

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

July 7, 2014
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Lee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m., with Mayor Balducci presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers except Councilmember Lee were present. Councilmember Robertson led the flag salute.

(a) Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

Mayor Balducci read a proclamation recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month in Bellevue. Parks and Community Services Board Chair Sherry Grindeland and Dallas Evans, Board Vice Chair, accepted the proclamation.

Ms. Grindeland commented on Bellevue's extensive system of parks and trails, special events including the Downtown Park 4th of July and the annual Strawberry Festival, youth and adult recreation programs, and the many heritage and cultural events. She thanked the Council for the proclamation. Mr. Evans thanked Parks staff for their hard work with the Parks Board.

Mayor Balducci thanked Parks Board members for their service.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

(a) Will Knedlik, representing Eastside Rail Now, distributed a handout and described the redevelopment of Freighthouse Square in Tacoma. He cited it as an example of what a City can accomplish in working effectively with Sound Transit. He said one of the most iconic historic facilities in Bellevue is the Sunset Glass/Arthur Murray Dance Studio

building. This was the Japanese vegetable shed where 83 boxcars of produce were shipped out in the last year before the internment of Japanese-Americans. He said this is an opportunity to see that facility recovered and restored. Mr. Knedlik said the bad news is that Mike Williams informed the Sound Transit citizen oversight panel about the real reason for the rush to site the car barn facility in Bellevue. And that is that the Federal Transit Administration will not move on the pending \$1.1 billion full funding grant agreement application by Sound Transit until the Board acts on the siting. Mr. Knedlik said the Bellevue Mayor very courageously asked important questions during the last Sound Transit Board meeting. He wants the Council to understand that the third full funding grant agreement for what will be more than \$2 billion for the Seattle Subarea is the reason the car barn is being sited in Bellevue if the City Council does not stop it. Mr. Knedlik said Resolution No. 8777 should not be adopted tonight, and the Council should send the project back to the Transportation Commission, which failed to properly determine future transit daily ridership. There is the assumption of 60,000 daily riders. However, he believes there cannot be 60,000 daily riders because the business plan at the core of Bellevue Square is free parking. He said Seattle's reliance on paid parking provides a competitive advantage for retail activity in Bellevue, and the City relies heavily on sales tax revenue.

- (b) Betsi Hummer representing the Sunset Ranch neighborhood next to Bellevue College said that 145th Place SE gets a great deal of traffic that is lost trying to access the college. There was formerly a curb on the west side of the street to protect pedestrians from vehicles. Ms. Hummer asked the City to consider restoring the curb.

Mayor Balducci congratulated Ms. Hummer as a new member of the East Bellevue Community Council.

- (c) Chris Jordan said he is interested in the possible impacts of the HOV lane on Bellevue Way SE. He is concerned about the impacts on traffic and on residents' ability to access their properties.

Mayor Balducci asked staff to follow up by providing the specific information requested by the previous two speakers.

- (d) Bill Rambo, a Somerset resident, said he attended the earlier Study Session. He appreciated the questions raised by Councilmembers. He is concerned about a position taken by the WUTC that Eastside residents will pay for the excess capacity for the transmission lines to carry electrical capacity between Canada and California. In the multiple meetings he has attended, the estimate of that capacity has grown from six percent to 38 percent of the capacity of the Energize Eastside transmission lines. While undergrounding would be at Bellevue residents' expense, they are being asked to help fund excess capacity to satisfy the needs of PSE and the movement of power north and south.
- (e) Barry Zimmerman, a Somerset resident, said he attended the earlier Study Session. He submitted photographs and said neighbors are concerned about the proposed high

electrical towers. Residents believe that using this 100-year-old technology to plan for future loads is not a good solution. Mr. Zimmerman said PSE's position is that customers must pay for undergrounding, yet there is no mention of PSE compensating property owners for the blight to be caused by facilities.

