

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Extended Study Session

January 22, 2007  
6:00 p.m.

Council Conference Room  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Degginger, Deputy Mayor Chelminiak, and Councilmembers Balducci, Davidson, Lee, Marshall, and Noble

ABSENT: None.

1. Executive Session

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and announced recess to Executive Session for approximately one hour to discuss two items of potential litigation and one item regarding labor negotiations.

The meeting resumed at 6:55 p.m. with Mayor Degginger presiding.

2. Oral Communications

- (a) A representative of Bellevue Arts Museum's Board of Directors thanked the City Council for including the museum as a priority in its Federal Legislative Agenda. He reviewed Bellevue's projected employment and population growth and noted it is critical for the city to maintain a high-quality museum. He thanked Council for its consideration of continued financial allocations to the museum. Michael Monroe, BAM Executive Director, highlighted one of the current exhibitions, Turning Wood into Art, sponsored in part by the Weyerhaeuser Corporation Foundation. Mr. Monroe thanked the City Council for its ongoing support.
- (b) Steven Pyeatt, representing Save our Sonics and Storm (SOS), expressed support for bringing the Seattle Sonics and the Storm to Bellevue. He said the majority of Sonics season ticket holders live on the Eastside. He asked the City to support a \$350 million, 3,200-job arena and economic engine that would be busy 200 to 250 nights per year. The arena would host activities of the NBA, WNBA, National Hockey League, Arena Football League, major indoor soccer, concerts, rodeos, and other events. Mr. Pyeatt feels the arena is a good fit for Bellevue that will bring economic rewards.

3. Study Session

(a) Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Marshall requested the addition of Agenda Item 3(e) to consider a moratorium on new, expanded, and altered development in Meydenbauer Bay area.

(b) Potential for Siting of a Sports/Entertainment Arena in Bellevue

City Manager Steve Sarkozy acknowledged ongoing interest by many to site a sports/entertainment arena in Bellevue to be the home of the Seattle Sonics and Seattle Storm. He noted the City has not received a proposal from the new Sonics ownership group and is therefore unable to provide information or take a position. The City Council has received a number of emails both supporting and opposing the construction of an arena in Bellevue.

Mr. Sarkozy said staff's opinion is that it is possible to design a scenario for a new arena that would be favorable for the community. Not knowing any details of a potential proposal from Sonics ownership, it is equally easy to construct a scenario that is not favorable. Therefore, it is premature for the Council and City staff to take a position on the concept. Mr. Sarkozy said any discussion of the potential for an arena in Bellevue will involve a public process, and specific principles and criteria will be utilized in evaluating any proposal.

Dr. Davidson said a news report indicates the Sonics ownership will make a decision about a preferred location by the end of the month. He is open to future consideration and discussion of a proposal.

Mr. Noble noted the criteria regarding serving the broad interests of the community, which he interprets to include evaluating impacts to neighborhoods and areas adjacent to the arena site. Mr. Sarkozy concurred.

Referring to the preliminary criteria listed in the meeting packet [beginning on page 3-1], Mr. Lee suggested that the statement of serving the broad interests of the community needs to be more clear and specific. Similarly, the criteria to conform to the City's transportation and land use vision should be revised to indicate conformity with the City's specific plans.

Ms. Balducci noted the considerable interest within the community about the potential siting of an arena in Bellevue. She suggested listing the elements the Council would like to see presented in the proposal including siting information, financing, arena programming, transportation improvements, and timing. According to news articles, Sonics ownership is interested in finalizing a deal by the end of the state legislative session. Ms. Balducci questioned whether there will be sufficient time for the City and Council to review any proposal, if submitted.

Responding to Mayor Degginger, Mr. Sarkozy said the purpose of the proposed draft letter in Council's desk packet is to convey Council's desire to receive a proposal if Sonics ownership is interested in an arena in Bellevue.

Ms. Balducci suggested the letter clearly state that the City will need adequate time to evaluate any proposal.

Mrs. Marshall suggested that the “we” in the second paragraph be revised to indicate the Mayor and City Manager, as the rest of the Council has not met with the team’s ownership. As a way of communicating the City’s general criteria with the letter, she suggested including a copy of the Agenda Memo from the meeting packet.

