

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

November 15, 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 8:05 p.m., with Mayor Davidson presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

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

3. Communications: Written and Oral

Mayor Davidson asked citizens wishing to comment on the budget to wait to do so under Agenda Item 9. However, he indicated that he would like to let an 11-year-old in the audience wishing to address the budget to make her comments now.

- (a) Chase Raines said she is a member of the King Aquatic Club, swims seven days a week, and aspires to participate in the Olympics. She, her brother, and others passionate about swimming practice in outdoor pools October through February, even in temperatures below freezing. She advocated for an aquatics facility in Bellevue, noting the positive economic impact for the community and the potential benefit to public health in preventing drowning.
- (b) Debbie Voth, Co-President of Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, invited the Council and the public to the 2010 Garden d'Lights Festival at the Garden from November 27 through January 1. She described changes to this year's event including a \$5 admission fee and the need to make reservations. Children under 10 years old are admitted free of charge. The event is funded and produced by the Garden Society, whose volunteers work throughout the year. She thanked the City of Bellevue and the Parks and Community Services Department for their support and assistance.

- (c) Dr Andy Cole said he was asked to comment on the benefits of swimming from a medical perspective, within the context of the need for more pools in Bellevue.

Mayor Davidson asked Dr. Cole to hold his comments until the Public Hearing on the budget.

- (d) Chris Peters, a registered professional electrical engineer and communications consultant, said he is also a licensed amateur radio operator. He expressed concern about the potential negative effects of one of the City's projects on activities in which he is involved including the Washington State Emergency Radio Response Net (WSEN). He has experience in disaster/emergency communications activities. Mr. Peters is concerned that one of Puget Sound Energy's planned power lines, along 164<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street, will interfere with communications equipment at his home. He has spoken with City staff about PSE's alternatives. He left information for the Council to review.

Mayor Davidson requested a briefing from staff on this matter.

#### 4. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions

Steve Kasner, Chair of the East Bellevue Community Council, provided an update on activities within the neighborhood including the opening of the new Lake Hills Library on 156<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE. He reported that the Community Council recently received a presentation about the planned redevelopment of the Kelsey Creek Center, which is supported by residents. He thanked City Councilmembers for their work and expressed a commitment to working together for the benefit of Bellevue citizens.

#### 5. Report of the City Manager

- (a) Amendment of the Comprehensive Plan to include the 2010 Transportation-Related CPA Proposals Initiated by the Council in August 2010  
*[Continuation of Study Session Item 2(b)]*

City Manager Steve Sarkozy explained that this item was continued from the earlier Study Session.

Paul Inghram, Comprehensive Planning Manager, said that the purpose of tonight's discussion is to present the Planning Commission's Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) recommendations. The Commission recommends approval of the four Council-initiated CPAs, which are all related to transportation.

Hal Ferris, Planning Commission Chair, reviewed the CPAs, all of which were approved for recommendation by a vote of 5-0. The CPAs adopt a new Travel Demand Forecast, amend the East Bellevue Transportation Facilities Plan by updating the description of the 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE project, amend the Bel-Red Subarea Plan, and amend the Transportation Element to update the designation of a portion of NE 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Minor Arterial.

Responding to Councilmember Balducci, Mr. Ferris said that the next major Comprehensive Plan update is due by 2014. The Commission intends to extend the travel forecast planning horizon from 10 years to 20 years with that update.

Responding to Councilmember Wallace, Sr. Transportation Planner Kevin McDonald explained that the travel forecasts are developed based on land use projections and roadway transportation network planned projects. The City's traffic model generates motorized trip calculations for trips into, out of, and within specific mobility management areas (MMAs). The subarea previously identified as Bel-Red, MMA 4, is now the smaller Wilburton MMA. The Bel-Red is now MMA 12. Mr. McDonald said this accounts for the differences between the 2005 and 2020 projections.

(b) Management Brief regarding 2010 Budget Survey Results

Mr. Sarkozy opened staff's presentation of the results of the 2010 budget survey.

Rich Siegel, Performance and Outreach Coordinator, explained that the budget survey is part of the City's overall performance program. He described the survey methodology, community demographics, and key performance measures.

