

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Extended Study Session

April 23, 2007  
6:00 p.m.

Council Conference Room  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Degginger and Councilmembers Balducci, Davidson, Lee<sup>1</sup>, Marshall, and Noble

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Chelminiak

1. Executive Session

Councilmember Davidson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced recess to Executive Session for approximately 40 minutes to discuss one item of pending litigation.

The meeting resumed at 7:20 p.m. with Mayor Degginger presiding.

2. Oral Communications

- (a) Lisa Rowe, Bentall Capital, noted she is a past chair of the Bellevue Downtown Association. She reviewed the BDA's April 20 letter to the Council regarding the Supplemental CIP (Capital Investment Program) Plan. She encouraged the Council to set a funding strategy and commit to a timeline for the Supplemental CIP. Ms. Rowe said the expansion of transportation infrastructure is critical to the economic viability of the community. The BDA supports bonding if it will expedite transportation and other projects identified in the Downtown Implementation Plan (DIP).
- (b) Leslie Lloyd, BDA President, stated that improved mobility is one of the BDA's top priority. However, input from BDA members regarding the proposed Downtown Circulator is mixed. The concept has been tried and the results not satisfying. The BDA strongly supports funding DIP priorities to add critical road capacity and to improve the pedestrian environment and the livability of the downtown. Ms. Lloyd said the BDA had hoped the study would specify the customers to be served, the primary areas of demand in terms of trip origins and destinations, and data to evaluate a fixed route option. Ms. Lloyd said many BDA members have advocated for a ride-free zone in Downtown Bellevue. She feels this option should be analyzed as well. Ms. Lloyd said the BDA

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<sup>1</sup> Councilmember Lee arrived at 6:50 p.m.

would like to see an analysis that combines the ride-free zone concept with modified bus routes.

- (c) Linda Osborn spoke about the loss of trees in the Lochleven area and throughout the community. She asked the Council to consider a tree preservation ordinance, and noted it is important to act now. Ms. Osborn submitted her comment in writing.
- (d) Kathy Gwilym expressed her concern regarding the loss of trees due to development. She submitted her comments in writing, which includes recommended modifications to the Land Use Code.

### 3. Study Session

#### (a) Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Marshall noted the Council previously expressed an interest in installing a sign indicating the City of Bellevue at NE 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE. She requested the status of this request.

City Manager Steve Sarkozy said a draft design of the sign has been developed and will be forwarded to Councilmembers.

Councilmember Balducci expressed an interest in implementing a domestic partnership benefits policy. She asked the Council's approval to advance an initiative to direct staff to develop an implementation plan to provide benefits for City employees and bona fide domestic partner relationships. She would like staff to bring this issue back to the Council at the earliest opportunity to allow Council to help refine the policy.

Mayor Degginger noted consensus to proceed with Ms. Balducci's suggestion. Mr. Sarkozy said staff will bring the issue back for Council discussion in two weeks.

#### (b) Environmental Stewardship Initiative – Potential Actions

City Manager Steve Sarkozy opened discussion of the Environmental Stewardship Initiative. Council and staff have been discussing creating an organization-wide ethic regarding environmental stewardship.

Sheida Sahandy, Assistant to the City Manager, provided the staff report. Staff is requesting Council direction regarding how to proceed and which issues should be given priority.

Ms. Sahandy reviewed results from the 2006 Budget survey regarding stewardship of the environment and natural resources. 92 percent of respondents strongly agreed or somewhat agreed that environmental stewardship enhances the quality of life in Bellevue. A total of 87 percent strongly or somewhat agreed that environmental stewardship contributes to economic

vitality. Environmental protection was ranked as the third budget priority for residents following public safety and transportation.

Ms. Sahandy explained that a commitment to strategies and action plans will further the goal of a sustainable community integrating and balancing economic, ecological, and social impacts. Potential Action Agenda items were developed through: 1) Survey of current City practices, which was presented to Council in December, 2) Study of national best practices, frameworks, and plans, 3) Cross-departmental focus groups for identification of gaps and opportunities, and 4) Cross-departmental team formulated potential actions.

Ms. Sahandy referred Council to page 3-3 of the meeting packet for the draft action agenda, which organizes potential actions by category.