Mayor Degginger reviewed Council’s input, including Ms. Balducci’s point about timing.

Mr. Sarkozy said staff will revise and redistribute to the Council.

(c) Introduction of 3D Model for NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Planning

Mr. Sarkozy opened discussion regarding the development of the NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Corridor which has emerged as a high priority for the community.

Planning and Community Development Director Matt Terry recalled previous Council direction creating a bundled CIP (Capital Investment Program) package for the NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor and potential people-mover along the corridor. Council identified the following primary objectives: 1) Developing the Pedestrian Corridor as a key element and organizing principle for the downtown, 2) Utilizing this opportunity to reexamine the vision to ensure it is feasible and reflects current needs, and to anticipate future issues including the potential for a light rail investment through the downtown and a people-mover along the corridor, and 3) Examining new opportunities with the goal of improving the overall package of improvements.

Emil King, Strategic Planning Manager, provided the presentation. He described two major categories of performance and evaluation factors: 1) Pedestrian mobility, travel time, convenience, and safety, and 2) Character, aesthetics, and vibrancy of the downtown core. The Pedestrian Corridor is a key organizing element of the downtown, and how the corridor develops is critically important to the character of the downtown. Mr. King briefly reviewed the downtown neighborhoods identified through the Downtown Implementation Plan (DIP) process: 1) Northwest Village, 2) City Center North, 3) Ashwood, 4) City Center, 5) Old Bellevue, 6) City Center South, and 7) East Main. Signature streets were identified as well with Bellevue Way as Grand Retail, 106<sup>th</sup> Avenue as an Entertainment street, and 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue as the Commerce/Finance district.

The character of the Pedestrian Corridor begins in the west with limited auto access, then moves to a pedestrian-only section and east to the Transit Center. Public and private investments are focused on the 60-foot pedestrian section and the development of major public open spaces (MPOS). As incentives, developers are allowed the highest intensities in terms of floor-area ratio (FAR) and building height as compared to the rest of the downtown.

Responding to Mayor Degginger, Mr. King said if a development were built along the Pedestrian Corridor and it achieved excess FAR that was not used through either corridor improvements or

the development of a MPOS, the bonus could be transferred to other property owners along the Pedestrian Corridor.

As an example, Mr. Terry explained that the City earned a bonus for the development of the City Hall plaza. The City did not need the bonus and was able to sell the unused development potential to another downtown property.

Mr. King reviewed portions of the downtown: 1) Garden Hillclimb, 106<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue; 2) Transit Central, 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 3) Street as Plaza, Bellevue Way to 106<sup>th</sup> Avenue; and 4) Compass Plaza at Bellevue Galleria.

Mr. King displayed a graphic 3-D model of the downtown between 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 116<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and between NE 4<sup>th</sup> and NE 8<sup>th</sup> Streets. Strengths of the model are that it is topographically accurate, it is easy to add and subtract elements, views can be generated from any angle, shadows can be simulated, the model can be expanded, and the model is used extensively by the private sector so files of buildings can be obtained and added to the City's model. A limitation is that the model cannot display every feature.

Mr. King reviewed snapshots of the downtown depicted in the model. Next steps are to refine the model in order to analyze different scenarios, conduct an assessment of light rail and people mover options, identify near-term improvements for the Pedestrian Corridor, and explore opportunities for wayfinding kiosks incorporating artwork. Staff plans to report back to Council in early Spring 2007.

Councilmember Marshall noted that walking and pedestrian mobility, rather than a people mover, should be encouraged along the corridor. She suggested visual enhancements along the corridor next to Lincoln Square and on the wall by the Bellevue Arts Museum.

Councilmember Balducci feels storefronts and cafés would enhance the Pedestrian Corridor as an active public space. Mr. Terry agreed with this concept but noted the challenge in achieving this type of environment given current development including parking lots along the corridor.

Councilmember Lee concurred with Councilmembers Balducci and Marshall, and further suggested the option of an underground tunnel. He feels there is a potential conflict between encouraging pedestrian mobility and creating public gathering spaces.