- (f) Paul Bell, Student Legislative Director of the Office of Legislative Student Affairs at Bellevue College, thanked the City for being a good partner over the past year. He introduced Tai Yang, who will be taking over his position. Ms. Yang said she and other students look forward to increasing their involvement with the City.

Mayor Balducci said it has been a good experience to work with Mr. Bell on the housing issue and to learn from the students.

- (g) Bruce Nurse, Vice President of Kemper Development Company, said his testimony tonight is the same comments he presented to the Transportation Commission two weeks ago. He submitted his comments in writing as well. Mr. Nurse said the motivational behavior of commuting to work is different than the behavior of going shopping. Kemper Development Company has a policy of not charging for retail parking, which is critical to its continued success. The proposed Transit Master Plan assumes future parking fees in retail areas. Mr. Nurse asked the Council to remand the Plan back to the Transportation Commission for additional modeling that excludes paid retail parking.

4. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions

- (a) East Bellevue Community Council

Bill Capron, East Bellevue Community Council (EBCC) Chair, commented on three capital priorities for East Bellevue. The first is a sidewalk and bike lanes project on SE 16th Street between 148th and 156th Avenues. He noted he walked through the area earlier in the day. On the south side of the street, there is a sidewalk that does not go all the way through. On the north side of the street, there is a sidewalk that includes a paved pathway which is not very well maintained and contains blackberry bushes and trip hazards.

Mr. Capron said the Community Council does not support the proposed SE 16th Street improvements and does not believe there is much community support for the project as well. However, the existing sidewalks and pathway could certainly use some maintenance.

In addition, Puget Sound Energy has proposed SE 16th Street as a power line route. Mr. Capron said the Community Council feels it would not be good for the City to complete sidewalk improvements and then have PSE come in and put a power line project through there. At the very least, if the projects occur, PSE and the City should work together to coordinate the work.

Mr. Capron reiterated the need for sidewalk maintenance on SE 16th Street. He said the 148th Avenue SE corridor is well maintained with grass and landscaping.

The second project is the 148th Avenue traffic light project, which includes lights at SE 8th Street, Main Street, and NE 8th Street. This project was at one time considered a high priority, safety-related project. When the bids were opened, the costs were over the Engineer's Estimate by an uncomfortable amount.

Mr. Capron observed that, since then, the project has been downgraded from safety-related to maintenance. He disagrees with that and believes it is still safety-related. He said the project has not changed and the safety has not changed. If the project is to be completed as maintenance, the Community Council would like to see a schedule for the work and would like it to be completed in a timely manner. The Community Council supports the project and would like to have the traffic signals.

Mr. Capron said the third project of concern is sidewalk maintenance within the EBCC's boundary. Many, if not most, of the sidewalks are at or past their useful life. The Community Council would like to see funding to repair and properly maintain sidewalks.

Steve Kasner, East Bellevue Community Councilmember, said a section of Lake Hills Boulevard between 148th and 140th Avenues has been partially maintained and was never completed. Citizens have attended EBCC meetings to ask about the status of that project. He noted that PW-19 is the major CIP traffic maintenance item. He would like to see proposed funds and potentially additional funds dedicated to solve this problem elsewhere throughout Bellevue, including the Newport Hills sidewalk project.

Mr. Kasner noted that a number of subcontractors operate within Bellevue for the overlay program, which results in an inconsistent quality of paving and is a real problem. While potholes are well maintained, he observed that City streets do not look as well as they did 10 years ago.

Mayor Balducci thanked the East Bellevue Community Council for their public service.

(b) Transportation Commission

Vic Bishop, Transportation Commissioner, requested Council support of the Bellevue Transit Master Plan. He said this has been a lengthy planning and public engagement process that began in July 2012. He noted that certain individuals have concerns about the evaluation of the transit runningway projects (e.g., conversions to or new HOV lanes) particularly in the Downtown. He said these are all based on 2030 projected ridership and a certain level of transit funding. However, transit funding is currently decreasing.

