

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

January 20, 2015  
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 approximately 8:10 p.m., with Mayor Balducci presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

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

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Jeff Gindin, representing the Bellevue Towers Transportation Committee, said Bellevue Towers consists of 539 condos with 900 residents and 836 cars. He shared their vision for a City that is good for everyone of all ages. He expressed concerns regarding safety for pedestrian, bicycles, vehicles, and Fire/Police access and response. He highlighted current large development projects and encouraged the City to delay Code changes for the Downtown until the impacts of current projects have been fully assessed. [Mr. Gindin submitted his presentation in writing.]
- (b) Bill Herman, representing the Bellevue Towers Livability Committee, said he has been working with residents on livability issues. He said the vision for Downtown Bellevue was approved 30 years ago, and it is time to examine the plan and reinforce the vision of a City Within a Park. He said the Downtown Livability Citizens Advisory Committee's recommendations focus on how to expand the amenity incentive system for developers. He believes the incentives under consideration work against livability by increasing building heights and size. He expressed concerns regarding traffic and growth. He said the City can achieve a balance by lowering residential incentives and increasing commercial incentives in proximity to light rail. This would maintain the wedding cake principle, manage growth, and reduce traffic.

- (c) Jacqui Ramsay, a resident of Bellevue Towers, said she is encouraged when she looks out her window and sees new development rising out of previously blighted blocks. Despite the inconveniences related to construction, the activity is a reminder of the economic development, job creation, and vitality missing five years ago. She expressed support for the work of the Downtown Livability CAC. However, she and many of her neighbors are confused by recommendations that seem to run counter to the majority of public comments from those who live Downtown. She noted the increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and expressed concern about recommendations to increase building heights and density with no identified benefits. She encouraged maintaining the elements that make Bellevue special, including its parks, and resisting trying to become like Seattle. Ms. Ramsay asked the Council to read and consider the thoughtful public comments provided to the CAC.
- (d) Warren Koons, Co-Chair of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA) Land Use and Livability Committee, commended the CAC and City staff for their work. He thanked the Council for identifying this effort as a top priority. The BDA believes that many of the CAC's recommendations will achieve what is intended within the program scope: improve the Downtown Land Use Code, update the design guidelines, and better align key development provisions with the Downtown Subarea Plan. The BDA wants to ensure that changes integrate well with transportation, parking and utilities planning. He encouraged a City permitting approach that would evaluate a project as a whole based on what it brings to the Downtown.
- (e) Brittany Barker, representing the Fortin Group, said the company owns 11 acres of contiguous property in the northwest village district of the Downtown. She expressed support for the CAC's final report, particularly with regard to the northwest village area. Adopting these strategies will help advance the quality and livability of that area and the Downtown. She said the Fortin Group appreciates the many hours spent by City staff and the CAC and looks forward to working with the City Council going forward.
- (f) Matt Rowe, an architect and urban planner with VIA Architecture in Seattle, said he has been following the Downtown Livability CAC's work and recommendations. He believes this is an opportunity for Bellevue to brand its City and skyline for future generations. He noted that any discussions about building height increases must be balanced with bulk control and tower spacing. He said building bulk can be lifted higher to accommodate open spaces, pedestrian amenities and streetscapes, which can be provided by the private sector if enabled in the Land Use Code.
- (g) Ann Bridgeland thanked the Council for considering Newport Hills residents' request that the City purchase the Paul Kirk House in their neighborhood for a public building, even though it has been determined to not be feasible.
- (h) Barbara Spindel said the City's new budget includes \$7 million for building a much-needed sidewalk along Newport Way. She thanked the Council for listening to the community and responding to its request to improve safety for the Eastgate, Somerset and

greater Newport Way community. Ms. Spindel thanked the Transportation Department for the traffic safety measures that have already been put in place including a lower speed limit, better signage, and anticipation of a great design plan for sidewalks and bicycle lanes along Newport Way.

Mayor Balducci noted that residents will want to provide input as the design work moves forward.

Councilmember Robertson suggested that residents keep their green shirts to wear to the project ribbon cutting.

