

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

May 3, 2010
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., with Mayor Davidson presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

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

(a) Proclamation of National Older Americans Month

Lynne Robinson, Chair of the Bellevue Network on Aging, commented on the organization's activities and submitted a written report of 2009-2010 accomplishments. She invited the public to attend the Network's meetings on the first Thursday of each month, 8:30-10:30 a.m., in Bellevue City Hall.

Mayor Davidson read a proclamation recognizing May as National Older Americans Month in Bellevue.

Ms. Robinson thanked the Council for the recognition and support. She noted the list of May activities planned at the North Bellevue Community and Senior Center.

(b) Proclaiming May 3-9 as Public Service Recognition Week

Mayor Davidson read a proclamation declaring May 3-9, 2010, as Public Service Recognition Week in Bellevue, and urged all citizens to acknowledge and appreciate the accomplishments and contributions of public employees.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Pamela Ebsworth, speaking on behalf of the Meydenbauer Bay Neighbors Association, commented on the Meydenbauer Bay Park Plan approved by the Parks and Community Services Board. She reviewed a number of concerns and suggestions, and submitted her comments in writing.
 - (b) William Albright, Albright Investments, noted his role in assisting his client in finding a suitable location for the West Coast Armory indoor shooting range. He described his preliminary contacts with City staff regarding the siting of this use. Mr. Albright expressed concern that his client was told he would be able to sell items to members for their use at the range. He said the City appears to have changed its interpretation of the Land Use Code. Mr. Albright submitted his comments in writing.
 - (c) Randy Harris expressed concerns regarding the West Coast Armory, including the City's retroactive change in code interpretation regarding this land use, and what he believes to be an arbitrary application of the code process. He noted that adjacent uses are allowed to sell athletic and recreational items associated with their specific activities. He urged the City to restore WCA's ability to offer the full range of products and services to its members, as originally approved by the City.
 - (d) Edward Dalby spoke regarding West Coast Armory, which provides a secure, state-of-the-art range facility and employs only the most qualified and experienced staff who provide the best in firearm safety. West Coast Armory provides range services to most local law enforcement agencies, which makes it a positive venue for recreational shooters to learn the laws and rules of firearm handling and safety. It enables the community to be properly trained and to get to know their local law enforcement officers. Mr. Dalby asked the City to restore WCA's full rights of business operations, as was previously approved by Land Use staff. He commented that WCA is being treated differently than other recreational organizations in the same land use district. He referenced state law regarding the regulation of firearms, and submitted copies of this citation along with copies of information documenting the permit approval process by the City.
 - (e) Samantha Gillett, President of Lake Bellevue Village, spoke regarding Sound Transit light rail and the impacts on her community of 72 families. She commented on concerns about noise impacts, especially since the water of the lake amplifies noises. While the village is located near the rail corridor, trains currently are infrequent with two or three daily. Sound Transit will run 7 to 8 trains per hour, for 18 hours per day. Lake Bellevue residents are seeking mitigation prior to and during the construction process, and they do not want their quality of life to be degraded by poor planning. Ms. Gillett commented on concerns regarding environmental impacts as well. She urged the City to hold Sound Transit to the same standards that are applied to land owners and developers with regard to the process of removing and replacing trees, and to regulations restricting activity that might affect streams, lakes and wetlands. She requested the City's guidance in negotiating with Sound Transit on behalf of Bellevue residents.
4. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions: None.

5. Report of the City Manager

(a) Stormwater Facilities for Neighborhood Revitalization

City Manager Steve Sarkozy opened discussion regarding the requirement for stormwater facilities within the context of neighborhood redevelopment and revitalization. Staff is looking for Council discussion tonight, with the potential for future Council action to make this part of an overall economic development strategy.

Denny Vidmar, Utilities Director, explained that stormwater infrastructure is expensive and requirements have become a disincentive for redevelopment. The State now requires all development and redevelopment projects to build stormwater facilities so that the site mimics stormwater runoff as if the site were undeveloped and forested. This often results in large, on-site facilities such as ponds and underground vaults that use valuable space and require ongoing maintenance.

Mr. Vidmar referred to the management brief in the meeting packet, which explains that Bellevue has initiated mutually beneficial stormwater projects in the past, such as the detention and water quality facility at Lakemont Park and the direct discharge pipeline to Meydenbauer Bay (in lieu of detention facilities) for Downtown Bellevue. Mr. Vidmar described the potential for creating regional stormwater facilities that no longer make it necessary for developers to fund these costs. The City's investment would be recovered when the benefited properties pay a fee at the time they redevelop and/or over time in the form of a stormwater rate surcharge.

