

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

November 18, 2013
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Robertson and Councilmembers Balducci, Chelminiak¹, Stokes and Wallace²

ABSENT: Mayor Lee and Councilmember Davidson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m., with Deputy Mayor Robertson presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers except Mayor Lee and Councilmembers Davidson and Wallace were present.

Boy Scout Troop 641 (East Bellevue) led the flag salute.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

Deputy Mayor Robertson explained that the Council recently voted to temporarily amend its rules for oral communications. The Chair of the meeting is authorized to determine the length of time, if any, to be allotted to speakers based on their frequency of speaking at oral communications. Council action on a permanent rule change will be taken later this year.

Alex Zimmerman and Sam Bellomio approached the podium for oral communications. Deputy Mayor Robertson said that records show Mr. Zimmerman has spoken 16 times over the previous six months. She said the Council would not hear from him this evening. Ms. Robertson said that Mr. Bellomio has spoken nine times over the past six months, and the Council would not hear from him as well.

¹ Councilmember Chelminiak left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

² Councilmember Wallace arrived at 8:17 p.m.

Responding to the gentlemen, Deputy Mayor Robertson suggested that they email the Council. Following their refusal to take their seats, they were escorted out of the meeting.

- (a) Paula Matthyse, Program Coordinator for the Eastside Cultural Navigator program, said the Eastside program is in its seventh year of operation and its services are provided by the Chinese Information Service Center of Seattle. She described the services provided and thanked the City for its support.
- (b) Angela Sarkisyan, a Bellevue resident, thanked the City for its ongoing support of the Eastside Cultural Navigator Program. She described how the program has helped her and others in the audience.

4. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions

- (a) Report from the Arts Commission

Genevieve Tremblay, Chair of the Arts Commission, provided an update on the Tateuchi Center or PACE (Performing Arts Center of the Eastside). She noted the memorandum and additional information provided in the Council's desk packet.

[Councilmember Wallace arrived at 8:17 p.m.]

Councilmember Stokes thanked Ms. Tremblay for the update. He said he has been working with City staff and elected officials of other jurisdictions on this issue. Bellevue is being asked to take a leadership role in moving the project forward. Mr. Stokes commented on the importance of art and cultural amenities within the urban environment. He recommended directing staff to investigate the City's options for supporting the Tateuchi Center.

Councilmember Balducci, Council liaison to the Arts Commission, thanked Chair Tremblay and Vice Chair Trudi Jackson for their work. She noted the City's history of contributing to arts organizations and facilities. She believes that major cultural arts institutions require ongoing public support to survive. She is in favor of exploring how the City could help to reinvigorate the initiative for a performing arts center.

Ms. Balducci observed that this is a pivotal moment for the City to demonstrate that it can support a vibrant arts environment. She is comfortable with exploring the potential for Bellevue to take a leadership role, but noted that other government and private partners will be necessary to succeed. She supports directing staff to move forward with further study and to return with an update to the Council.

Deputy Mayor Robertson concurred with the comments. Responding to Ms. Robertson, Acting City Manager Brad Miyake said staff anticipates providing an update in January.

Ms. Robertson said that building codes have changed since the Center was issued building permits, and the existing plan cannot be built under the new codes. She believes it is critical for the project to engage private and public partners in moving the project forward as soon as possible.

Deputy Mayor Robertson thanked the Arts Commission for its work.

[At 8:20 p.m., Councilmember Chelminiak noted that he started his day 26 hours earlier in Madrid and excused himself from the meeting. He said he will review the meeting and input from the Budget Public Hearing as soon as possible.]

5. Report of the City Manager

Acting City Manager Brad Miyake said he would like to pull Agenda Item 8(c) from the Consent Calendar.

- (a) Bellevue business tax simplification update on the Multi-City Business License and Tax Portal agency Interlocal Agreement and related Articles of Incorporation
[Moved from earlier Study Session, Agenda Item 2(b)]

Mr. Miyake opened staff's update on the Multi-City Business License and Tax Portal project. The portal is on track to become operational in mid-2014. The next milestone is for the four cities to adopt an interlocal agreement creating an agency to operate and maintain the portal technology.

Finance Director Jan Hawn said the portal allows businesses to get a city business license and pay local taxes for multiple cities (Bellevue, Everett, Seattle, Tacoma) from one website with the use of a credit card. Bellingham will join as a Subscriber in 2015. The portal preserves local control over the tax policy and simplifies the license and B&O tax payment process for City staff.

Chris Bothwell, Tax Manager, explained that the Interlocal Agreement will create a nonprofit agency governed by member cities. The Finance Directors, or equivalent, from Principal cities will serve on the Executive Board. Mr. Bothwell provided additional details on the governance and operations of the agency.

Ms. Hawn presented examples of the FileLocal logo, web site, banner ads on other web sites, and mailer. Staff will request Council approval of the Interlocal Agreement on the December 2 consent calendar. The portal will become operational in 2014.