Responding to Councilmember Balducci, Ms. Sahandy acknowledged there is no category for air quality but that related issues are incorporated under multiple categories including Climate and Energy, Urban Nature, and the Built Environment.

Continuing, Ms. Sahandy explained that potential actions are organized into three groups, with those in Group 1 being ones that could be implemented immediately. Group 2 items will have budget impacts and can conceivably be completed this year. Group 3 items require greater analysis than can be done in the next few months, or the foreseeable budget impacts are large enough to make them more appropriate for consideration in the biennial budget process.

Ms. Sahandy noted the appendices beginning on page 3-15 of the meeting packet. These three strategies address a City in a Park Tree Plan, building and permitting practices, and natural drainage practices. Ms. Sahandy reviewed potential screening criteria to narrow down the list of possible actions. These include a cost-benefit analysis, urgency, feasibility, enhancement of quality of life, and the extent to which an item is within the City's role and/or ability to implement.

Ms. Sahandy requested Council direction regarding ongoing review and prioritization of potential action items.

Councilmember Noble questioned how the resolution adopted by Council in February regarding policies reflected in the U.S. Council of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement relates to potential action items included in the Environmental Stewardship Initiative. Sheida explained that several of the potential action items are consistent with this agreement.

Dr. Davidson supports the proposal of staff narrowing the list of potential action items using the criteria presented, and then finalizing the list through discussions with Council. He expressed concern regarding budget impacts related to potential actions.

Mr. Lee questioned the feasibility of providing sufficient financial and staff resources to implement the potential action items. He noted the need to reflect on overall priorities and the ability to complete them.

Ms. Balducci expressed support for the decision criteria suggested by staff. She feels overall criteria should prioritize projects that are going to create vision and commitment in the community, and that will leverage resources and actions through partnerships. It is important for the City to lead by example. She expressed support for projects that meet multiple goals of the City, complement environmental regulations, and help improve water quality. She encouraged a look at the big picture of current and proposed actions before adopting a final work plan.

Mr. Noble feels an important criteria is whether a particular action item actually makes a difference in enhancing or benefiting the environment.

Mayor Degginger suggested refining the criteria to be more specific. He supports the use of incentives and partnerships to further the objectives of environmental stewardship. Mr. Degginger supports a focus on the three items described in the appendices: 1) City in a Park Tree Plan, 2) Building and permitting practices, and 3) Natural drainage practices.

Mayor Degginger noted that he and Councilmember Lee attended the City's Earth Day event over the weekend, which involved 350 citizens participating.

(c) Potential Parks and Open Space Voter Initiative

Mr. Sarkozy opened discussion regarding a potential parks and open space voter initiative.

Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran said the discussion will focus on whether to present a voter initiative in August, and to determine a long-term strategy including the potential for a 2008 voter initiative related to the overall capital improvement plan. In order to submit a ballot measure, Council needs to adopt an ordinance by May 21 to place it on the ballot.

Doug Sanner, Parks Fiscal and Quality Control Manager, provided the staff presentation. He recalled Council's interest during the April 16 meeting in the levy lid lift strategy to replace the expiring 1988 park bond, which has cost the average taxpayer \$50 annually. The levy measure would be presented for the August primary election ballot and would detail specific projects to be funded. Staff recommends a 10-year capital levy with ongoing maintenance and operations (M&O) funding for projects built with levy proceeds.

Mr. Sanner provided a comparison of the two possible funding mechanisms, levy lid lift and a bond. A voter-approved levy lid lift requires simple majority approval, whereas bonds require super-majority (60%) approval and a validation requirement that 40 percent of the last general election must turn out to the polls. Levy lid lifts are more flexible in that funds can be used for both capital and operating functions. Bonds can only be used for capital purposes. Levy terms can range from one year to permanent, whereas bonds are typically repaid over 20 to 40 years. Bonds are more appropriate for large-scale capital campaigns that need to be repaid over 20 to 40 years. Levy lid lifts typically provide pay as you go funding, but if bonds are going to be issued against those proceeds, the timing of the repayment must be less than nine years. Larger capital campaigns tend to go more towards bonds because of the longer repayment period.