Mayor Degginger expressed preliminary support for the development concept and emphasized the importance of making the connection work well. He encouraged the application of performance specifications.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak reiterated the importance of continued enhancements to the corridor. He is interested in people mover options and how they might connect to a downtown circulator system. However, the corridor is likely not conducive to a people mover technology within the 60-foot width.

Mr. Terry noted the model will be a useful tool as concepts are more fully developed.

(d) Regional Issues

(1) King County Parks Task Force Update

Diane Carlson, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, introduced Karen Reed, consultant, and Kevin Brown, Director of King County Parks and Recreation. She noted that the King County Parks Task Force has been reviewing replacement levy options for operating the King County Parks System

Mr. Brown provided the presentation. The task force was convened in November 2006 under the direction of King County Executive Ron Sims. Task force co-chairs are Gene Duvernoy, a former co-chair of the 2002 Metropolitan Parks Task Force, and Ron Sher, a private developer (Crossroads Mall in Bellevue and Third Place Books in Lake Forest Park). The target date for providing a report and recommendations is mid-March. The group's mission is to address two issues: 1) How to maintain today's county park system after the operating levy expires, and 2) How to build the system to serve the future needs of the region.

The King County Parks System contains approximately 180 parks ranging from 0.25 acres to 3,100 acres, for a total of 25,000 acres. These include 175 miles of trails. The Parks System has 90,000 acres of development rights. The majority of the system's acreage is in passive parks located in rural areas (open spaces, natural areas), which are relatively inexpensive to operate and maintain. A small percentage of parks and facilities are developed for active recreation including ballfields, pools, and community centers. These are much more expensive to operate and maintain.

Mr. Brown reviewed changes to the County Park System:

- One-third fewer FTEs (full-time equivalent staff),
- An increased focus on regional passive parks and trails and less emphasis on regional active parks.
- Continue to maintain rural parks and to transfer to cities and others when feasible. This transition is nearly complete except for parks in potential annexation areas.
- Increased focus on identifying ways to be entrepreneurial in terms of generating operating revenue from user fees. Fees have increased significantly and are nearing the market limits in some cases.

Ms. Reed explained that the current operating levy provides 57 percent of the operating budget and expires December 31, 2007. Annexations and a slower housing market could result in the loss of Parks capital revenue generated by the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) over the next six years. The County General Fund anticipates a deficit of \$9 million in 2008, and service reductions are likely. Additional deficits of \$26 million in 2009 and \$32 million in 2010 are projected as well. County parks maintenance levels remain well below the 2002 level and that of most city park systems.

Major challenges to the County budget are:

- Public Health funding – The current program cost growth outpaces revenue growth.
- PERS, LEOFF, and benefits cost increases.
- Roads and Surface Water Management Funds took significant budget cuts this year.
- Potential capital requests far exceed the General Fund debt capacity.
- While the annexation program reduces the burden on the General Fund, it eliminates revenue, especially REET collections.
- Reserves funded in 2005-2006 will be expended during 2007-2009.

Mr. Brown briefly reviewed Parks budget revenues and expenditures. The current (2004-2007) County Parks Operating Levy is 4.9 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation. It provides 57 percent of Parks operations and maintenance funding and will generate \$12.6 million in 2007.

Ms. Reed summarized that the task force has met three times, and four more meetings are scheduled (January 31, February 15 and 21, and March 8). The group will hear from City representatives and other stakeholders over the next few months, with the second stakeholders panel scheduled for February 15. The task force will formulate recommendations regarding the levy as well as whether the County should consider acquiring additional assets. Ms. Reed briefly reviewed maps showing the regional trail system (current and planned) and areas for potential acquisition.

Councilmember Marshall stated that King County is interested in transferring local urban parks to cities, in which case the cities pay for ongoing maintenance and operations. The levy then charges citizens in incorporated areas again to subsidize the maintenance and acquisition of parks in rural areas, which Mrs. Marshall feels is unfair. She suspects the deficit is primarily due to past deficiencies in the County's M&O funding.

Mrs. Marshall noted that the County's Surface Water Management Fund is stressed and the County Executive has proposed a tax for this fund. Bellevue is one of the few cities that has controlled its flooding using its own tax, and now Bellevue citizens will be asked to subsidize flooding prevention efforts in rural areas where appropriate measures have not been taken.