Mr. Bishop said the ridership estimates in the Transit Master Plan are based on the BKR (Bellevue-Kirkland-Redmond) model, which is based on the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) model. Many variables go into travel forecasting, and the critical one for transit is parking rates in the areas expected to have high-density development. Bus ridership has been shown to be very sensitive to parking rates, and the transit runningway projects are based on high transit ridership.

Mr. Bishop said all of the runningway projects are concepts, and every concept must be assessed through an individual operational analysis before it becomes a CIP project and is funded. His red flag is that when operational studies of transit running projects are conducted, careful consideration should be given to realistic bus ridership and funding levels.

Commissioner Bishop opined that the Bellevue College project (L-27) can be justified on the current transit ridership without waiting for projections. Mr. Bishop said the project should be part of the City's 2015-2016 Budget window.

Scott Lampe, Transportation Commission Chair, commended staff on their work on the Transit Master Plan and recommended Council approval. The plan appropriately focuses on frequent transit service to heavy demand areas including the Downtown, Crossroads, Factoria, and Eastgate/Bellevue College. The plan provides a new metric of person throughput to measure the effectiveness rather than relying solely on perhaps more arbitrary transportation mode split targets and level of service guidelines that have been used in the past.

Mr. Lampe said the framework used for the plan provides a basis for engaging with other Eastside communities including Kirkland, Redmond, and Issaquah to influence regional decisions on how to best deploy the entire Eastside's resources to provide an optimal, multi-modal transportation system. The plan forecasts continued strong growth in transit usage. Over the past 10 years, Bellevue has experienced 133 percent growth in transit usage.

Mr. Lampe said the Transportation Commission will remain vigilant to ensure that future transit ridership forecasts are reasonable. He reiterated his support for the Bellevue Transit Master Plan.

Mayor Balducci thanked the Transportation Commission for their extensive work.

5. Report of the City Manager

(a) Energize Eastside Project [*Item continued from earlier Study Session*]

City Manager Brad Miyake said this item continues from the earlier Study Session discussion about the City's 2011 Electrical Reliability Study and Puget Sound Energy's Energize Eastside project. He said the City has heard strong interest from the community about bringing in an outside expert for assistance in reviewing PSE's project.

Mr. Brennan said WUTC (Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission) staff spoke during the earlier Study Session about their review of utility companies' Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs). He said PSE's IRP was updated since the Electrical Reliability Study. Mr. Brennan said that future development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will involve multiple jurisdictions, and it would be helpful to involve an expert consultant for that process. However, in the near term, staff suggests hiring the original consultant for the Electrical Reliability Study to update that work.

Councilmember Chelminiak suggested postponing for one to two weeks the decision on whether to reengage the original consultant. He met with representatives of CENSE (Coalition of Eastside

Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy), and they would like the opportunity for additional discussion with the City. Mr. Chelminiak believes that process will help determine what type of expertise and assistance is needed going forward. Mr. Chelminiak would like to move forward with the electrical reliability issues, some of which were discussed earlier this evening. He said having the expertise for the City to be able to provide good input on the 2015 IRP is exactly what is needed for the long term. As the Council liaison to the Electrical Reliability Study, Mr. Chelminiak suggests scheduling a meeting with representatives of CENSE and City staff.

Councilmember Stokes said that makes good sense. He said there appear to be fundamental questions that need to be answered. He believes it is time to hire an expert consultant who will provide guidance during current discussions. He supports Mr. Chelminiak's suggestion about meeting with CENSE while also having staff move forward in developing a recommendation for a consultant.

Deputy Mayor Wallace questioned whether updating the Electrical Reliability Study will provide answers about whether the proposed transmission lines are needed. Who are the customers to be served by the capacity? Is PSE overbuilding? Will updating the study answer that question? Will our ratepayers subsidize capacity that PSE will sell to other areas for a profit? Is Bellevue facing undue impacts by this project? He supports hiring a consultant who can answer these questions.