Mr. Sanner explained that a regular property tax levy provides unrestricted funds for both operating and capital needs. The City's current regular levy is approximately \$1.04 for every \$1,000 AV and is one of lowest regular property tax rates in the state. Levy lid lifts only impact the regular property tax levy. Excess levies allow the City to collect taxes to repay voter-approved bond measures. The distinction between a regular levy and excess levy is significant in terms of banked capacity. Banked capacity is the difference between the maximum allowable regular levy and the actual levy proceeds taken. Bellevue has not taken its allowable increases over the past years and currently has approximately \$9 million in banked capacity.

One consideration in choosing a levy lid lift or bond is to determine whether the levy lid lift increases the cap for the City's banked capacity or whether it uses only a portion of the banked capacity. There are varying legal opinions as to whether the use of a levy lid lift utilizes banked capacity, and this issue will be resolved in the courts. Finance staff is confident that the City can fund both the Supplemental CIP (Capital Investment Program) Plan and utilize a voter-approved levy lid lift, and still retain at least \$4 million per year in banked capacity. Mr. Sanner reviewed a chart comparing levy and bond options based on an impact of \$40, \$50, and \$60 per household annually.

Mr. Foran reviewed the project categories to be included in a ballot measure: 1) Acquire property, 2) Preserve quality and increase capacity of existing system, and 3) Greenways and trails. He noted the list of projects, including M&O costs, to be funded using a 2007 parks levy. Mr. Foran requested Council direction regarding the following elements related to a 2007 voter initiative: 1) Funding mechanism and amount, 2) Duration, 3) Categories and Projects, and 4) Election timing.

Councilmember Marshall suggested that the list of projects to be funded by a levy should be enhanced to better demonstrate the benefits to the public and thereby generate enthusiastic support for the levy. Mr. Foran said staff can provide more detail on the items.

Dr. Davidson expressed support for the levy lid lift. However, he wondered if replacing the old bonds with a levy lid lift will confuse voters.

Mr. Foran said the City can explain that in 1988, the most pressing need for that tax capacity was a few specific projects. At this time, the levy lid lift is more appropriate in terms of renovating older parks, preserving open space, and providing M&O funds. Mr. Foran said the annual impact on taxpayers would remain roughly the same.

Dr. Davidson reiterated his concern that voters will not understand the levy lid lift as a bond replacement. He is also concerned about generating support for another bond measure in 2008.

Ms. Balducci concurred with Dr. Davidson's concern regarding multiple ballot measures two years in a row.

Mr. Lee shared his concern about the feasibility of a 2008 bond or levy. He noted the need to have an overall vision to articulate to the public, and to be able to clearly explain the replacement of the expiring bond.

Mrs. Marshall feels the 2008 bond/levy proposal contains projects that are more exciting and that will be more appealing to the public. She suggested combining elements of the 2007 and 2008 packages in order to win more support.

Responding to Mr. Noble, Mr. Foran said if a replacement levy is not presented or fails at the polls, the City will continue to look for partner funds to complete synthetic fields. Acquisitions are typically opportunities of the moment in which staff seeks Council approval, and staff must then find ways to finance an acquisition outside of the regular budget cycle. Mr. Foran stated how, in 1988, the park system was still developing. The City is now in a position in which it needs to reinvest and redevelop for contemporary needs. The 2008 package represents an expansion of the system and is fundamentally different than what would be supported by the 2007 package.

Mayor Degginger stated his understanding that the 2008 package contains large capital projects that are the culmination of some large master planning process (i.e., community center, ballfields). He expressed concern that some items deferred to the 2008 package will not be funded due to the financial demands of larger capital projects.

Mr. Foran said that the 2008 bond measure is critical in order to follow through on implementing park master plans. He noted his understanding that due to the requirements of a super-majority for a bond measure, a general election is the best time for these types of initiatives. Deferring the package to the next year will require a larger number of voters approving the measure due to validation requirements.

Mr. Lee supports presenting both 2007 and 2008 packages to the voters.

Dr. Davidson noted his concern from a taxing perspective. He understands the need for both packages, but is worried that if a 2007 measure is approved, voters will be less likely to support a 2008 package.

Mrs. Marshall stated a preference for waiting to carefully craft a 2008 voter initiative.

Mr. Noble feels it is better to wait for a 2008 measure, particularly with the King County Parks ballot measure to be presented this August.

Ms. Balducci concurred with waiting until 2008 to present a voter initiative.

Mayor Degginger noted Council consensus to present a parks bond measure in 2008.