Mrs. Marshall questioned how King County can be considering purchasing the Burlington Northern Santa Fe right-of-way with its limited funds. Of 2005 Parks Operating Budget expenditures, 17 percent goes to urban unincorporated parks and facilities and 68 percent goes to regional rural parks.

Mrs. Marshall is frustrated that the current County parks levy was presented as a one-time measure to relieve temporary funding pressures. She noted that a City park bond measure narrowly failed, due largely to the County ballot measure presented shortly before that vote. She encouraged the County to fully disclose where money is coming from and where it is being expended. She disagrees with taxing citizens of urban areas to fund services in rural areas, and

noted that rural areas should not expect urban service levels. If taxes are collected by the County, the money should be spent equally among all areas.

Responding to Mayor Degginger, Mr. Brown said the majority of the Parks Operating Budget is for facilities, as the County discontinued its programming just before the current levy. Most of the budget (90%) goes toward Marymoor Park, the regional trail system, and remaining active ballfields. Less than 10% is spent on local rural parks. In further response, Mr. Brown said the 2002 Metropolitan Parks Task Force asked the County to concentrate on a limited number of core areas with a priority on regional trails, large regional open spaces, and regional active parks (Marymoor Park and the aquatic center).

## (2) Federal Legislative Agenda

Ms. Carlson referred Council to page 3-11 of the meeting packet for materials regarding the 2007 Federal Legislative Agenda. She asked Council to provide feedback in preparation for adoption of the document in February. The Congressional delegation has requested that jurisdictions submit their appropriations requests by the end of February. Ms. Carlson recalled previous information provided to Council that this will be a difficult year for obtaining funds for local priorities.

Alison Bennett briefly reviewed the seven proposed requests: 1) Regional Communications Center (\$1.5 million), 2) West Lake Sammamish Parkway Enhancements (\$3 million), 3) Bellevue Way HOV Connection to I-90 (\$2 million), 4) Traffic Computer System Upgrade (\$1 million), 5) Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center (\$1.5 million), 6) Bellevue Arts Museum (\$500,000), and 7) Green Streets Initiative (\$2 million).

Ms. Bennett explained that the Bellevue Way HOV Connection project is new this year. It would add a southbound HOV lane on Bellevue Way from the South Bellevue Park and Ride to westbound I-90. The Green Streets program is new this year as well, although it has been included in appropriations requests in previous years.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak noted that these requests are for 2008, but appropriations are yet to be distributed for 2007 from individual federal agencies. Although the funds would come from agencies' administrative offices, the Congressional delegation can have some influence over these decisions. Mr. Chelminiak suggested pursuing funding in areas identified by Congress as priorities including renewable energy and climate change initiatives.

Councilmember Marshall feels it is important to prioritize the Regional Communications Center. She asked whether all cities involved in discussions about the creation of NORCOM have placed this on their federal legislative agendas as well. Ms. Carlson said most of the cities do not prepare legislative agendas. However, they have been asked to write letters of support. Councilmember Marshall noted this is not strictly a Bellevue project, and she would like the appropriations request to reflect the other parties.

Mrs. Marshall expressed support for the West Lake Sammamish Parkway project. She views the Bellevue Way HOV proposal as a regional project which should receive funding from Seattle and other regional sources. These projects mentioned, along with the Bellevue Arts Museum funding request, are Mrs. Marshall's top priorities.

Mrs. Marshall noted that the Mercer Slough Education Center has received funding from Puget Sound Energy and a fundraising campaign has been initiated for additional support. She is concerned the project would compete with the Bellevue Arts Museum request.

Councilmember Noble concurred with Mrs. Marshall's observations. Regarding Deputy Mayor Chelminiak's suggestion about pursuing funds in areas of interest to Congress this session, Mr. Noble questioned whether the City has time to prepare appropriations requests for these items. In addition, Mr. Noble noted that these topics have not formally been identified as priorities by the City Council. Mr. Noble supports seeking funding for West Lake Sammamish Parkway, Regional Communications Center, the Bellevue Way HOV project, Bellevue Arts Museum, and the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center. He suggested eliminating the Green Streets request which he sees as more of an aesthetic than functional project.