Responding to Councilmember Degginger, Mr. Sarkozy said part of the impetus behind this concept relates to the need for redevelopment of the Newport Hills commercial district, and the considerable obstacle represented by the requirement for stormwater facilities. This idea has been talked about with regard to the Bel-Red area as well, in terms of creating a regional stormwater pond system to serve the development nodes and to enhance the stream corridors.

Responding to Councilmember Degginger, Mr. Vidmar said the current budget shortfall in the Capital Investment Program (CIP) is in the General CIP, and not in the Utilities CIP Plan. The Utilities Department does not anticipate in its budget or its rates the creation of new, regional stormwater detention facilities. However, such a request would be brought back to the Council in the future if it proved to be feasible.

Councilmember Robertson expressed support for exploring this approach in the interest of stimulating and supporting economic development and viability. She would like to see a cost-benefit analysis of this concept, including an analysis of when the City would see a return on its investment.

Councilmember Wallace suggested looking into the City of Redmond's program, which already uses this type of approach. He noted that he met with Mr. Sarkozy and Mr. Vidmar a few months earlier, and this topic was discussed. Mr. Wallace said the City is in a difficult situation in that it is about to approve 17,000 new residential units as a growth target for the next 20 years. A number of requirements on development, including those related to stormwater detention, make

it challenging for the development community's ability to deliver a good product while also complying with all of the mandates. He generally supports the proposal and would like to see continued study of its costs and benefits. Mr. Wallace stated that the affordable housing goals required by the Growth Management Act are in serious jeopardy due to the significant obstacles represented by a number of requirements including the energy code and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permit.

Councilmember Balducci said she supports exploring ways to stimulate the redevelopment of neighborhood shopping centers. She would like to hear from property owners, however, that this has actually been a barrier to their ability to redevelop in a profitable way. She is not interested in spending capital monies on what could be considered a subsidy to a certain part of the community, without seeing a return on the investment.

Bob Derrick, Economic Development Director, said staff will not go forward with this mechanism until it is fully vetted in term of legal issues and the experience of other cities, such as Redmond, to determine its effectiveness. Secondly, in terms of applying this to the Newport Hills Shopping Center, the City would not go forward without staff first coming to the Council with a redevelopment plan proposal.

Councilmember Balducci reiterated that she does not support the mechanism unless it has been identified by property owners and developers as an actual barrier to redevelopment. She would support this approach only if it enables development that otherwise would not occur. She noted a concern with equity as well in terms of future redevelopers benefitting from a mechanism that was not available for past development efforts.

Deputy Mayor Lee recalled Council's discussion during its January retreat about the importance of economic development, especially in the current economy. He noted that the Mayor formed an ad hoc group (Deputy Mayor Lee and Councilmembers Chelminiak and Wallace) to specifically address economic development. He expressed support for further vetting of the proposed approach.

Responding to Mayor Davidson, Mr. Vidmar said this is similar to an approach used with Lakemont residential development, in which a surcharge was imposed.

Councilmember Chelminiak supports investing in efforts that will make shopping centers a success, but he is not interested in creating regional stormwater detention facilities for projects that will ultimately fail. He noted that having a successful shopping center to serve the neighborhood provides the public benefit.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

(a) Proposed Economic Agreement with Qingdao, China

Deputy Mayor Lee described a proposal to enter into an economic agreement with Qingdao, China, to promote international trade and business development. He recalled a trade mission to Qingdao and Dalian in March 2008, which was followed by the signing of an economic

agreement with the City of Dalian. Officials from Qingdao will be visiting Bellevue, and Mr. Lee would like the City to be able to sign an agreement with them while they are here.

Councilmember Robertson expressed support for creating international relationships. Responding to Ms. Robertson, Mr. Lee said there were no specific expectations associated with the Dalian agreement. However, Dalian representatives recently visited Bellevue and discussed mutual interests with City staff and others in the community.

Mr. Derrick reported that the group talked about following up on a process of engaging them with regard to their fashion industry and tying that to activities at Bellevue Square. He said there was a separate discussion with the delegation and a representative of Enterprise Seattle regarding interactive media, which is prominent in Dalian as well. The group also talked about the prospect of foreign direct investment from China into Bellevue.