Mr. Foran reviewed the work plan and timeline for preparing a 2008 voter initiative.

(d) Allocation of Supplemental CIP Funding

Finance Director Jan Hawn recalled previous Council discussions regarding Supplemental CIP (Capital Investment Program) funding. Council decisions to date include:

- Adopted 2007-2013 CIP funding of \$355.4 million for capital infrastructure projects.
- Earmarked \$9.9 of \$12 million in the Council Contingency Fund for capital needs. \$2.1 million of this remains unallocated.
- Established a plan for the Supplemental CIP including replacement funds for M&O expenditures (freeing up funds in the CIP for high-priority projects) and earmarking \$51.5 of the \$67.6 million Supplemental CIP funds by category.

Ms. Hawn reviewed the list of project criteria, which was previously discussed by Council and has been updated since that time. The following options are before the Council tonight for discussion:

1. Allocate the first planned issuance of \$13.9 million to specific projects.
2. Allocate the full series of planned issuances totaling \$67.6 million to specific projects.
3. Allocate a portion of the \$67.6 million to specific projects.
4. Take no action at this time.

Councilmember Marshall expressed her continued support of the allocation of \$51.5 million by category. She noted a remaining unallocated amount of \$16.1 million, and suggested allocating this to sports fields, Coal Creek renovation, and neighborhood parks. These needs total \$11.3 million, leaving remaining funds that could potentially be used for park acquisitions.

Responding to Mayor Degginger, Ms. Hawn referred to Attachment B in the meeting packet [Page 3-36] and briefly reviewed the bonding schedule for the Supplemental CIP Plan.

Mayor Degginger spoke to the challenge of meeting the increasing infrastructure needs of the downtown. He noted speakers during Oral Communications urging implementation of projects outlined in the Downtown Implementation Plan, and he agrees these should be a high priority.

Mr. Lee concurred with Mr. Degginger regarding the need to keep pace with downtown development.

Mayor Degginger inquired as to how the Council would want to allocate the first \$13.9 million, as a starting point.

Responding to Mr. Degginger, Transportation Director Goran Sparrman said the NE 2nd Street project is the largest capacity project contained in the Downtown Implementation Plan. The project will widen NE 2nd Street between Bellevue Way and I-405 from the existing two to three lane configuration to a five lane configuration. This will ultimately tie into a half-diamond interchange on I-405. Additional resources are needed to complete the design and to move into early right-of-way acquisition.

Regarding pedestrian projects, Mr. Sparrman said the Council has authorized a consultant contract to initiate the Great Streets Project, which will look at multiple issues on downtown arterial streets, including the pedestrian environment. An additional key item included in the DIP is creating mid-block crossings.

Matt Terry added that as staff have been working on the pre-design study for NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, they became aware of ROW acquisition opportunities and what might be lost if the City does not act quickly.

Responding to Ms. Balducci, Mr. Sparrman said the \$5 million earmarked within the Downtown Livability category includes mid-block street crossings, implementation of Great Streets themes, and enhanced urban design.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Fire Chief Mario Trevino commented on the need for a downtown fire station in order to increase service levels associated with the growing number of employees and residents in the downtown. Mr. Lee stated his interest in having adequate downtown Fire and EMS response. He questioned whether measures other than a new fire station could be more cost effective in maintaining optimal response times.

Chief Trevino recalled previous studies discussed with Council that indicate multiple methods for maintaining Fire and EMS service levels as the city continues to grow. A downtown fire house was one of those recommendations.

Mrs. Marshall suggested allocating four years (\$38 million) of the Supplemental CIP funds at this time. This would fund DIP projects (\$24 million) and synthetic fields (\$6 million), leaving \$8 million left over for other needs such as a fire station, municipal court, or land acquisitions.

Dr. Davison questioned whether LIDs (Local Improvement Districts) are under consideration. Mr. Sparrman said the City is not anticipating the implementation of LIDs to generate revenue for the NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project. However, Council may need to consider LIDs in the future to fund continued transportation improvements, particularly in the Bel-Red Corridor. Transportation and PCD staff will be reviewing funding alternatives over the coming months.

Dr. Davidson said he would like to find a way to leave future decisions for future City Councils yet still work in a progressive manner. Therefore, he favors allocating the smaller amount of \$13.9 million at this time.

