execution of a Department of Homeland Security Subgrant Agreement with the Washington State Military Department to accept grant funds in the amount of \$762,625, for security improvements at the Bellevue Service Center, vulnerable populations planning, public preparedness education and outreach, emergency mobile water treatment equipment, hazardous materials collection equipment, UASI program management, and administration; amending the 2011-2012 budget of the Operating Grants, Donations, and Special Reserves Fund in the amount of \$762,625; and authorizing expenditures from said fund.
- (d) Ordinance No. 6045 imposing a sales and use tax as authorized by RCW 82.14.415 to offset the costs of providing certain municipal services to the South Bellevue annexation area of Eastgate and Tamara Hills, certifying the city's anticipated true and actual costs to provide municipal services to the annexed area, setting a new threshold amount for the state's fiscal year, establishing the applicable tax rate, providing notice of any applicable tax rate changes, and establishing an effective date.

Item Postponed:

- (e) Ordinance No. 6046 authorizing: 1) Execution of an Interlocal Agreement (and supplements, if necessary) with King County Metro (KCM) in the total amount of \$378,400, (including the acceptance of a total of \$276,400 in pass-through grant funds from KCM) for the Connect Downtown Implementation Project 2012-2013; 2) Amending the Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund by increasing the appropriations by \$199,400; 3) Appropriating unanticipated and future revenues to that fund; 4) Expenditures of said grant funds; and, 5) Authorizing execution of an agreement (and supplements, if necessary) with the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA) in an amount not to exceed \$265,900, for implementation services associated with the Connect Downtown Implementation Project 2012-2013.

- 9. Public Hearings: None.
- 10. Land Use: None.
- 11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
- 12. Unfinished Business: None.
- 13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
- 14. New Business: None.
- 15. Executive Session

At 9:08 p.m., Mayor Lee declared recess to Executive Session for approximately one hour to discuss one item of property acquisition/disposition. He announced that the meeting would adjourn upon completion of the Executive Session.

- 16. Adjournment

The Executive Session concluded at 10:16 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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