Deputy Mayor Lee commented on the City's role as a catalyst in introducing businesses between Bellevue and other cities. Mr. Derrick described a situation in which he was able to introduce business representatives from a Spokane company with contacts in Qingdao. Mr. Lee noted other activities to educate local businesses about China.

Councilmember Degginger stated that the Port of Seattle has a sister relationship with Dalian, so there is already this regional connection. The Dalian port was expanding significantly when he visited with the delegation in 2008, and Dalian has a large software and technology component to their industry. The population of Dalian is approximately 7,000,000. Mr. Degginger said it is important to be realistic about the time required to foster international relationships. He supports this effort, particularly given the population of Chinese-Americans in Bellevue.

Councilmember Balducci supports moving forward with the agreement, and looks forward to future updates about this relationship. She cautioned against the appearance of frivolous spending to citizens, in terms of expending funds for travel and activities related to the economic agreements. She does not consider this frivolous, however, and sees this as an investment in economic development.

Mayor Davidson noted a consensus to move forward with the agreement, with minor revisions to the wording.

Deputy Mayor Lee said the agreement will be signed on Friday morning in City Hall.

(b) Appointment to Arts Commission

Councilmember Balducci recommended the reappointment of Genevieve Tremblay to the Arts Commission. Ms. Balducci shared highlights of Ms. Tremblay's qualifications and experience.

→ Councilmember Balducci moved to reappoint Genevieve Tremblay to the Arts Commission, and Councilmember Chelminiak seconded the motion.

→ The motion to reappoint Genevieve Tremblay to the Arts Commission carried by a vote of 7-0.

Councilmember Balducci reported that she attended the KidsQuest Museum's annual fundraising carnival, which raised \$70,000. She thanked the community and the Council for supporting this organization.

Councilmember Wallace attended the Overlake Hospital Bandage Ball, a fundraiser for the hospital and medical center.

Councilmember Degginger attended meetings of the King County Transit Task Force and, with Mayor Davidson, the Cascade Water Alliance Board. Mr. Degginger attended the opening of the Wilburton sportsfield along with Deputy Mayor Lee and Councilmember Robertson. He noted that the new facility is a significant improvement over the previous muddy field, with a nice running track around the field. New energy-efficient lighting is more directed onto the field for a lower impact to surrounding residents.

Councilmember Chelminiak attended meetings of the Eastside Human Services Forum and the Committee to End Homelessness. He distributed an invitation to a meeting on June 3 titled *The Economic Argument for Investing in People*, which is sponsored by the Eastside Human Services Forum. Mr. Chelminiak encouraged elected officials, faith-based organizations, service clubs, and human services agencies to attend the meeting, which is a breakfast at the Mercer View Community Center from 7:30-8:00 a.m., followed by the program from 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Councilmember Robertson reported that the Meydenbauer Bay Park Plan was endorsed by the Parks and Community Services Board by a vote of 6-1. She attended the ribbon cutting at the Wilburton Park sportsfield and a meeting of the Growth Management Planning Council. Ms. Robertson attended the Newport High School Jazz Gala and the Bellevue Arts Museum. She met with representatives of the Bellevue Boys and Girls Club to learn about their programs and needs.

Deputy Mayor Lee attended the ribbon cutting at the Wilburton sportsfield, Bellevue Youth Theatre's production of *The Music Man* at the Theatre at Meydenbauer, the Kelsey Creek Sheep Shearing with Mayor Davidson, and the Lewis Creek Earth Day event along with other Councilmembers. Mr. Lee attended the Regional Transit Committee meeting and the St. Andrews Housing Group's auction.

Mayor Davidson attended a MWPAAC meeting, in which the committee evaluated the King County Executive's recommendation on wastewater rates and drafted a letter to be forwarded to the King County Council. Dr. Davidson attended a fundraising luncheon for Bellevue College and a meeting of the Flood Control District Advisory Committee.

7. Approval of the Agenda

→ Deputy Mayor Lee moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion.

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

8. Consent Calendar

Councilmember Balducci requested a separate vote on Agenda Item 8(h), because she would like to recuse herself.