Mr. Wallace said he is not convinced that the City cannot require the undergrounding of utilities, especially if PSE is overbuilding to sell excess energy. He said it is frustrating that the City and community do not have those answers at this point. He said it is puzzling that the City does not seem to be able to require the mitigation of impacts, especially if PSE is overbuilding its facilities.

Councilmember Robertson said she is comfortable with deferring the decision on a consultant for a couple of weeks to enable more information to be developed. She is not sure she has a full understanding of the benefit of updating the Electrical Reliability Study as far as the objective of seeing that PSE's 2015 IRP is improved. She suggested that the City needs someone to look at the energy needs and growth of the region and to help the City understand what questions to ask before starting the EIS process. She is not sure whether the original consultant is the most appropriate firm or whether another expert consultant might have additional and/or more specific expertise.

Once there is an understanding of the scope of the consultant's work, Ms. Robertson said she wants it to go beyond peer review. She would like the consultant to not just rely on documents from the utility agency but to generate their own studies and conduct a truly independent investigation regarding the need for PSE's project, regional demand, and alternative methods of serving the growing community. She reiterated that she wants an independent study and not peer review.

Councilmember Robertson said that, when this comes back, she would like more information on the anticipated bodies of work. She envisions potentially three bodies of work. One would be updating the Electrical Reliability Study, one would be generating the pre-EIS information and studies to help determine what to include in the EIS, and the third would be working with an

expert through the EIS process. She believes it would be useful to work with a legal expert on utilities and electricity siting, whether in-house or a consultant. She would like a better understanding of the boundaries of the City's role.

Councilmember Robertson referred to the list from the earlier Study Session presentation about all of the agencies involved and said that two are missing: Energy Facilities Siting Council and the State Energy Office (Department of Commerce). She said a statewide energy strategy was written at some point, and it would be good if the consultant could provide input on the role of those agencies with regard to PSE's plans.

Councilmember Robinson said she wants to know the actual need for the region in terms of reliability and capacity, and she would like that to come from a third party. She believes that will best help the City and the community to understand and make decisions about the project.

Councilmember Stokes said he supports the suggested work efforts. However, he observed that this might be complicating things somewhat. He said that, fundamentally, the City and the community are faced with a number of issues and questions for which answers are not being offered. He said it would be good to have an outside expert zero in on those things. He suggests focusing on the specific, near-term issues and questions first.

Mayor Balducci said Councilmembers have raised the issues and questions that she has as well. She suggested that staff list the issues and categories of information that are needed and then sort those into a schedule for moving forward. She supports updating the Electrical Reliability Study as a routine matter but agrees that will not answer all of the questions pertaining to the Energize Eastside project.

Ms. Balducci concurred with the need for in-depth guidance on the City's regulatory authority. She observed that the three Council meetings to date on this topic have established an understanding of the broader picture and will allow the City and community to ask better questions. She suggested that a key skill of the expert consultant should be the ability to communicate with individuals who have varying levels of understanding of the technical issues and implications.

Mr. Brennan said staff will proceed as directed and follow up on the Council's suggestions.

Councilmember Chelminiak said there is an urgency. However, he thinks it is worthwhile to pause briefly to assess exactly what is needed from a consultant. He said one of the recommendations of the Electrical Reliability Study was to hire an expert who is familiar with the WUTC's process. He believes this would be helpful now and into the future.

(b) Update on the Downtown Park 4th of July event.

Mr. Miyake provided an update on the 4th of July event in Downtown Park, which was sponsored by the Bellevue Collection, Puget Sound Energy, and others. It was coordinated by the Parks and Community Services Department and the Bellevue Downtown Association, and supported by many volunteers and Police and Fire personnel. Kemper Development Company provided free

parking and did a great job of monitoring and supporting the volunteers.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

The Council agreed to forego Council reports. However, Councilmember Robertson said she had an issue she would like to bring up at the end of the meeting.