- (i) Steve O'Donnell, President of the Somerset Community Association and co-founder of CENSE (Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy), referred the public to [www.cense.org](http://www.cense.org) for more information. He said the report of the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Energize Eastside project's Community Advisory Group (CAG) is not a majority report, as the two dozen members were not requested to sign the report. He does not believe a majority would have signed the report. Mr. O'Donnell said a dissenting report was prepared by eight individuals, including all of the CAG's residential representatives and the Director of Development and Facilities for the City of Newcastle. They were limited to five pages for the dissenting report, which was attached as an appendix to PSE's main report. Mr. O'Donnell opined that PSE did not provide credible data establishing the need for the project. He said hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars have been spent by PSE on its marketing campaign for the Energize Eastside project and on PSE's consultant. CENSE will formally request that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission not allow PSE to incorporate those expenses into the rate base paid by customers. Mr. O'Donnell asked the Council to adopt policies that embrace a better Bellevue and to delay action on Resolution No. 8870.
- (j) Alex Zimmerman said Microsoft will kill the city by opening a large facility in Bellevue. He has campaigned in Seattle to stop Amazon because he believes the company will kill Seattle and Bellevue. He asked Bellevue citizens to stand up and to stop acting like idiots because changes are needed. He reiterated his ongoing request that the City Manager, who he characterized as a crook, hold monthly question and answer sessions with citizens.
- (k) Carl Vander Hoek, a Downtown resident and employee, commented on updating the Land Use Code and how the Downtown Livability CAC's recommendations refer to partnerships. He encouraged the Council and Planning Commission to look at ways to facilitate partnerships that will provide public amenities and facilities. He said the CAC report does not address parking, except to recommend another study. He said affordable housing needs more attention as well.

Mayor Balducci said it is apparent there is a high level of interest in the Downtown Livability Plan and the CAC's recommendations. She said the City needs to find a way to have that conversation and to allow anyone who wants to participate to do so.

Deputy Mayor Wallace encouraged citizens to email the Council at [council@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:council@bellevuewa.gov) with concerns, suggestions, and feedback.

4. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions

Chair Laing of the Planning Commission provided a brief report during the earlier Study Session.

5. Report of the City Manager

(a) Review of Energize Eastside Independent Analysis Consultant Selection Process

City Manager Brad Miyake said the purpose of this item is to respond to the Council's request for more information on the consultant selection process related to Puget Sound Energy's Energize Eastside project. The firm selected to complete the analysis for the City is Utility System Efficiencies, Inc. (USE). Mr. Miyake noted the management brief in the meeting packet providing information on the selection process as well as the qualifications and experience of USE staff. He introduced Mike Brennan, Director of the Development Services Department (DSD), and Nicholas Matz, Senior Planner in the Department of Planning and Community Development (PCD), to provide the update.

Mr. Brennan recalled that staff, at the Council's direction, initiated a search for a firm to complete an independent technical analysis of the need for the Energize Eastside project. Staff is confident that the selected firm is qualified to conduct a thorough and credible analysis regarding the need for the project, and their work is underway. City staff met with USE consultants in Bellevue last week to talk more about the project and to gather information needed for them to begin their work.

Mr. Matz said that, during the selection process, USE demonstrated a clear understanding of the scope of work and clearly articulated a work plan to complete the analysis. He said the contract is underway, and USE is fully engaged in the task of reviewing Puget Sound Energy's needs assessment report and the executive summary documentation. City staff is working with USE to ensure they obtain the forecast and growth assumptions used in the study and in reviewing historical electrical demand. The contract involves USE conducting an extensive agency document review as well.

Mr. Matz said a fundamental aspect of this work is stakeholder interviews. USE has interviewed PSE and the City of Bellevue. USE is scheduled to conduct an interview via Skype this week with representatives of CENSE (Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy). The City will also be gathering additional stakeholder information and documentation that USE will respond to in their report.