→ Deputy Mayor Lee moved to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Agenda Item 8(h). Councilmember Robertson 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 October 12, 2009 Extended Study Session [Action postponed from November 2, 2009]
Minutes of October 19, 2009 Study Session [Action postponed from November 2, 2009]
Minutes of April 5, 2010 Study Session
Minutes of April 5, 2010 Regular Session
Minutes of April 12, 2010 Extended Study Session
- (b) Resolution No. 8082 authorizing execution of a four-year professional services contract with Wellspring Family Services, in an amount not to exceed \$105,000, for the employee assistance program.
- (c) Resolution No. 8083 adopting the 2010 Bellevue Parks & Open Space System Plan, which updates the 2003 Parks & Open Space System Plan.
- (d) Resolution No. 8084 authorizing execution of a four-year General Services contract with Varsity Contractors Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$254,211.20, for carpet and upholstery cleaning services at 27 park facilities.
- (e) Motion to waive bid irregularity and award Bid No. 10083 to High Mountain Electric, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$378,187.41, as the lowest responsible bidder, for the Highland Park & Newport Hills Park Sportsfield Lighting Replacement projects.
- (f) Resolution No. 8085 authorizing execution of the fifth amendment to the existing Interlocal Agreement for Marine Patrol Services with the King County Sheriff's Office for patrol services along Lake Sammamish Shoreline.
- (g) Resolution No. 8086 adopting the City of Bellevue 2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Item for separate action:

Councilmember Balducci said she is recusing herself from action on this item because she is employed by the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention.

- (h) Resolution No. 8087 authorizing execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with King County for the housing of Bellevue inmates in the King County Jail through 2016.

→ Councilmember Robertson moved to approve Resolution No. 8087, and Deputy Mayor Lee seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve Resolution No. 8087 carried by a vote of 6-0, with Councilmember Balducci recused.

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. Land Use

- (a) *Kelsey Creek rezone Consideration of application of Nat Franklin of Franklin West, LLC (Kelsey Creek Center) for a rezone to repeal the prior concomitant zoning agreements (CZAs) for Kelsey Creek Center and replace them with a new CZA or a development agreement. The project is a 16-acre area at the corner of 148th Avenue SE and Main Street that used to be anchored by the vacant Kmart Department Store. The site is zoned Community Business (CB) and is located within the jurisdictional area of the East Bellevue Community Council.

Ordinance No. 5946 approving the rezone application of Nat Franklin West, LLC (Kelsey Creek Center) to repeal the prior concomitant zoning agreements for Kelsey Creek Center and to replace such with a new concomitant zoning agreement relating to approximately 16 acres located at the corner of 148th Avenue SE and Main Street, with conditions.

[Discussed with the City Council on April 5, 2010.]

This is a Process III application within the jurisdiction of the East Bellevue Community Council; therefore, the Hearing Examiner provides a written recommendation to Council, which is the decision-making body. An appeal of the Hearing Examiner's recommendation was not filed.

The Hearing Examiner recommends Council approval, with conditions. The East Bellevue Community Council will then take action to approve/deny the City Council's decision.

Carol Helland, Land Use Director, provided an overview of the application of Nat Franklin West, LLC, for a rezone to repeal the two prior concomitant agreements affecting the Kelsey

Creek Center property, and replacing them with a new concomitant zoning agreement (CZA) and/or development agreement. She recalled that the item was presented to the Council during the April 5 Study Session. Council action was scheduled for April 19, and was subsequently rescheduled to this evening. The East Bellevue Community Council will have final approval/disapproval authority in this land use action.

Ms. Helland explained that the rezone removes a barrier to the redevelopment of the Kelsey Creek Center, which is a requirement to daylight Kelsey Creek upon redevelopment. The new CZA provides a mitigation plan for off-site environmental restoration and enhancements to the Lake Hills Greenbelt and Larsen Lake. Conditions on the rezone constrain the allowed uses to address potential neighborhood impacts, and the agreement also involves the replacement of the culvert under the center to improve the fish habitat.

→ Councilmember Balducci moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5946, and Deputy Mayor Lee seconded the motion.

Councilmember Balducci spoke in support of motion and the future redevelopment of this center to provide neighborhood services. She noted that the center serves as an entry point to the greenbelt trails system. She thanked staff for their work on this effort.

Councilmember Degginger expressed support for efforts to facilitate the redevelopment of shopping centers. He noted that they all have different sizes, services, and environmental challenges, and he thanked staff for working toward multiple solutions. He said the center will provide retail services as well as a sense of community.

