

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

November 1, 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 8:02 p.m., with Mayor Davidson presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

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

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Mike Talbott, speaking on behalf of the Probation Advisory Board, urged the Council to preserve funding for the Electronic Home Detention program. He cited the recommendations of the Safe Community Results Team, including a statement that, "There are indicators that the level of services for Probation Services and electronic home detention may not be right-sized for the current economic situation." The team noted that there was insufficient time during the budget process for the full investigation of these services. Mr. Talbott expressed concern that the Results Team is not qualified to appropriately assess the effectiveness of probation services. He read further from the report, including a recommendation for further study of Probation Services by an outside expert and/or independent party. Mr. Talbott asked the Council to approve a study before deciding to reduce funding.
- (b) Eric Dawes, a resident of Horizon Crest, welcomed Councilmember Chelminiak back, and thanked the Council for the safety-related work on 152nd near Eastgate.
- (c) Ernie Simas, representing the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce Budget Task Force, spoke against the budget proposal to implement an annual business license fee. He expressed concern about moving from a one-time license fee to an annual fee, especially during the economic downturn.

- (d) Ellen Kerr, Bridle Trails Community Club, endorsed the importance of the electrical reliability study and plan, and encouraged the Council to approve funding. She commented that reliable electrical service is critical for the business community, including those working from home, as well as for meeting public safety and health care objectives. Ms. Kerr reported that JD Power and Associates has ranked Puget Sound Energy at or near the bottom of electrical service providers in the western region of the United States, in both 2008 and 2009.
- (e) Kevin McCarthy, President and Board Director for Skwim International, explained that skwim is a team water sport that can be played recreationally and competitively by all ages. He encouraged the City's investment in aquatics facilities in Bellevue and/or the Eastside.
- (f) Brian Cook spoke to the beneficial aspects of skwim, and the efforts to make it an Olympic sport by 2020. He noted the need for more pools to play this sport.
- (g) Sharon Simas spoke regarding the need for pools in the area and urged the Council's support of the SPLASH proposal. She was a co-founder of SPLASH. She understands that the project might require a bond issue at some point. She encouraged the City to pursue partnerships to create a new aquatics facility.
- (h) Nancy Bennett, a Bridle Trails resident, encouraged the Council to move forward with the proposed electrical reliability study, and to work with Puget Sound Energy to develop a plan for upgrading the power distribution system in Bellevue.
- (i) An unidentified female encouraged the Council to complete the electrical reliability study and to show leadership in improving Bellevue's electrical power system.
- (j) Dick Morris, President of the Sunset Community Association, encouraged the Council to complete the project on 145th near Bellevue College. He commended the City for its related work on 140th Avenue SE.
- (k) Nicholas McCarthy provided a youth's point of view on skwim, which is a fun sport and good exercise. He noted the need for more places to play skwim.

4. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions

- (a) Bellevue Parks & Community Services Board response to 2011-2017 Capital Investment Program

Faith Roland, Chair of the Parks and Community Services Board, provided the Board's response to the 2011-2017 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan. The Board concurs with the department's approach to developing capital projects, given the budget challenges facing the City. She encouraged the Council to move forward with the 2008 Parks Levy projects, maintain existing infrastructure, and to complete previously approved planning projects.

[A memorandum from the Board is included in meeting packet.]

Mayor Davidson congratulated the Parks and Community Services Department for achieving and maintaining its accreditation.

Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran noted that Bellevue was among the first and few to achieve accreditation upon its first application.

5. Report of the City Manager

(a) Winter Weather Preparedness and Response

City Manager Steve Sarkozy asked staff to provide an update on the City's winter preparedness.

Mike Jackman, Utilities Assistant Director, described the City's winter preparedness program, which addresses wind, rain, snow and ice storms. He explained that this winter is expected to be colder and wetter than normal due to strong La Nina conditions in the Pacific Ocean. Mr. Jackman reviewed the activities associated with the objectives of restoring and maintaining mobility and flood mitigation. The Utilities Department conducts public outreach through printed materials, the City's web site, announcements on Bellevue TV, and meetings with community groups. He encouraged the public to call 425-452-7840 for assistance, and to always call 911 for life safety emergencies.

Councilmember Degginger thanked staff for the update and for the department's communication efforts with the public when storm events have occurred.

Mayor Davidson added his thanks and said it is reassuring to hear that the City is well prepared.

Deputy Mayor Lee commended staff for their effective response during storms and extreme weather. Responding to Mr. Lee, Mr. Jackman explained that the Utilities Department's street maintenance division coordinates its activities with the Parks Department. Street maintenance focuses on the rights-of-way and maintaining mobility for the public and emergency services. Parks crews focus on City facilities as well as key community facilities, including hospitals. Parks has three plows, and the two departments coordinate the use of their respective equipment.