Mr. Matz said USE demonstrated a depth of technical expertise in fulfilling the independent evaluation and review of the needs assessment. He highlighted key staff and their qualifications. He said USE has experience working with the Western Electricity Coordination Council (WECC), which is the regional forum for promoting regional electric service reliability in

Western Canada and the Western United States. USE also has an engineer with unique experience related to his time with Columbia Grid and the Bonneville Power Administration.

Mr. Matz said USE demonstrated a strong understanding of federal, state and local regulations and the relationship between load forecasting and land use trends. The firm is current on new technologies and alternatives used throughout the industry. Mr. Matz recalled, however, that this analysis is focused on determining the need for the project. The study of alternatives will be addressed as part of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review.

Mr. Matz said USE has current clearance to access the proprietary information that PSE uses to operate as part of the regional transmission grid.

Councilmember Robertson thanked staff for the presentation. She observed that the scope of work addresses many of the issues of interest to CENSE and residents. She appreciates PSE's confirmation that they will provide all data on actual usage by Bellevue through 2014, and that they will consider the positive impact of lower energy usage with the installation of LED streetlights to replace approximately half of the lights in Bellevue. She is confident the City the consultant's work will achieve a good process.

Ms. Robertson observed that different processes are being established. One is the USE evaluation that is underway, and another is the pending Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review and analysis. She questioned whether and how these two processes will interact and be coordinated.

Mr. Brennan confirmed that the two processes will run concurrently. He said there is plenty of time to complete the independent needs assessment currently underway by the City's consultant to inform the EIS process, which will run for more than one year.

Responding to Ms. Robertson, Mr. Matz said the contract end date with the consultant is the end of February. Even if the work is extended, especially to complete the analysis of 2014 data, the report will be completed before completing the scoping process for the EIS.

Ms. Robertson asked staff to overlay the independent consultant's timeline with the public process graphic to be presented later in the meeting regarding the EIS work.

Councilmember Chelminiak noted Agenda Item 11(a) regarding an Interagency Agreement between five cities governing a collaborative EIS review of PSE's proposed Energize Eastside electrical utility facility project. Responding to Mr. Chelminiak, Mr. Brennan confirmed that this group will be able to perform its own independent analysis related to how the project proposal works within individual cities (i.e., Bellevue, Kirkland, Newcastle, Redmond and Renton). In further response, Mr. Brennan said it is difficult to draw boundaries within a regional electrical utility service area. However, Bellevue's independent consultant's work will likely be useful for neighboring cities.

Mr. Chelminiak said there will be Bellevue-specific questions to be answered in the EIS including routes. One policy question is whether the electrical lines should follow PSE's existing

easements. If the lines were to go through the Factoria area, how does that affect the franchise agreements with PSE? What are the issues, and how would PSE use public right-of-way?

Mr. Brennan said the consideration of alignments and alternative solutions for meeting the defined need will be captured within the EIS during the scoping process. Alternatives and options for EIS study will be included in the scoping process.

As to which consultant is best for the independent analysis, Councilmember Chelminiak acknowledged that ECONorthwest has strong expertise. However, one benefit of USE is their agreement for access to PSE's records, which weighs heavily in this case. He is comfortable with proceeding as planned and convinced that there will be more questions after their work is completed.

Councilmember Stokes expressed support for proceeding with the decision that has been made. He wants to be careful that the independent study involves gathering information from the whole spectrum of people interested in this project. He does not want only specific groups to be involved in providing input to the analysis. He said it is time to continue moving forward. He thanked staff for the additional information on USE's expertise and staff.

Mayor Balducci said the question of USE's experience in load forecasting has not been answered. She noted that citizens have commented that USE does not have the best experience in this area and that the City knew this in its evaluation of consultants. She was hoping to hear about this issue tonight but indicated it would be okay for staff to follow up later.

Deputy Mayor Wallace asked staff to respond to that question now, if possible.

Mr. Matz said USE has experience in load forecasting. When the consultants were interviewed, they documented their forecasting and load growth path rating studies. They are familiar with the local load criteria based on industry reliability standards. They confirmed their area studies experience, which correlate well with typical growth scenarios.