Mayor Davidson stated that he will support the motion. He highlighted the mitigation fee of \$585,000 and the mitigation plan that will provide benefits to the environment and for Bellevue citizens.

→ The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5946 carried by a vote of 7-0.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Ratification of 2031 Housing and Employment Growth Target amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies

Resolution No. 8088 ratifying the amendment of the Countywide Planning Policies updating existing policies to provide for housing and employment targets for the period 2006-2031, including Table LU-1 Housing and Employment Growth Targets (2006-2031).

Mr. Sarkozy referred the Council to Resolution No. 8088 ratifying the 2031 Housing and Employment Growth Targets in the King County Countywide Planning Policies.

Dan Stroh, Planning Director, provided the staff report. He explained that the resolution is based on the Growth Management Act, which requires that growth targets are updated every 10 years.

The King County Council adopted the most recent amendments to Countywide Planning Policies on January 25, 2010. The targets are based on growth projections by the State and by the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). Mr. Stroh said the targets are consistent with the City's policies and growth plans.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Lee, Mr. Stroh said the previous targets were based on a 20-year time period instead of a 25-year time period. Mr. Lee said he hopes the projections are not based on Bellevue's full capacity, including the 5,000 units projected for the Bel-Red corridor, given that development has slowed down.

Responding to Mr. Lee, Mr. Stroh said he feels the City's targets are a fair share of the region's growth. However, he explained that the inclusion of the Vision 2040 plan in this current effort placed Bellevue in the same class as Seattle, which is taking on the majority of anticipated residential growth because Bellevue does not have the capacity.

Councilmember Wallace said he is not concerned with Bellevue's ability to produce units, if policies are set to enable this to occur. He believes the land density is available, but he questioned whether the community will be able to produce a range of housing types and price levels that will be affordable to a broad sector of individuals. Mr. Wallace said he would like to see an analysis of the impacts of development regulations in the Bel-Red corridor on the ability to produce affordable housing.

Responding to Councilmember Balducci, Mr. Stroh explained that when the Growth Management Planning Council adopted the growth targets last fall, it adopted two motions. One motion was the growth targets and changes to the methodology reflected in the Countywide Planning Policies. The other motion directed a work program to look at the regional services issue associated with accepting growth.

Councilmember Balducci noted the need to continue to advocate, at the Puget Sound Regional Council, for policies and implementation strategies that direct regional investments toward the areas that are taking growth and are in need of those investments.

→ Councilmember Robertson moved to approve Resolution No. 8088, and Deputy Mayor Lee seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve Resolution No. 8088 carried by a vote of 7-0.

(b) Update on Animal Services Options

Mr. Sarkozy noted ongoing discussions regarding options for animal care and control services.

Diane Carlson, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, provided a brief overview of the two options for animal services, which are a regional or subregional model. She stated that the two approaches have specific benefits and tradeoffs. The regional model has no costs in 2010, but higher costs over time. The regional model proposal involves a 2.5 year contract, at which time the City could decide whether to continue within the regional approach or to establish a

subregional model.

Alison Bennett, Policy Advisor, explained that under the regional model, King County will provide field services, sheltering, and licensing. One important change to the model is that the County has agreed to provide a credit that will limit a city's total cost under the model to 120 percent of the use-based calculation. A second change is that the budget increase in the regional model is capped at inflation plus population growth. The table in the desk packet reflects a 5.5 percent increase from 2011 to 2012, but the increase is expected to be smaller.

A third new component of the regional model is enhanced marketing for pet licensing, in which Bellevue and King County will work together to achieve \$60,000 in new licensing revenue per year from Bellevue residents. Ms. Bennett said the City-County work group is working on additional ways to increase revenue, including code changes and enhanced enforcement.

Responding to Councilmember Degginger, Ms. Carlson recalled previous presentation materials indicating that an estimated 18 percent of Bellevue pets are licensed. This leaves significant room to increase potential licensing revenue. Mechanisms used by King County in the past to increase revenue include phone or in-person canvassing and code changes (e.g., a no tolerance approach for not licensing pets). The \$60,000 annual increase in pet licensing revenue is an estimate provided by the County based on similar efforts in the past for other cities.

Responding to Mr. Degginger, Ms. Carlson said the pet license fee is \$30. The annual revenue goal of \$60,000 reflects a 20 percent increase over current license rates. She said King County feels fairly certain that Bellevue can achieve an additional \$60,000 in revenue for the remainder of this year. The County would hire staff to conduct the canvassing effort.