Councilmember Balducci expressed support for the project. Responding to Ms. Balducci, Ms. Hawn said the City has money allocated in the City's 2013-2014 Budget for project-related expenses. The Portal Executive Board will later adopt a budget within the constraints defined in

the Interlocal Agreement, and each city will be responsible for membership fees. The Interlocal Agreement commits the original Principals to an initial five-year term.

Councilmember Wallace questioned whether there is an effort to standardize B&O tax codes across the cities. Ms. Hawn said most cities' B&O tax codes are largely based on the same model ordinance. However, each City retains its authority to develop tax policy.

Mr. Wallace questioned the level of controls within the agreement to restrict expenditures to the specific purpose of the Interlocal Agreement. Ms. Hawn said there are tight controls in terms of limitations on growth and adding staff. All cities are very concerned about keeping costs down.

In further response to Mr. Wallace, Mr. Bothwell said there will be a robust testing process of the portal over a six-month period before it goes live. Ms. Hawn noted that the company developing the portal has completed similar projects in other states.

Councilmember Stokes thanked staff for their work.

Deputy Mayor Robertson said she looks forward to implementation of the system.

(b) Update on first Bellevue Essentials Program

Mr. Miyake introduced discussion of the Bellevue Essentials program, which launched its first class on September 25, 2013

Mike McCormick Huentelman, Neighborhood Outreach Manager, said the purpose of the new program is to identify and encourage community leadership. The class consisted of nine weekly sessions with participants from 15 of Bellevue's 16 neighborhoods. Ages ranged from 17 into the 70s, and the group was ethnically and professionally diverse.

Natalie Davis Eltahir, a resident of northeast Bellevue, described her experience with the program. She expressed her appreciation for the program and commented on her interest in public service and expanding her leadership skills. She enjoyed and learned from the collaborative engagement with other participants. She liked learning about the public process and the role of local government.

Carl Vander Hoek thanked the City for the opportunity to be part of the first class of the program. He commented on the importance of civic engagement for emerging leaders, and he believes the class will be an asset for the community.

Mr. McCormick Huentelman said the next class will begin enrollment in May 2014.

Deputy Mayor Robertson thanked staff, including Julie Ellenhorn, Community Relations Coordinator, for their work. Ms. Robertson said she enjoyed speaking to the class and meeting and engaging with the participants.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Balducci reported that she attended the graduation ceremony for the Bellevue Essentials class. She attended meetings of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation Policy Board and the Sound Transit Board capital committee.

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to excuse Mayor Lee's absence from the meeting due to his participation with Governor Inslee's trade mission to China. Councilmember Balducci seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Councilmember Stokes reported on the GradNation Summit held in Bellevue. He attended meetings of the PSRC Growth Management Policy Board and the King County Regional Policy Committee. He attended portions of the National League of Cities convention in Seattle.

Councilmember Wallace said he and Councilmember Balducci attended the I-405 Executive Advisory Group meeting. Mr. Wallace attended a meeting of the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce transportation committee.

Deputy Mayor Robertson reported that she attended the Planning Commission retreat and she taught a number of government classes at Bellevue High School.

7. Approval of the Agenda

Deputy Mayor Robertson requested a motion to approve the agenda, pulling Items 8(c) and 11(a), and adding Item 15(a), Executive Session for property acquisition matter [approximately 20 minutes].

→ Councilmember Balducci moved to approve the agenda, amended to pull Items 8(c) and 11(a) and to add Item 15(a). Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the agenda, as amended, carried by a vote of 4-0.

8. Consent Calendar

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

→ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 4-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Minutes of October 21, 2013 Study Session
Minutes of October 21, 2013 Regular Session
- (b) Resolution No. 8647 authorizing execution of a two-year contract with Olympic Security Services, Inc., for security guard services, in an amount not to exceed \$230,762, with the option to renew for an additional two years for a total contract amount of \$466,140.
- (d) Resolution No. 8649 authorizing execution of a two-year contract with Whitman Global Carpet Care, in an amount not to exceed \$115,541.04, with the option to renew for an additional two years, for a contract total not to exceed \$239,245.36, for carpet cleaning services at City Hall and the Bellevue Service Center.
- (e) Resolution No. 8650 authorizing execution of a two-year contract with Synergy Building Services, for custodial services at City Hall, in an amount not to exceed \$425,100 with the option to renew for an additional two years for a total contract amount of \$884,820.
- (f) Resolution No. 8651 authorizing execution of a two-year contract with Synergy Building Services, for custodial services at the Bellevue Service Center Operations Area, in an amount not to exceed \$69,744 with the option to renew for an additional two years for a total contract amount of \$144,672.
- (g) Resolution No. 8652 authorizing execution of a five-year Wireless Communication Facilities Site Lease Agreement with T-Mobile West, LLC, with an automatic five year extension, for existing wireless equipment at the Cougar Mountain #2, more commonly referred to as the Lakemont Reservoir, located at 16859 SE 59th Street.
- (h) Ordinance No. 6135 updating the school impact fee schedule for Issaquah School District No. 411 ("District"); amending Section 22.18.100 of the Bellevue City Code ("BCC"); providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.
- (i) Resolution No. 8653 authorizing execution of a four-year general services contract with NW Teambuilding for the operation of programs and services on the Bellevue Challenge Course at Eastgate Park.
- (j) Resolution No. 8654 authorizing the extension of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Redmond, Sammamish, and Shoreline concerning the administration of the pooled human service contract program through December 31, 2014.