7. Approval of the Agenda

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Chelminiak seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. Consent Calendar

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved:

(a) Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of May 12, 2014 Extended Study Session

Minutes of May 19, 2014 Study Session

Minutes of May 19, 2014 Regular Session

(b) Motion to award Bid No. 14007, SE 16th Street Sidewalk, as part of the Neighborhood Sidewalk Program, to NPM Construction Co., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$216,019.00 (CIP Plan. No. PW-W/B-76).

(c) Ordinance No. 6165 authorizing: 1) Execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accept \$470,000 in federal Transportation Alternatives Program grant funding to complete the design of the at-grade segments of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail between Factoria Boulevard and 150th Avenue SE; 2) Amendment of the 2013-2014 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$470,000 in grant funds; and, 3) Amendment of the 2013-2019 CIP Plan to increase the project budget by \$470,000 and to modify the description and scope for the Mountains to Sound Greenway project (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-78).

(d) Ordinance No. 6166 authorizing execution of a one-year grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce to accept \$149,697 in grant funding for the Eastside Narcotics Task Force (ENTF); amending the 2013-2014

budget of the Operating, Grants, Donations and Special Reserve fund in the amount of \$149,697; and authorizing expenditures from said fund.

- (e) Resolution No. 8767 ratifying a proposed amendment to the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) designating the Central Issaquah Urban Core area as an urban center.
- (f) Resolution No. 8768 authorizing execution of a four-year General Services Agreement with West Coast Signal Inc., for on-call electrical repair and maintenance services.
- (g) Motion to waive a minor bid irregularity and award Bid No. 14032 for 147th Lane at NE 10th Sewer Replacement to Kamins Construction, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in the amount of \$399,807.08 (CIP Plan No. S-24).
- (h) Motion to award Bid No. 14062 for Overlay and Pavement Restoration (2014) to Fidalgo Paving & Construction, LLC, as lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$317,802.25 (CIP Plan No. W-16 and S-24).
- (i) Resolution No. 8769 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Braun Northwest, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$1,634,230.94, to purchase four Advanced Life Support (ALS) Medic Units and three Basic Life Support (BLS) Aid Units for Fire Department use.
- (j) Resolution No. 8770 authorizing execution of Amendment #1 to the professional services agreement with RH2 Engineering, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$145,217 for engineering services for the Bellefield Pump Station Capacity Improvements Preliminary and Final Design Services Project (CIP Plan No. S-53).
- (k) Resolution No. 8771 adopting the City of Bellevue 2013 Wastewater System Plan.
- (l) Resolution No. 8772 authorizing execution of a four-year General Services Agreement with Sequoyah Electrical LLC, for on-call electrical repair and maintenance services.
- (m) Resolution No. 8773 authorizing execution of a four-year General Services Agreement with Prime Electric, for on-call electrical repair and maintenance services.
- (n) Resolution No. 8774 authorizing execution of a four-year General Services Agreement with Valley Electric Co. of Mount Vernon, Inc., for on-call electrical repair and maintenance services.

- (o) Resolution No. 8775 authorizing execution of a four-year General Services Agreement with Wave Electrical LLC, for on-call electrical repair and maintenance services.

9. Public Hearings

- (a) Second Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Budget and 2015-2021 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan

Acting City Manager Brad Miyake introduced the Public Hearing on the 2015-2016 Budget and 2015-2021 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan.

Rich Siegel, Performance and Outreach Coordinator, said the City is required only to hold one public hearing. However, the City holds three hearings to encourage input from citizens, and this is the second of those hearings.