Ms. Balducci suggested drafting a priority list organized by categories such as transportation, downtown projects, and neighborhood livability, and funding projects in phases. Ms. Hawn confirmed that each time the CIP Plan is updated every two years, additional funds will be available for capital projects.

Mr. Degginger stated his proposal to allocate \$10 million to downtown projects including the widening of NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and the mid-block connections, \$3 million to the neighborhood

livability category, and \$1 million to the West Lake Sammamish Parkway project. The first step in the West Lake Sammamish project is to survey the entire road, which has never been done. There would then be money from future Supplemental CIP allocations, as well as the regular CIP Plan, to fund construction of the project.

Mr. Sparrman confirmed that a survey as well as pre-design and final design work are the next steps, and these phases will take approximately 18 months.

Mr. Lee is comfortable with allocating the first \$13.9 million to specific projects.

Mr. Noble feels the downtown projects are critical to keep pace with growth. He would also like to see progress on West Lake Sammamish Parkway, livability issues (e.g., sidewalks), and synthetic fields.

Mrs. Marshall asked staff to provide information for the Council regarding available funding, as well as a timeline, for the NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project over the next two years.

At 9:49 p.m., Mayor Degginger declared a brief recess. The meeting resumed at 9:54 p.m.

(e) Regional Issues

(1) Municipal Court Feasibility Analysis

Diane Carlson, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, provided a presentation on the municipal court feasibility analysis. The two policy questions to be considered are: 1) Should a municipal court be formed? and 2) Where should the court be located? For the first questions, issues include cost effectiveness, whether to create a municipal court or district court, and organizational considerations. An interdepartmental team is participating in the analysis and discussions, as well as meeting with King County staff.

The current contract with King County terminates in 2011. It includes a termination provision allowing Bellevue to give notice by June 30, 2007 if it wishes to terminate participation in the contract effective January 1, 2009. The facility at Surrey Downs was built in 1953 as a school and was renovated in the 1980s. At this point, it would cost more to renovate it than to build a new facility. There are two operating courtrooms and three judges' chambers, a probation wing, and a third courtroom.

➡ Councilmember Lee moved to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m., and Dr. Davidson seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to extend the meeting to 11:00 p.m. carried by a vote of 6-0.

Liz Jacks, NBBJ (Architects), talked about the importance of security, as well as the capability for storing and accessing records, in any court facility. Additional general court requirements are meeting rooms, public defender screening, administrative offices, jury meeting and deliberation

rooms, security cameras, law library, restrooms, and parking facilities. She reviewed a diagram of a typical court facility.

Ms. Carlson explained that the Bellevue District Court is currently using two courtrooms. The facility experiences approximately 10 to 16 in-custody transports daily, and there is a need to address probation and electronic home detention requirements.

Ms. Carlson reviewed operational options for Bellevue as follows: 1) Bellevue-only court, 2) Contract with King County and/or other cities, and 3) Alternative configurations including splitting district and municipal court functions into different facilities, establishing a night court, and/or housing Probation in another location. General location and facility alternatives are:

- Remain at Surrey Downs (short term),
- Replace Surrey Downs facility,
- Choose a new location within downtown – Purchase/Build, Lease, or in City Hall,
- Choose a new location outside of downtown – Purchase/Build or Lease,
- Utilize District Court in Issaquah,
- Other options not yet identified.

Councilmember Balducci noted the extensive space and land use planning currently underway by King County criminal justice agencies including Superior Court, District Court, Sheriff's Office, and jails. Cities are also working together on jail space planning. Ms. Balducci suggested exploring opportunities to partner with another agency, preferably a jail, in locating a court facility.

Mayor Degginger feels important criteria for siting a facility are reducing travel time and the use of land already publicly owned.

Ms. Carlson said the next steps are to analyze potential sites using the evaluation criteria, conduct a financial analysis, public outreach if desired by Council, review information comparing the formation of a municipal court vs. district court. Staff will return in May for the next discussion, and Council action is requested in June.

## (2) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Funding

Ms. Carlson said the Medic 1 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) funding levy will expire at the end of 2007. A replacement levy will be placed before King County voters in November. An elected officials stakeholder group met over the last half of 2006, and ultimately recommended a renewal levy at \$0.30 per \$1,000 AV (assessed valuation) for the period of 2008 through 2013. Seven cities with populations over 50,000 are required to pass resolutions supporting the measure in order for it to be placed on the ballot.