Councilmember Balducci expressed a preference for West Lake Sammamish Parkway improvements, the Regional 911 Center, and the Bellevue Arts Museum requests. She supports adding the Green Streets request as a second tier priority, in part due to Senator Cantwell's interest in this program in 2004.

Councilmember Lee supports the Regional 911 Center request. Responding to Mr. Lee, Ms. Carlson said the requested amount of \$1.5 million was suggested by Vicki Cram, the City's federal lobbyist. Mr. Lee supports funding for the West Lake Sammamish Parkway project and Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center as well. He noted the Green Streets program is beneficial as a non-motorized project, and he suggested a downtown circulator be added to the list as a complement to the Green Streets proposal.

Mayor Degginger stated his interest in maintaining the Regional 911 Center as a top priority, and he feels the Green Streets request could compete better this time. He noted Bellevue Arts Museum could be more of a challenge in terms of obtaining funding.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak reiterated his suggestion that the Council discuss 2007 priorities in addition to 2008 funding requests. Ms. Carlson said discussions with Ms. Cram and congressional staff indicate uncertainty about 2007 monies. However, funding is expected to go directly to agencies. Ms. Carlson confirmed that some of the projects could compete better within the agencies rather than through Congress. Deputy Mayor Chelminiak feels there is a need to take a broader strategic approach.

Ms. Bennett noted that in addition to the 2008 appropriations requests, legislative priorities in the Federal Legislative Agenda reflect Congress' emerging priorities including climate change, energy, and the Mobile Source Air Toxics Rule aimed at reducing benzene levels.

Councilmember Marshall noted the prevalence of breast cancer in this region and questioned a link between benzene, a known carcinogen, and breast cancer.

Mr. Chelminiak noted that proposed light rail service from Seattle to Bellevue and Redmond does not qualify for certain federal funding. He suggested a joint effort with Redmond and Sound Transit to explore federal policies and advocate for change in order for the light rail project to qualify for funding.

Mayor Degginger suggested expanding the Lake Tapps Water Supply program paragraph to describe the pipeline projects.

Ms. Bennett said Ms. Cram noted March/April, June, and September as good times for City Councilmembers to visit Washington, D.C., because these time periods coincide with appropriations activities.

### (3) State Legislative Activities

Ms. Carlson reported that a crane safety work session was held within the state legislature the previous week. Staff from the Department of Labor and Industries reviewed its programs and compliance with OSHA regulations. There was no significant discussion about transferring this responsibility to local agencies or jurisdictions.

The sales tax streamlining bill was passed from the Senate committee last week. Representative Hunter will be moving the house bill (HB 1072) through the House Finance Committee as well. The bill projects mitigation for all cities and counties that lose revenue as a result of sales tax streamlining.

Ms. Carlson said several residents have contacted her about the hospital district de-annexation process. Representative Jarrett has been working on a draft bill, and the City continues to pursue a second sponsor.

Ms. Carlson reviewed the item on transmission siting preemption. HB 1037 would allow developers of electrical transmission or distribution lines and related facilities to use either the local jurisdiction permitting process or the state-level permitting process. Bellevue staff has requested clarification regarding which types of facilities would be affected by the law.

A bill regarding contracting for court services was the subject of a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee last week, and it is possible the bill will not have enough support to make it out of the committee. A new bill requiring an option for electronic payment of utility bills has not been introduced [HB 1034 was introduced last year]. Discussions about the possibility of a statewide cable franchise bill continue, and a work session regarding the siting of rights-of-way is scheduled for the House Technology, Energy and Communications Committee on January 26.

In terms of possible dates for Councilmembers to visit Washington, D.C., Ms. Carlson noted that the City Legislative Action conference is on February 14 and 15. Councilmember Balducci will

attend. Ms. Carlson said she can set up meetings for Councilmembers to visit state legislators as well.

Ms. Carlson responded to brief questions of clarification.

(e) Moratorium on New, Expanded, and Altered Development in Meydenbauer Bay Area

Councilmember Marshall introduced an ordinance for Council discussion and action that would establish a moratorium on development in the area between the existing City park at Meydenbauer Bay and Downtown Park. The moratorium would prohibit the City from accepting and acting on any applications that would involve new development or additions or alterations to any existing development, other than as required to address life safety issues. Permits already considered vested permits would continue to be processed.