- (k) Resolution No. 8655 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with David Evans & Associates, in an amount not to exceed \$160,924, to provide Engineering Plans, Specifications, Estimates (PS&E) and Maximum Extent Feasible (MEF) Documentation on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Design for 2015 Overlay Program.
- (l) Ordinance No. 6136 authorizing execution of a Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2015 Biennial Municipal Stormwater Capacity Grant Funding Agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology accepting state grant funds of \$170,000 to support city-wide implementation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit (\$50,000) and project specific planning and design for a retrofit project which includes low impact development techniques (\$120,000); establishing a project within the Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund; appropriating unanticipated and future revenues to that fund; and authorizing expenditure of said grant funds.
- (m) Motion to award Bid No.13073 for Commercial Water Meter Replacement - 2013 to Earthwork Enterprises, Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in the amount of \$105,170.37 (CIP Plan No. W-98).
- (n) Motion to award Bid No. 13164 for Stormwater Dig & Repair - 2013 to Road Construction NW, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in the amount of \$197,998 (CIP Plan No. D-59 and D-64).

Item Postponed:

- (c) Resolution No. 8648 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with SRG Partnership, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$573,970, to provide architectural design and engineering services for the expansion of the East Parking Garage at City Hall.

Councilmember Wallace announced that there is an opportunity to testify on Thursday before the state legislature regarding the transportation package under discussion during the special session. Deputy Mayor Robertson noted the Council's support for his participation in communicating Bellevue's interests.

9. Public Hearings

- (a) Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 Budget/2013-2019 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan Mid-Biennium Update
 - (1) Staff Report

Finance Director Jan Hawn introduced the public hearing on the 2013-2014 Budget and 2013-2019 Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan Mid-Biennium Update. She said the Mid-Biennium updates are minimal and include adjustments to Development Services staffing and fees, capital projects funding line of credit, and technical corrections.

(2) Motion to Open Public Hearing

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to open the public hearing, and Councilmember Balducci seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

(3) Public Testimony

The following citizen came forward to comment:

1. Sharon Linton, representing VisitBellevueWashington, thanked the City for its investment in their 2013 program, and provided an update on the organization's accomplishments and activities. Ms. Linton requested \$51,000 in 2014 to continue to expand the distribution of the visitor guide for one more year and to conduct additional market research.

(4) Motion to Close Public Hearing

→ Councilmember Balducci moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.

Ms. Hawn said discussion of the budget will continue on November 25, at which time staff will request direction on the proposal from VisitBellevueWashington.

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Transportation Third Quarter Capital Investment Program (CIP) Update and related actions associated with the West Lake Sammamish Parkway Phase 1 Improvements project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-141).

Ordinance No. 6137 authorizing: 1) An increase to the construction contract with Active Construction, Inc. (Bid No. 12221) by \$1,750,053 for a total contract amount of \$6,577,615 for West Lake Sammamish Parkway Phase 1 Improvements project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-141) and Small Diameter Water Main

Replacement program (CIP Plan No. W-16); 2) Amendment of the 2013-2014 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by \$595,256 to reflect an agreement with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) for the reimbursement of costs totaling \$35,000 associated with the West Lake Sammamish Parkway Phase 1 Improvements project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-141). The increase in appropriation is funded by \$560,256 in unanticipated one-time revenue in excess of budget; and 3) Amendment of the 2013-2019 CIP Plan to transfer budget totaling \$808,000 from the Overlay Program (CIP Plan No. PW-M-1) to the West Lake Sammamish Parkway Phase 1 Improvements project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-141) for a total amended project budget of \$9,789,256.

[Postponed under Agenda Item 7.]

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications: None.

14. New Business

Deputy Mayor Robertson noted that King County extended the deadline for public comment on the solid waste management plan to February 7. She said the County would like information on mitigation measures that Bellevue would consider related to the expansion of the Factoria transfer station. She asked staff to reserve time for two Study Session discussions, if needed.

15. Executive Session

At 9:30 p.m., Deputy Mayor Robertson declared recess to Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss one item of property acquisition.

16. Adjournment

The Executive Session was concluded at 9:50 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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