Fire Chief Mario Trevino said several cities including Renton, Redmond, and Shoreline have already passed the required resolutions in support of the ballot measure. The 2008-2013 levy has

the potential to add three full medic units in the Seattle/King County area and maintains service levels consistent with the growth anticipated in the County.

Mayor Degginger noted Council consensus to proceed with a resolution of support for the EMS levy.

(3) Downtown Circulator Implementation Plan

Mr. Sarkozy indicated this item will be brought back next week.

(4) Legislative Reports

Ms. Carlson referred Council to page 3-73 of the meeting packet for materials regarding the state legislative session. The legislative session ended the previous night. The Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center received an allocation of \$1.5 million and NORCOM received \$750,000. Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program grants will be distributed to Crossroads Park Water Play Area, Highland Skate Park, Meydenbauer Bay Park expansion, and the Wilburton property acquisition. The Bellevue Clubhouse for Bellevue Boys and Girls Club and Performing Arts Center Eastside (PACE) received funding as well. Bellevue Community College's Science and Technology Building received \$31 million from the legislature.

Mike Doubleday, lobbyist, reviewed transportation legislation. A risk pool of \$1.1 billion was created to be used for the Alaskan Way Viaduct and SR 520 bridge replacement, and funds will be allocated as the projects move forward. Ms. Carlson said the SR 520 project received an additional \$560 million from the State, \$110 million in federal grants, and approximately \$200 million in federal funds to be allocated through the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). The RTID (Regional Transportation Investment District) allocates \$1.2 billion, and remaining funding is to be generated by tolls. Tolls are expected to generate approximately \$1.4 billion, which is a change from the original estimate of \$700 million. Mr. Doubleday said there have been discussions about placing tolls on both SR 520 and I-405.

Ms. Carlson said the I-90 project received \$5 million for design of the Phase 2 project. However, construction funding is programmed for 2017. Ms. Carlson noted information in the meeting packet regarding bills that did not pass. A bill providing a permanent seat for Bellevue on the Puget Sound Regional Council was approved. Mr. Doubleday reported on approval to present a joint RTID/Sound Transit ballot measure.

Ms. Carlson said the 520 Mediator bill, requiring the hiring of a mediator to prepare a project impact plan to address the concerns of neighborhoods and the University of Washington, has been sent to the Governor. She reported that, unfortunately, the Cascade Water Alliance bill did not pass. The Family and Medical Leave Insurance bill, to create a new mandatory program to provide paid family leave for working individuals, passed but there is no funding attached to it.

Moving to a federal legislative update, Alison Bennett requested Council direction to send a letter to Congressional delegates urging them to advocate to repeal a sweeping new requirement

mandating that federal, state, and local governments withhold three percent from payments for goods and services. The legislation would repeal Section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 that enacted the withholding provision.

Mayor Degginger noted Council consensus to send the letter.

(5) King County Flood Control Zone District

Ms. Carlson noted an update beginning on page 3-89 of the packet regarding the creation of the King County Flood Control Zone District. Bellevue staff is working with other cities to formulate recommendations for the Advisory Committee regarding the annual work program and budget, including capital improvements and funding levels.

(6) Metropolitan King County Regional Committees

Dr. Davidson provided an update on the Regional Water Quality Committee. The primary issue of discussion at this time concerns the recent County wastewater bond ordinances that are based on the County's conclusion that it does not need to extend the wastewater contracts with component agencies because they have the authority under state law to require agencies to continue to send wastewater to the County for treatment, even after the contracts terminate.

Ms. Bennett said the King County Council's Operating Budget Committee is hearing the issue this week, and Council action will be requested the following week.

(7) Puget Sound Regional Council Update

Ms. Carlson noted information in the meeting packet beginning on page 3-99 providing updates on PSRC committees. She requested Council direction whether to send the draft letter to Joni Earl, Sound Transit CEO, requesting written information regarding possible staging areas and residential relocations related to the East Link light rail project.

Mayor Degginger noted Council consensus to send the letter.

(f) 2006 Preliminary Results of Performance Measures Survey

[Agenda Item postponed to May 5, 2007.]

Mayor Degginger declared the meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Myrna L. Basich  
City Clerk

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