Mr. Sarkozy commented that the positive results reaffirm the City's history of high levels of expectations as well as high performance levels. He thanked staff for their work on this project.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Lee, Mr. Siegel said the 2008 results were similar, and he will provide that data.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

Mayor Davidson asked Councilmembers to forego their reports due to the number of citizens wishing to speak during the Public Hearing.

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

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

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

- (a) Resolution No. 8156 authorizing execution of an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Keating Bucklin & McCormack, Inc., P.S. to increase the total contract amount from \$30,000 to \$120,000, for legal services in the lawsuit *Petrisor v. City of Bellevue*, USDC Cause No. C10-00480 JLR.
- (b) Resolution No. 8157 authorizing execution of a four-year extension of the contract with Premier Golf Centers, LLC, in an amount up to \$103,380 in 2011, for the operation of the pro shop at the Bellevue Golf Course.
- (c) Resolution No. 8158 ratifying the amendments to the King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPP).

9. Public Hearings

- (a) Third and Final Public Hearing on the 2011-2012 Operating Budget and the 2011-2017 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan

City Manager Steve Sarkozy noted that this is the third and final Public Hearing on the 2011-2012 Operating Budget and the 2011-2017 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan. Budget adoption is scheduled for December 6. He highlighted the key components of the budget and the underlying principles and rationale. Mr. Sarkozy said the budget leaves significant unmet needs.

- Deputy Mayor Lee moved to open the Public Hearing, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.
- The motion to open the Public Hearing carried by a vote of 7-0.

The following citizens came forward to comment:

- (1) Dick Morris, Sunset Community Association, spoke in favor of completing the extension of 140<sup>th</sup> to 145<sup>th</sup> Place SE.
- (2) Jay Chase, Sunset Community Association, noted that he is a resident along 145<sup>th</sup> Place SE. He urged the Council to complete the roadway improvements.
- (3) Lindy Bruce, Sunset Community Association, asked the Council to fund the completion of the 145<sup>th</sup> Place SE project.
- (4) Michelle Mattson-Hamilton and other members of the Bellevue Youth Link Board asked the Council to continue to support the Youth Link program.
- (5) Cecilia McGowan, a master gardener from the Bellevue Demonstration Garden, described the garden's activities and reported that King County eliminated all funding for the master gardener program. Produce from the garden at SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street is donated to Hopelink. She encouraged the Council to continue funding the horticultural program at the garden. A second master gardener described volunteer activities at the garden and the

transfer of plantings to the City's rights-of-way.

- (6) Daemond Arrindell, Crisis Clinic of King County, described the program's services and requested continued funding from the City.
- (7) Judy Holder, Bellevue Arts Commission Chair, asked the Council to fully fund the Eastside Arts Partnership and Special Projects programs.
- (8) Jennifer Lee, Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra Board, encouraged continued arts funding by the City.
- (9) Paula Mattyse, Operations Manager of Together Center in Redmond, requested support of the Eastside Cultural Navigator program, which is also housed at Bellevue Mini City Hall in the Crossroads area. Two citizens described the services provided to them and other immigrants by the program.
- (10) Kevin Kelly, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, referenced the Chamber's letter to the Council today regarding the operating and capital budgets. He thanked Councilmembers for their work on the budget and highlighted the Chamber's priorities.
- (11) Edward Lin, attorney with Perkins Coie, spoke on behalf of the Best Buy store in the Wilburton area. He asked the Council to reconsider the NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street extension projects, and described negative impacts to the existing Best Buy store.
- (12) Dave Miniken, Bellevue Downtown Association Board, noted that the BDA submitted its formal letter on budget priorities on October 25. He reviewed those priorities and asked the Council to fund projects in the Downtown.
- (13) Hal Ferris encouraged the Council to continue full funding to ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing), which provides affordable housing projects on the Eastside.
- (14) Steve Kasner urged the Council to complete the project along 145<sup>th</sup> Place SE, which provides access to Bellevue College and other schools, homes, and churches. He thanked the Council for leveraging limited dollars in the City's budget for Jubilee Reach, the Boys and Girls Club, and other organizations with thousands of volunteers providing services to the community.
- (15) Ellen Hegenour spoke in support of the Harrington House, a transitional housing program for homeless adult women and newly parenting women. She urged the Council to continue funding for affordable housing and to adopt the proposed human services budget.
- (16) Carol Groff described the services provided to her at the Harrington House, which she went to when she was six months pregnant. She is now moving out to her own housing. She thanked the City and Catholic Community Services for helping her at a critical time in her life.