→ Councilmember Robinson moved to open the Public Hearing, and Councilmember Chelminiak seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Deputy Mayor Wallace read the rules for the hearing. The following citizens came forward to comment:

1. Vic Bishop, representing West Lake Sammamish Association, presented a petition from residents interested in completing improvements to the parkway. As of noon today, 106 residents have signed the petition. He requested design funding for Phase 2 in the 2015-2021 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan.
2. Barbara Spindell thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to participate in the Budget Hearing. She recalled that she first addressed the Council in 2012 about the need for sidewalks along Newport Way. She noted the meeting attendees in support of the sidewalk project. She listed others who support/endorse the project including three school PTAs, Somerset Community Association, Aldersgate Church, the Bellevue Library Board, FeetFirst, and other neighborhood associations.
3. Randall Brown, a Somerset resident and block captain, read an endorsement for the Newport Way sidewalk project and roadway improvements from the Cascade Bicycle Club.
4. Diana Thompson, representing the Bellevue Network on Aging, encouraged the Council to consider looping technology for hearing assistance in City facilities. She understands that staff is researching the issue. She said looping has been used for some time in England and Scandinavia, and its use is expanding in the United States. She noted Seattle's looped facilities as well as City Council chambers around the country that have been looped. She asked the Council to include funds in the budget to implement looping.

5. Kate Johnston said she is profoundly hard of hearing and the mother of a 21-year-old son with autism. She described her son's involvement in Bellevue Youth Theater and their enjoyment of going to theater performances. She said the FM devices provided at City facilities do not generally work effectively and have a great deal of static.
6. Linda Pawson, Interim Executive Director of the Bellevue Arts Museum, spoke about the effectiveness of looping technology for the hearing impaired. She said the museum's Operations Manager, Chris DeGrazia, would be able to provide more information on the use of looping at the museum.
7. Cheri Perazzoli spoke on behalf of the Hearing Loss Association of Washington. She said there are a number of listening devices with varying levels of effectiveness and ease of use. She advocated for the universal adoption of looping technology in public buildings as the most effective hearing-assistive systems.
8. Patrick Bannon, President of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), expressed support for the path the City is on to develop a long-term capital plan for transportation projects as well as other vital needs. He said the BDA will get into more details on the Downtown Transportation Plan and Downtown Livability Initiative later. However, one issue that has come up in both is parking. He expressed support for some type of shared parking facility to serve Old Bellevue.
9. Chris Jordan commented on the Bellevue Way HOV project which includes adding a sidewalk along the west side of Bellevue Way. He does not believe a sidewalk would provide any benefit, and he is concerned it would pose a bit of a security issue within the neighborhood. He noted there is a sidewalk on the east side of Bellevue Way.
10. Steve Kasner complimented Neighborhood Outreach staff for doing a great job of working with residents. He expressed support for continuing to fund neighborhood projects. He would like to see more neighborhood associations throughout Bellevue, including the newly annexed Eastgate area. He would like the City to continue its public outreach to enhance citizen involvement. He spoke in favor of the artwork-wrapped utilities boxes around town that have appeared to prevent graffiti on those objects. He encouraged more of this type of project. Mr. Kasner thanked Councilmembers for their hard work on behalf of the community.
11. Dallas Evans, a resident of West Lake Sammamish Parkway, said he appreciates the improvements completed to date, including the separation of the pedestrian walkway from traffic. He requested funding for Phase 2, which he believes is more straightforward than subsequent phases. While not initially in favor of the project, he believes Phase 1 was a great addition and it changed his mind about the overall project.
12. Margaret Nicoll commented on the proposed HOV lane on Bellevue Way SE. When Sound Transit originally proposed the idea, it was presented as extending from the Y at 112th Avenue SE to I-90. The current diagram shows the HOV lane extending nearly to

SE 16th Street. She expressed concern about the loss of the Triangle Swim Club. She would like more information on the need to extend the HOV lane that far. She said there is a lack of clarity and communication with the neighborhood on this issue.

→ Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m., and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

13. Barb Lyle commented on the Bellevue Way SE HOV lane. She questioned whether any Councilmembers live in that area. She expressed concern that perhaps a number of decisions are being made by people who will not be affected by the road in the way that residents will.

→ Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to close the Public Hearing, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Councilmember Robinson said her understanding about the Bellevue Way SE HOV lane project is that it consists of a 300-foot lane from I-90 to the Park and Ride. She was not aware of the proposal that citizens addressed in their testimony.

Mayor Balducci asked staff to provide information on which part of the HOV lane is proposed in the current CIP Plan and which part is in the planning and design phases.