Ms. Bennett reviewed the subregional contract model, which treats the three major services differently. Bellevue would provide the animal field services component, and other cities would contract with Bellevue for this service. The cities would contract separately with other organizations (e.g., Human Society, private shelters) for shelter services, and would collect their own license fees or hire a vendor to collect the fees.

Ms. Bennett explained that the subregional model is different from the one previously presented to the Council in that certain costs have been identified and added, and the previous model assumed Bellevue would have partners beginning July 1. The updated model assumes that Bellevue starts on its own in 2010, probably with a minimal program that will develop over the remainder of the year. As partners come on board beginning in January 2011, these cities would reimburse Bellevue for a portion of the start-up costs. Each city's costs will change, however, based on how many cities decide to participate in Bellevue's program.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Lee, Ms. Bennett said the estimated revenue in the subregional model is considered conservative. It assumes the same level of licensing revenue that was received in 2009, and includes start-up reimbursements and administrative fees to be paid by contract cities. In 2012, revenue is inflated by only 1.9 percent in order to make a conservative estimate. In further response, Ms. Carlson said Bellevue staff has been working with other cities that could be potential partners in the subregional model. The details of the cost-sharing would

be worked out in an Interlocal Agreement.

Responding to Councilmember Chelminiak, Ms. Carlson said Bellevue's revenue would come from pet licensing fees. Under the subregional model, Bellevue pet owners would have to register with the City and pay a new fee in 2010.

Councilmember Degginger said he does not like the subregional model. He questions the accuracy of the revenue and cost estimates, and the ability to collect sufficient pet licensing fees. In particular, he doubts the ability to collect 2010 fees from Bellevue residents who have already paid a fee in 2010 to King County. He feels the City has essentially only one choice, which is to remain with the regional model, and to continue to partially subsidize services for other jurisdictions. Mr. Degginger would want staff to continue to work on the subregional model, however, to provide a better option within the next few years.

Deputy Mayor Lee agreed with Councilmember Degginger, noting that he does not want the City to take on the responsibility of this service at this time.

- Deputy Mayor Lee moved to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m., and Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion.
- The motion to extend the meeting carried by a vote of 7-0.

Deputy Mayor Lee expressed concern about the provision of the subregional model that would require Bellevue pet owners to pay a new 2010 fee, even if they already paid a fee to the County this year.

Councilmember Balducci stated her reluctance to getting into a new line of business, particularly with the current budget deficit and the unknowns associated with providing a new type of service. She supports moving forward with the regional model at this time.

- Councilmember Balducci moved to direct staff to return a Bellevue Statement of Interest to King County indicating the intent to move forward with Alternative 1, the proposed regional model for animal services delivery. Councilmember Chelminiak seconded.

Councilmember Degginger offered a friendly amendment that staff continue to investigate the subregional model. Two and a half years will go by quickly, and the City owes it to its citizens to see if another alternative might work better. He is hesitant to try to implement a new program beginning this summer, but he would like to keep the City's options open. The friendly amendment was accepted by Councilmembers Balducci and Chelminiak, as makers of the motion.

Councilmember Robertson said she appreciates King County's willingness to modify the regional model based on concerns raised by Bellevue. She concurs with Mr. Degginger about the need to continue to consider and evaluate a subregional model. If Bellevue continues with the regional model, she would like to have some control over service levels, especially with regard to the time of response to a threatening or vicious animal. She would like an agreement that if Bellevue

converts to a subregional model in the future, Bellevue would receive a pro rata refund of licensing fees from Bellevue citizens. She concurs with the Council sentiment against implementing a new service. However, if it can be done as well or better through a subregional model, and at perhaps a lower cost for taxpayers, she is willing to support a future change.

Councilmember Chelminiak noted a positive element of the regional model, which is that King County has revised the annual cost increase to be based on inflation plus population growth, instead of the previously proposed 5.5 percent. He will support the regional model for the next two and a half years.

Mayor Davidson concurred with the reluctance to enter into a new type of service. He hopes that the costs of a potential subregional model can be refined over the next couple of years. He will support the motion.

→ The motion to direct staff to return a Bellevue Statement of Interest to King County indicating alternative 1 for animal services delivery carried by a vote of 7-0.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications: None.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 10:10 p.m., Mayor Davidson declared a five-minute recess before returning to the Council Conference Room to resume the Study Session.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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