- (17) Another individual helped by the Harrington House described her experiences as a homeless woman and the housing provided for her and her daughter. She thanked the City and organization for the assistance, and urged the Council to continue funding the program.
- (18) Audrey O'Neal described the services provided to her and her daughter at the Harrington House including housing, life and employment skills, and mental health care.
- (19) Eileen Reinsnack, Catholic Community Services, described the volunteer program and encouraged continued financial support from the City.
- Deputy Mayor Lee moved to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m., and Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion.
- The motion to extend the meeting carried by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Davidson called for a short break. The meeting resumed at approximately 10:08 p.m.

- (20) Jessica Powers, Wright Runstad and Company, highlighted the company's support for Mobility and Infrastructure project funding and for Bellevue's and Redmond's efforts to include the SR 520 124<sup>th</sup> and 148<sup>th</sup> interchanges on the State funding list. She noted additional companies that support these priorities.
- (21) Renay Bennett acknowledged the budget constraints and encouraged full funding for public safety, utilities infrastructure, and street maintenance. She noted that some neighborhood retail areas continue to need attention. She encouraged funding for parks priorities and for capital projects that have been planned for some time, including the 145<sup>th</sup> Place SE project. She feels that new projects in the Bel-Red area should be reconsidered during these challenging economic times. Ms. Bennett thanked City staff for their hard work on the budget, Rich Siegel for his work on the citizen survey, and the Council for its extensive time in reviewing the budget.
- (22) Jean Harris, a volunteer with Sophia Way, said the organization is the only overnight shelter on the Eastside for homeless, single women. The average age of clients is 50, and the eldest client was 79 years old. Ms. Harris said that 20 women are turned away for every woman that can be served by the shelter.
- (23) Mike Nesteroff noted that he is the City's representative on the Hopelink Board of Directors. He expressed appreciation for the City's support and encouraged continued funding.
- (24) Marilyn Mason-Plunkett, Hopelink CEO, described the sharp increase in the request for services during the past three years. She requested continued funding and support from the City. She thanked the City for contributing to ARCH and urged continued support.

- (25) Todd Woosley, Hal Woosley Properties, spoke in opposition to the proposed Wilburton Local Improvement District (LID) assessments. He commented that the transportation projects to be funded by the assessments will have negative effects for many existing businesses due to the loss of parking, loss of access, and increased congestion. He encouraged the City to consider alternate infrastructure funding mechanisms.
  - (26) Janet Levine, Kindering Center, thanked the Council for its support of the kindering program and requested continued assistance.
  - (27) Jim Pratt, Bellevue Youth Theatre Foundation, requested continued operating support of the Bellevue Youth Theatre, which provides activities for developmentally disabled citizens and economically disadvantaged youth. Mr. Pratt urged the City to continue its partnership in the theatre's capital investments as well.
  - (28) Marty Jacobs, Family Services Director at Child Care Resources, expressed support for the City's proposed human services funding. She thanked the City for its past support of the organization's child care program. She noted that the State recently changed its income eligibility for the child care subsidy. Many families have lost their subsidies and are therefore unable to work.
  - (29) Kelsey Beck, Food Lifeline, urged the Council's support of the recession impact package proposed by the Human Services Commission.
  - (30) Al Doe, Bellevue Philharmonic Orchestra Board, encouraged the Council's support of the orchestra.
  - (31) Victor Bishop, President of the West Lake Sammamish Association, thanked the Council for funding the West Lake Sammamish Parkway Phase 1 project to date, and encouraged completion of the project.
  - (32) Rod Bellow, West Lake Sammamish Association, expressed support for the West Lake Sammamish Parkway Phase 1 project, noting that the City has already made a considerable investment in the project.
  - (33) Matt King, YWCA, thanked the City for its investment in human services and asked Councilmembers to approve the recommended human services allocations. He thanked the Council for preserving its Housing Trust Fund reserve and requested continued support of ARCH.
  - (34) Carole Cote and Nancy Buerger, St. Vincent de Paul in Bellevue, urged the Council's support of the recession impact request made by the Human Services Commission. They described efforts to help the poor through programs at two local churches.
- Councilmember Balducci moved to extend the meeting to midnight, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