Mayor Balducci asked that comments provided earlier by the East Bellevue Community Council also be part of the CIP discussions. She lives in the East Bellevue area and she concurs about the lack of interest in improvements on SE 16th Street in Lake Hills. However, there is a great deal of community interest in completing the project on Lake Hills Boulevard. She asked that some consideration be given to that going forward with the budget discussions.

Mayor Balducci said the third public hearing will be in November. She thanked the public for their participation.

10. Land Use

- (a) Ordinance No. 6167 approving the rezone application of the Tsai Family, LLC (Bellevue Heights Apartments) to replace the existing O-Office zoning with R-30 zoning to permit multi-family residential development of up to 30 units per acre and increase the maximum allowable density for the property from 39 units to 55 units located at 13902 NE 8th Street, Bellevue, Washington.

Mr. Miyake recalled that this item was last discussed with the Council on June 23, and it is recommended for approval by the Hearing Examiner.

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to adopt Ordinance No. 6167, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Resolution No. 8776 authorizing adoption of the Economic Development Plan, which sets forth direction to guide the City's economic development activities over the next three to five years.

Mr. Miyake recalled that the Council initiated development of the Economic Development Plan in June 2013. A consultant worked with staff and the Council to develop the plan which involved extensive public outreach as well.

Mayor Balducci noted that the Council has previously discussed this plan a number of times.

Councilmember Robinson suggested adding, on page 172 of the meeting packet, a reference to "marketplace" in the bullet point addressing the HB 2023 funding portal.

Responding to Mayor Balducci, Mr. Salomone said that broadens the City's opportunities under that legislation. There are certain legal obstacles to creating a portal, while creating a marketplace might produce the same result.

Mr. Salomone said the Economic Development Plan would be revised accordingly.

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to approve Resolution No. 8776, as amended on the floor. Deputy Mayor Wallace second the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Mayor Balducci thanked staff, noting that this is a significant milestone and a tremendous piece of work.

- (b) Resolution No. 8777 adopting the Bellevue Transit Master Plan (TMP).

Mr. Miyake recalled that the update of the Bellevue Transit Master Plan has been underway for the past two years.

Franz Loewenherz, Senior Planner, recalled the project timeline including public outreach activities and coordination with other agencies. He said the planning process began in July 2012 and involved an extensive collaboration with the community, institutions, transit agency partners, and adjacent jurisdictions. He said Bellevue has experienced a 144 percent increase in fixed route bus service citywide since 2003. The plan includes a Policy Element, Service Element and Capital Element and is guided by the objective of enabling more people to reach more destinations in less time.

Mr. Loewenherz said representatives of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), and Kemper Development Company spoke during the June 26 Transportation Commission meeting, and all expressed general support for the plan. None spoke about amending the plan or project list to delete a transit runningway project. However, Mr. Loewenherz said all of them expressed a desire to remain engaged as projects move into design to ensure that the modeling work is reflective of the best available information.

Mr. Loewenherz said Joel Glass, a former Commissioner, testified against the use of leased lots as park and ride options. He also recommended the elimination of two transit runningway projects. The Bellecrest Neighborhood Association opposed the transit runningway projects as well.

In response to feedback from the BDA, Mr. Loewenherz said staff is moving forward to try to incorporate a private transit policy statement in the Comprehensive Plan amendment process.

Mr. Loewenherz said the Transportation Commission unanimously recommends the plan presented for Council adoption.

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to approve Resolution No. 8777, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

Councilmember Robertson thanked the Transportation Commission and staff for all of their work on this. She noted public testimony questioning the accuracy of the ridership analysis, which raises a concern for her. She noted Vic Bishop's suggestion that any analysis of runningway projects be updated before implementation. Mr. Loewenherz confirmed that additional extensive analysis will be conducted as a project moves forward.

Ms. Robertson said there are concerns about converting current general purpose lanes to bus only use. She wants to be sure that projects, especially the runningway projects, are updated regularly because traffic conditions change over time.