Mr. Matz said the City's selection committee determined that trends do not change but multiple scenarios can dictate change. That suggested to staff that when USE added the optional technical analysis, which is the City's ability to tweak what PSE is doing with its forecast of growth and the load necessary to meet that, the City can manipulate the analysis across a range of more conservative to less conservative expectations.

Mr. Wallace said his understanding is that the decision is between an audit of the load forecasting versus an independent analysis.

Mr. Matz said the consultant's work is essentially an audit of PSE's work. Independently replicating a load forecast would be extremely costly.

Mayor Balducci said she was not suggesting that the consultant replicate a load forecast. She was asking about the consultant's understanding of load forecasting.

City Manager Miyake said staff will provide additional written documentation.

Deputy Mayor Wallace said it appears the consultant has relevant experience in conducting the audit. However, USE would not necessarily be the best choice for the task of conducting a completely independent load forecast. He noted that the cost of that would be roughly \$1 million.

(b) Follow-up to Request from Newport Hills Residents

Moving on, Mayor Balducci recalled the request in recent weeks from Newport Hills residents that the City acquire the Paul Kirk House in their neighborhood for a public gathering space. She asked the City Manager to comment on staff's research into this potential acquisition.

Mr. Miyake said the City's analysis determined that the acquisition is not appropriate as a neighborhood gathering space. The property is scheduled to be auctioned January 23, and there was not adequate time for City staff to conduct a full due diligence assessment or to obtain broader community input on the proposal. The City's typical process allows staff to identify tradeoffs associated with acquiring a site when balanced with other needs identified in the parks planning process, and there is not time for that process for this proposal.

Mr. Miyake summarized that staff does not recommend acquisition of the Kirk House. He has asked staff to work with the neighborhood association to identify options for possible community meeting spaces.

Mayor Balducci thanked Mr. Miyake for the update and Parks staff for their work on this issue with short notice. In addition to discussing the neighborhood's immediate need for a meeting space, Ms. Balducci suggested a broader review of the lack of developed park facilities in the Newport Hills area.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Robertson said the City is scheduling a joint Board and Commission meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update. With regard to earlier public comment about Downtown parking, Ms. Robertson said the City Manager and staff are studying that issue even though the Downtown Livability CAC did not have time to fully address that issue.

Councilmember Stokes reported that he attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration at Crossroads. He recalled being present at Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech in Washington, D.C when he was attending law school at The George Washington University.

Councilmember Robinson said she attended a meeting with the delegation visiting from Korea as well as Councilmember Lee; James Henderson, Economic Development Director; and Emil King, Strategic Planning Manager. The group toured the Impact Hub facility. Ms. Robinson said the Korean delegation's trip included stops in Bellevue, Seattle, San Francisco, and European cities.

Ms. Robinson reported that she attended the East King County Chambers of Commerce Coalition legislative breakfast, the K4C Elected Officials Climate Summit, and the MLK breakfast in Seattle.

Councilmember Chelminiak attended his last meeting of the State Building Code Council. He said the Governor has appointed a new member to fill his slot.

Deputy Mayor Wallace attended the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) meeting, East King County Chambers of Commerce Coalition legislative breakfast, and the Economic Development Council (EDC) breakfast in Seattle.

Mayor Balducci said she attended a number of legislative breakfasts including the East King County Chambers of Commerce Coalition and the Committee to End Homelessness.

Ms. Balducci reported that she attended an early learning symposium sponsored by King County, the City of Seattle, and the Bezos Family Foundation. She said the King County Executive is moving toward a November ballot measure on his “Best Starts for Kids” levies. She suggested engaging with Eastside and Bellevue organizations and agencies to coordinate involvement in that discussion.

Ms. Balducci said she and Councilmember Lee met with Consul General Ashok, who is based in San Francisco as India’s West Coast Ambassador.

Ms. Balducci attended the Bellevue College Arabic Culture Student Association’s art exhibition at the Bellevue Arts Museum.