- The motion to extend the meeting carried by a vote of 7-0.
- (35) Phil Morrissey, Horizon Heights Community Association, noted his handout to the Council detailing the Association's request for a sidewalk from his neighborhood to the new sidewalk on 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SE.
- (36) Michael McKinley, SPLASH Board member and master swimming coach, commented on the critical benefits of swimming for injury rehabilitation, individuals living with certain diseases and disorders, and for the elderly.
- (37) Loren Baker, Vice President of the SPLASH Board, thanked the Council and City staff for working with SPLASH to discuss their requests related to aquatics facilities.
- (38) Steve Roberts, Executive Director for Congregations for the Homeless, thanked the Council for its human services funding in these difficult economic times. He noted that the organization leverages the City's money with hundreds of thousands of dollars in donated facilities, food, and volunteers. Since 2006, the organization has moved 230 homeless men to permanent stable housing. Mr. Roberts expressed support for ARCH and encouraged the City's continued contribution to their efforts.
- (39) Keltie Wright, Friends of Youth, described the critical need for ongoing support of youth homeless, transitional housing, and healthy parenting education programs. She requested continued support of the shelter and its programs.
- (40) Lori Taylor, Director of the Bellevue Farmers Market, noted her recent mailing to the Council regarding neighborhood farmers markets. The organization lost its King County grant this year, which provided \$15,000 annually for the past four years. Sponsorships and revenues are down as well. Ms. Taylor asked the Council to consider the Market's request for funding, keeping in mind that the organization supports farmland preservation, healthy food choices, and small business development. The markets provide food to low-income citizens.
- Deputy Mayor Lee moved to close the Public Hearing, and Councilmember Degginger seconded the motion.
- The motion to close the Public Hearing carried by a vote of 7-0.
10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions
- (a) Issaquah School District Impact Fees Ordinance
- Ordinance No. 5970 updating the school impact fee schedule for Issaquah School District No. 411; amending Section 22.18.100 of the Bellevue City code; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

Mr. Sarkozy recalled that this item was discussed with the Council on November 8. The Issaquah School District uses impact fees to fund new school construction. The City of Bellevue collects fees on behalf of the Issaquah School District.

→ Councilmember Balducci moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5970, and Councilmember Wallace seconded the motion.

Councilmember Degginger expressed support for the motion, and praised the new Issaquah High School.

→ The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5970 carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mayor Davidson opposed.

(b) Meydenbauer Convention Center Easement Agreements

Resolution No. 8159 authorizing execution of certain easement agreements and other documents necessary to memorialize easements benefitting the Meydenbauer Convention Center and all other documents necessary to complete performance of the previously executed Master Easement Agreement.

Mr. Sarkozy explained that the easement agreements and other documents have been negotiated between the Meydenbauer Convention Center and Bravern Development to coordinate easement arrangements between the two entities.

Kate Berens, Deputy City Attorney, referred the Council to page 11-9 for the key provisions of the proposed agreements.

Councilmember Degginger noted his attendance at Bellevue Convention Center Authority (BCCA) Board meetings over the past few years, in which these agreements were discussed. He commended Roger Anderson of the BCCA Board and Meydenbauer Convention Center staff for their hard work.

→ Councilmember Degginger moved to approve Resolution No. 8159, and Deputy Mayor Lee seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve Resolution No. 8159 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 11:43 p.m., Mayor Davidson declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC  
City Clerk

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