Responding to Councilmember Balducci, Mr. Jackman said the Utilities Department works closely with the Transportation Department during emergencies as well, and provides updates on road conditions, including road closures. The Transportation Department provides updates to King County Metro, and ongoing information is available on the City's web site.

(b) Platinum Award for Utility Excellence

Mr. Sarkozy announced that the City recently received an award from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA), recognizing the Utilities Department's excellence in nationally recognized attributes of effectively managed utilities.

Utilities Director Denny Vidmar commented on the City's receipt of the Platinum Award for Utility Excellence and praised Bellevue's long history of talented and dedicated staff.

Mayor Davidson thanked staff for their work.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Balducci reported that she and Councilmember Robertson spoke to the Leadership Tomorrow class at the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center. Ms. Balducci noted that she would forego reporting on her meeting activities, in the interest of time.

Councilmember Wallace attended the Seattle Chamber of Commerce Leadership Conference in Suncadia. He attended meetings with residents regarding the Shoreline Management Plan and a meeting of the Eastside Transportation Partnership's legislative agenda task force. He participated on two transportation panels in an event hosted by Chicago Title.

Councilmember Degginger attended the groundbreaking for the Eastside portion of the SR 520 bridge project. He commended the many people, including Councilmembers, who have worked on the planning of this project during the past 13 years. He attended meetings of the Transit Task Force and, with the Mayor, the Cascade Water Alliance Board.

Councilmember Chelminiak participated in meetings of the Washington State Building Code Council via telephone.

Councilmember Robertson spoke to the Leadership Tomorrow class with Councilmember Balducci. Following that event she was contacted by the Director of Leadership Eastside, with whom she met today. She is maintaining Monday and Friday office hours to be available to meet with constituents in City Hall. Ms. Robertson reminded citizens to vote by November 2.

Deputy Mayor Lee commented that it is great to hear the City receiving accolades. He attended the Family Driving Challenge at Bellevue College; an Ambassador Dinner including representatives from Libya, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates; and a meeting of the Economic Development District, as an alternate for Councilmember Chelminiak's position.

Mayor Davidson attended meetings of the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), Cascade Water Alliance, and Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). He spoke before the Flood Control District Board of Commissioners, which is the same body as the King County Council, about regional equity and Bellevue's interest in projects.

7. Approval of the Agenda

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

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

8. Consent Calendar

- Councilmember Chelminiak moved to pull Agenda Item 8(a), meeting minutes, from the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.
- The motion to pull Agenda Item 8(a) carried by a vote of 7-0.
- Deputy Mayor Lee moved to approve the Consent Calendar, amended to pull Item 8(a), and 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:

(b) Resolutions for Middle School After-School Recreation Services

Resolution No. 8150 authorizing execution of a three-year contract with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the purpose of operating middle school after-school recreation services at Odle Middle School.

Resolution No. 8151 authorizing execution of a three-year contract with Jubilee REACH Center, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the purpose of operating middle school after-school recreation services at Highland Middle School.

Resolution No. 8152 authorizing execution of a three-year contract with the Bellevue YMCA, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, for the purpose of operating middle school after-school recreation services at Tillicum Middle School.

- (c) Resolution No. 8153 authorizing execution of a Lease Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for access to state-owned right-of-way, to construct and maintain the 124th Avenue SE Connection to the I-90 Trail Project and a trailhead/kiosk near Factoria Boulevard.
- (d) Motion to approve an increase to the construction contract with AGR Contracting (Bid No. 10009) by \$5,986.04 for a total contract amount of \$40,634.58 for the 100th Avenue SE Sidewalk Project (CIP Plan Nos. NEP - 1 and PW-W/B-56).
- (e) Resolution No. 8154 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Agreement with CHS Engineers, LLC, for Storm Water System Trenchless Design Services, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 (CIP Plan No. D-64).
- (f) Resolution No. 8155 authorizing approval of payment of \$96,085.51 for a Release of All Claims in final settlement of a claim against the City for property damage

to the Bartell residence caused by a water system failure.

Item Pulled:

- (a) Minutes of September 27, 2010 Extended Study Session
Minutes of October 4, 2010 Study Session
Minutes of October 4, 2010 Regular Session

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

Councilmember Balducci acknowledged Kevin Yuskaitis in the audience, who was finishing up his Eagle Scout requirements for Citizenship. She congratulated him and wished him well.

- 14. New Business

Mayor Davidson clarified that all minutes under Agenda Item 8(a) have been postponed for action.

- 15. Executive Session

At 9:30 p.m., Mayor Davidson declared recess to Executive Session for approximately one hour to discuss one item of pending litigation and one item of property acquisition/deposition. He noted that the meeting will adjourn immediately upon conclusion of the Executive Session.

- 16. Adjournment

At 9:58 p.m., Mayor Davidson declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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