7. Approval of the Agenda

- Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. Consent Calendar

Mayor Balducci requested removing Agenda Item 8(f) from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

- Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item (f). Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved:
  - (a) Council Meeting Minutes  
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- (b) Ordinance No. 6217 authorizing: 1) Award of Bid No.14077, 124th Avenue NE - Wilburton Streetscape Enhancement project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-169) to SRV Construction, Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$1,233,206; and, 2) Amendment of the 2015-2021 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to transfer \$65,000 in surplus budget from the 120th Avenue NE Stage 1 project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-161) and \$90,000 from SE 16th Street - 148th Avenue SE to 156th Avenue SE project (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-82) to the 124th Avenue NE project (CIP Plan No. PW-R-169).
- (c) Resolution No. 8863 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Agreement for underground utility location services with Bravo Environmental NW Inc. for a four-year term.
- (d) Resolution No. 8864 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Agreement for underground utility location services with Applied Professional Services Inc. for a four-year term.
- (e) Resolution No. 8865 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri), Inc. for the migration of Utilities AutoCAD data to the ArcGIS application, in the amount of \$238,742.50 (CIP Plan Nos. W-16, S-24 and D-64).
- (g) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.
- (h) Resolution No. 8867 authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and the Bellevue Police Officers Guild for a change in practice in assigning badge numbers to commissioned police officers based on commission date rather than hire date.
- (i) Motion to award Bid No. 14109 for AC Water Main Replacement 2015 - Phase 1 to Buno Construction, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$2,215,578.11 (CIP Plan No.W-16).
- (j) Motion to award Bid No.14136 for Commercial Water Meter Replacement - 2014 Phase II to Sanders General Construction, Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in the amount of \$319,999.52 (CIP Plan No. W-98).
- (k) Motion to reject bid for Bid No. 14092, East Central Business District Sewer Trunkline Improvements Project, CIP Plan No. S-52, and rebid at a later date with corrected documents.
- (l) Motion to award Bid No. 14093 for Bellefield Pump Station Capacity Improvements to Prospect Construction, Inc., as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$7,783,319.13 (CIP Plan No. S-53).

- (m) Motion to approve the Revised Draft 2015 State Legislative Agenda and Statement of Policy.

Item for Discussion:

- (f) Resolution No. 8866 granting authority to the Finance Director to execute annual purchase orders for various small items not stocked by City departments and noncompetitive purchase of services that exceed \$90,000 annually in cumulative value.

Councilmember Robinson said she requested that this item be pulled for discussion. She observed that the resolution does not specify a maximum dollar amount for the Finance Director's authority. She noted a table of amounts listed in the agenda memo.

Sara Lane, Assistant Finance Director, said the intent was that the dollar amounts in the table would be the maximum amounts for the specific purchase orders.

→ Councilmember Robinson moved to approve Resolution No. 8866, amended to incorporate the table from the agenda memo. Deputy Mayor Wallace seconded the motion.

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

9. Public Hearings

- (a) Required public hearing to consider approval of Resolution No. 8868 declaring certain utility-owned equipment to be surplus and directing City staff to dispose of the property in the same manner as other City-owned personal property that has met its usefulness and is no longer needed by the City.

City Manager Miyake introduced Andrew Lee, Deputy Director of Utilities, and Martin Chaw, Fiscal Manager.

Mr. Chaw said the purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider approval of Resolution No. 8868 declaring certain utility-owned equipment to be surplus and directing City staff to dispose of the property through the typical process. He noted that the list of equipment to be declared surplus is attached to the agenda memo. The value of the equipment, which includes vehicle and non-vehicle items, totals \$110,000. Mr. Chaw described the criteria for declaring City-owned property as surplus.

→ Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to open the Public Hearing, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

No one came forward to comment.

→ 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 Chelminiak moved to approve Resolution No. 8868, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Resolution No. 8869 authorizing execution of an Interagency Agreement between the cities of Bellevue, Renton, Redmond, Newcastle, and Kirkland governing a collaborative Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review of Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) proposed Energize Eastside electrical utility facility project.

