

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Special Meeting

August 7, 2007  
9:30 a.m.

Meydenbauer Marina  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Degginger, Deputy Mayor Chelminiak, and Councilmembers Davidson and Lee

ABSENT: Councilmembers Balducci, Marshall, and Noble

1. Special Session

Mayor Degginger called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and announced that the City Council voted the previous night to purchase a parcel of land, now Bayvue Village Apartments, on Meydenbauer Bay. He recognized the Council, Anne Lagen, and Pat Montgomery for their roles in achieving this acquisition.

Mr. Degginger noted that with the purchase of this property, the City now owns 1,250 lineal feet of waterfront. This action realizes the vision of City Councilmembers and citizens over the years. The parcel will provide an easy connection between the waterfront and Old Bellevue, Downtown Park, and the downtown.

Deputy Mayor Chelminiak noted this is a remarkable event as the acquisition of the Bayvue Village Apartments will provide access to the downtown. The acquisition was financed through REET (real estate excise tax) collections.

Councilmember Davidson commented that the acquisition of waterfront and adjacent property has been a high priority since 1984. He commended the Parks and Community Services Department for its work over the years to create this "City in a Park."

Councilmember Lee commented that the mark of a good city is fulfilling its visions through sound financial management. He is pleased that the City is able to take positive actions when opportunities such as this acquisition arise. Mr. Lee noted the history associated with Meydenbauer Bay including Native American fishing, logging, a compass factory, and the freshwater home for the American Pacific Whaling Fleet. He is pleased with the public benefit to be achieved through the purchase of the property.

Mayor Degginger encouraged citizens to become involved in the Meydenbauer Bay Park and Land Use planning process. He thanked Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran, Planning and Community Development Director Matt Terry, and Property Manager Lorrie Peterson for their role in the acquisition.

Mayor Degginger declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Myrna L. Basich  
City Clerk

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