Mrs. Marshall explained that the City has long had a vision of connecting the Meydenbauer Bay waterfront with the downtown to create a significant park destination. This vision is reflected in the Comprehensive Plan and studies and reports associated with the Downtown Implementation Plan. In recent years, the City has acquired waterfront property for parks and recreation uses.

Mrs. Marshall noted that the Council has rarely used moratoria and have done so only when Councilmembers are convinced that a moratorium is necessary to prevent significant planning efforts from being rendered moot by development activity. She is introducing this proposal because information has recently surfaced regarding plans to redevelop older residential units and to develop new luxury residential units near the waterfront and Downtown Park. This develop could impair the City's planning efforts. The moratorium will allow the City to explore the implications, determine the appropriate public investment and infrastructure necessary for fulfilling its vision, and complete the planning effort outlined in the Comprehensive Plan and other policy documents.

Proposed Ordinance No. 5714 would become effective immediately with a vote of five or more Councilmembers and would be in effect for 60 days. A public hearing will be held before the end of the 60-day period, at which time the Council could choose to extend the moratorium.

Ordinance No. 5714 imposing a moratorium on the acceptance of applications for the review and/or issuance of Permits for any new development, addition, or alteration within the Moratorium Area, as such terms are defined in this ordinance; declaring a public emergency; and establishing an immediate effective date.

➡ Councilmember Marshall moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5714, and Councilmember Balducci seconded the motion.

Planning Director Dan Stroh described how the City wants to develop a public park and facilities between Meydenbauer Bay and Downtown Park in order to enhance waterfront access and

visibility. This long-term vision has been part of the Downtown Implementation Plan for some time. Staff would like to return to Council in February to discuss the scope of this planning, public involvement activities, a general time line, and the process for implementing the plan. The primary study area is contained between the edge of Downtown Park to the City's waterfront property between Meydenbauer Marina and Meydenbauer Park. The study will explore connections between the edge of downtown and the waterfront park including pedestrian movements, visual access, parking, and other issues.

The moratorium area contains 13 parcels with primarily older development, and each parcel has a single owner. Most have apartment complexes from the 1950s and 1960s. Near-term development or redevelopment in the study area could preclude implementation of the City's vision for public space and pedestrian facilities.

Responding to Councilmember Balducci, Mr. Stroh described a row of retail development just outside the study area boundary. He noted that a property owner for one parcel has obtained an approved design review and applied for building permits. Mr. Stroh said the small photo studio property is not included in the study because redevelopment is unlikely, and if it were to occur it would not interfere with the City's plans.

Councilmember Davidson said he is typically not in favor of moratoria, as they prevent property owners from doing what they want with their private property. He supports limiting the moratorium to as small an area as possible, which in this case includes areas 1A, 1B, and 1C. Dr. Davidson acknowledged the importance of the area in connecting the two City parks, however.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Chelminiak, Deputy City Attorney Kate Berens said five Council votes are required now due to the immediate effective date of the ordinance. Following a public hearing, four votes would be required to continue the moratorium. A moratorium can be extended in six-month increments. In further response to Mr. Chelminiak, Mr. Stroh said the planning process is expected to take 12 to 18 months, depending on the length of the environmental review process.

Councilmember Lee is not a fan of moratoria. However, he understands the importance of studying and developing this area in accordance with the City's long-term vision. He questioned whether the City might eventually purchase more properties to accomplish the vision. Mr. Lee is concerned that the moratorium will harm property owners, and he is reluctant to support the motion.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak spoke favorably of Councilmember Marshall's rationale for imposing the moratorium in this case. He agrees that the development of public open space in this area is a high priority for both the Parks and Community Services Department and the City. However, he is uncomfortable with imposing a moratorium on private property at this time and will not support the motion.

Mayor Degginger noted the significant City investment to develop Downtown Park and acquire property along Meydenbauer Bay. He supports the critical need for a connection between these two key public spaces.

- ➡ The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5714 carried by a vote of 5-2, with Deputy Mayor Chelminiak and Councilmember Lee opposed.

Mayor Degginger declared the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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