Mr. Miyake said the next two resolutions authorize the execution of the documents necessary to initiate the environmental review of Puget Sound Energy's (PSE) Energize Eastside project. Resolution No. 8869 facilitates an Interagency Agreement with four other cities to collaborate for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) review. Resolution No. 8870 authorizes a professional services contract with Environmental Science Associates to prepare a draft and final EIS on the project.

Carol Helland, Land Use Director, said the Interagency Agreement is provided as Attachment A to the agenda memo. She said the execution of the agreement will be fiscally neutral. The EIS will be funded through fees and reimbursement from PSE as part of the permit process. She noted high community interest in the EIS process.

Responding to Councilmember Robertson, Ms. Helland said Bellevue is the lead agency for the EIS. The State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA) rules use the term "nominal lead." However, Bellevue is the lead agency and manages the consultant contracts and EIS-related fees. Ms. Helland said the results of the City's independent analysis will broaden the scope of the EIS work for Bellevue.

Ms. Robertson noted her interest in a review of the economic impacts of the project to property values, which is not explicitly addressed through the SEPA rules. Ms. Helland said that issue will be part of the EIS process and will be heavily influenced by the EIS scoping phase which could occur as early as March.

Ms. Robertson questioned the references to voting by the Interagency Agreement cities.

David Pyle, Senior Land Use Planner, said one of the purposes of the voting is for major decisions within the EIS process, for example, the selection of alternatives to be considered. In EIS scoping, the City is able to look at all elements of the environment that could have impacts. Mr. Pyle confirmed that economics issues are not a SEPA environmental element. However, there is a provision within the SEPA rules that allows the City to add elements should it determine through the scoping phase that there is sufficient evidence to warrant a potential impact.

In further response to Councilmember Robertson, Mr. Pyle said that decision is typically made by the environmental coordinator/SEPA official, which is Ms. Helland for Bellevue.

In further response to Ms. Robertson, Ms. Helland said Bellevue will have the most influence on the timing of the EIS because it will be managing the contract. Ms. Helland said a lot of work needs to be completed before beginning the EIS scoping, including the creation of a web site and other public outreach tools. She said the other four cities will conduct further analyses on the issues most relevant to their communities.

Responding to Ms. Robertson, Ms. Helland confirmed that the Interagency Agreement will not limit Bellevue's ability to do a thorough job of studying the economic impacts.

→ Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to approve Resolution No. 8869, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

- (b) Resolution No. 8870 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Contract in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) to prepare a Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) using the Phased EIS process under the City of Bellevue Environmental Procedures Code and Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) for PSE's proposed Energize Eastside Project.

Ms. Helland noted that Resolution No. 8870 authorizes the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with Environmental Science Associates to prepare the draft and final EIS reports. Attachment B to the agenda memo provides the contract, and Attachment A.1 to that is very thorough about the expected scope of work. Ms. Helland said Phase 1 will be the programmatic analysis, and Phase 2 will be the project-level analysis that will focus on the alignment and design alternatives. Phase 1 and 2 are expected to extend over a two-year work period, and there will be significant opportunities for public involvement.

Ms. Helland said the execution of this contract is fiscally neutral. The City recoups the expense of the EIS through a third party contract with Puget Sound Energy.

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to approve Resolution No. 8870, and Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Wallace said the Essential Public Facilities Code is somewhat broad and has been applied to the substation discussions in the past. However, his understanding is that there is not a specific code for power projects.

Ms. Helland said the City adopted amendments to the Electrical Code in the late 2000s.

Deputy Mayor Wallace said that, given the magnitude of this project, the City should review the Code and ensure it is adequate to address the mitigation that could be needed.

Councilmember Robertson said she asked the City Manager to begin the process of reviewing the Code to let the Council know whether Code provisions are adequate for this project. She requested an update to the Council on that work.

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

Ms. Helland introduced Mark Johnson, the project manager from Environmental Science Associates, in the audience.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications:

Heidi Dean thanked the Council for considering the Newport Hills request that the City acquire the Paul Kirk House. She appreciates the City's recognition of the need for community meeting space in their neighborhood.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 9:50 p.m., Mayor Balducci declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC  
City Clerk

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