Councilmember Stokes concurred and expressed support for the plan.

Responding to Mayor Balducci, Mr. Loewenherz said the BKR (Bellevue-Kirkland-Redmond) model is updated periodically to take into account land use changes and anticipated transportation infrastructure improvements. With regard to regional parking costs, the figures used come from the Puget Sound Regional Council assumptions.

Mayor Balducci said she would like to have a better understanding of the underlying assumptions of the modeling, which can be discussed at another time. Paula Stevens, Assistant Director of Transportation, concurred that it is appropriate to review the modeling.

Deputy Mayor Wallace said he does not support the runningway projects. He said he has concerns about using data from the Puget Sound Regional Council to model Downtown Bellevue. He said the region's budget does not depend on healthy retail sales from Downtown

Bellevue. Bellevue businesses and the City depend on customers traveling here in cars and generating retail sales tax.

In a broader sense, Mr. Wallace said he sees the purpose of the plan as creating a way for transit services to be considered as an element of the City's transportation planning and as providing a tool to work with Metro, Sound Transit, and other transportation partners.

Deputy Mayor Wallace said that, overall, he supports the plan and believes it is a great body of work. He thanked staff, the Transportation Commission, and the community for their hard work in developing the plan.

Councilmember Chelminiak said this is a historic night which demonstrates that transit is a significant factor in Bellevue. He said the Seattle Transit Blog supports the plan. He said that all of the projects will be analyzed extensively before decisions are made about implementation. He thanked the Commission and staff for their good work.

Councilmember Robinson said it was fascinating to be part of this process, and she supports the recommended plan.

Mayor Balducci thanked staff and the Transportation Commission for their hard work and detailed analysis. She observed that the City has moved from an emphasis on geographic equity to an emphasis on maximum efficiency, due largely to the findings and recommendations of the King County Regional Transit Task Force. She said there needs to be a balance in order to support those who rely exclusively on transit while providing frequent efficient service for peak times and routes. Mayor Balducci said this is a great plan for Bellevue's future, but funding projects will be another challenge.

→ The motion to approve Resolution No. 8777 adopting the Bellevue Transit Master Plan carried by a vote of 6-0.

12. Unfinished Business

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to extend the meeting, and Deputy Mayor Wallace seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Councilmember Robertson recalled that Councilmember Robinson mentioned the King County Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) in June. Ms. Robertson said this ties into issues before the Growth Management Planning Council.

Ms. Robertson recalled that the Countywide Planning Policies (CPP) were updated two years ago, which included establishing greenhouse gas targets. Her position has been to oppose creating unfunded mandates. The GMPC will take action on additional policy amendments on this topic on July 23. This will set the countywide greenhouse gas reduction targets. She continues to oppose unfunded mandates or regulatory burdens for cities. Ms. Robertson said she

was assured by staff that the goal is to establish targets and not to impose regulatory burdens.

If the GMPC approves the amendments, they will go to the King County Council for consideration, and ultimately the cities for ratification.

Councilmember Robertson said the amendments are expected to be supported by the GMPC. She wanted to bring this up before staff briefs the Council next week about the K4C effort and discusses whether the City should become part of this coalition. She said this will also be discussed during an Environmental Stewardship Initiative briefing in the fall.

13. Continued Oral Communications: None.

14. New Business

Deputy Mayor Wallace said the Draft King County Buildable Lands Study is out for comment and the comment period ends on Friday. He said the portion on Bellevue is focused on the capacity to be provided in the Bel-Red corridor. He said the Sound Transit maintenance facility selection of the International Fiber Site will significantly reduce that capacity. He wondered whether staff could give some consideration as to whether the City/Council should provide comment on this draft study.

Mayor Balducci noted the Council's support and directed staff to draft the comments based on the Council's previous letter regarding the operations and maintenance satellite facility (OMSF) proposed by Sound Transit.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

Mayor Balducci declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:34 p.m.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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