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CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

July 6, 2015 Council Chamber
8:00 p.m. Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Balducci, Deputy Mayor Wallace[1] and Councilmembers Chelminiak, Lee, Robinson, and Stokes

ABSENT: Councilmember Robertson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m., with Mayor Balducci presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers except Deputy Mayor Wallace and Councilmember Robertson were present. Councilmember Robinson led the flag salute.

(a) Commendation honoring former Councilmember James "Jim" Keeffe

Mayor Balducci read a commendation honoring James Keeffe, who recently passed away. He served and was a prisoner of war during World War II, served during the Korean War, logged more than 6,000 hours of military flight time, earned many awards, and retired from the Air Force as Lt. Colonel. He was a longtime resident of Bellevue who served on the City Council and the East Bellevue Community Council for many years.

Councilmember Lee said Mr. Keeffe continued to be active and engaged with the community following his military retirement, particularly in the area of assisting new immigrants in learning English and achieving U.S. citizenship. Mr. Lee offered his condolences to the family and others in the community whose lives were touched by Mr. Keeffe.

Mayor Balducci said she got to know Mr. Keeffe when he served on the East Bellevue Community Council, and he was a strong advocate for the community. She noted the award-winning memoir of his [James H. Keeffe, Jr.] life, *Two Gold Coins and a Prayer*, written by his eldest son James H. Keeffe III.

[1] Deputy Mayor Wallace joined the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

(b) Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

Mayor Balducci read a proclamation recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month in Bellevue. Kathy George, Parks and Community Services Board Chair, accepted the proclamation. Ms. George said she is in her eighth year on the Board and the new Chair. She thanked the Council for its continued investments in the City's park and trail system, including the Bellevue Botanical Garden and the completion of Downtown Park.

Mayor Balducci encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy the parks, especially the water spray park at Crossroads Park for some relief during the recent heat wave.

3. Approval of Agenda

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the agenda, amended to add the item on Marijuana Permanent Regulations from the Study Session agenda to Agenda Item 5, City Manager's Report. Councilmember Chelminiak seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the agenda, as amended, carried by a vote of 5-0.

4. Communications: Written and Oral

(a) Gabriel Swan said he has a paramedic certificate, emergency command certificate, and a CPR-AED instructor certificate. He described a recent diabetic emergency at his house on West Lake Sammamish Parkway NE. An ambulance from Fire Station 3 arrived within approximately five minutes. He said the basic life support unit was not able to start an IV to inject the required IV blood sugar. By the time paramedic unit arrived and started the IV, approximately 20-25 minutes had elapsed since the 911 call was placed. He expressed concern that BLS units in northeast Bellevue cannot treat diabetic emergencies, most forms of drug overdoses, severe choking emergencies, drownings, most heart attacks, and a number of other medical emergencies. He distributed copies of heart attack protocols and said AEDs (automated external defibrillators) are helpful but not sufficient for addressing most heart attacks. He requested emergency funding to add a paramedic unit or to at least temporarily redistribute paramedic resources until funding can be achieved. He said northeast Bellevue is an underserved quadrant for medical emergencies.

Mayor Balducci requested a follow up report from the City Manager on this issue.

5. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions: None.

6. Report of the City Manager

(a) Marijuana Permanent Regulations [Study Session Item 2(c)]

City Manager Brad Miyake noted that the update on marijuana permanent regulations was originally scheduled for the earlier Study Session.

Catherine Drews, Legal Planner, recalled that the Council previously extended interim controls on recreational marijuana pending anticipated changes in the law by the state legislature. Three bills were passed and she will described how they affect the Planning Commission's recommendation presented to the Council on November 10, 2014. Staff is seeking Council direction regarding: 1) when to repeal medical marijuana collective garden regulations, 2) how or whether to address marijuana research uses, 3) how or whether to address medical marijuana cooperatives, and 4) preparing the final ordinance for Council adoption. Staff would like to bring the final ordinance back on July 20 for Council action.

Ms. Drews said the Planning Commission's recommendation from November 2014 was to adopt interim regulations including two recommended enhancements: add an Administrative Conditional Use (ACU) process and include parks for separation from recreational marijuana uses. The ACU process provides notice to property owners within 500 feet of a proposed use, allows for public comment, allows the City to impose conditions for unanticipated impacts, and provides the opportunity for an administrative appeal. The second recommendation is to require a 1,000 foot separation between marijuana uses and parks mapped in the City's GIS system, which includes some private parks. She noted that parks are typically located in single-family neighborhoods where marijuana uses are not allowed.

Ms. Drews said the state legislature passed the Cannabis Patient Protection Act earlier this year to reconcile medical and recreational marijuana programs, with a focus on medical marijuana. The State Liquor Control Board will develop rules and licensing for medical marijuana producers, processors and retailers. The Board has been renamed the Liquor and Cannabis Board and will reevaluate the number of stores, producers and processors and issue more licenses to support medical marijuana.

Ms. Drews said the new legislation includes three bills. Bill 5052 prohibits collective gardens beginning July 1, 2016. Staff is seeking Council direction about when to repeal the City's regulations on collective gardens. The gardens will be replaced with medical cooperatives limited to four patients and may include a designated provider for a minor. The cooperatives must be located within the domicile of a member, and there can be only one cooperative per property tax parcel. There is a 60-day waiting period before a new member may join after a member leaves, and they may not be located within one mile of a marijuana retailer. The cooperatives are subject to inspection by the Liquor and Cannabis Board or law enforcement.

Qualified patients may grow medical marijuana in their homes, indoors only, and cannot grow it where it can be readily seen by unaided vision or readily smelled from a public place or from the private property of another housing unit. There will be a voluntary database where patients can register. Unregistered patients are allowed up to four plants and six ounces of medical marijuana, and registered patients are allowed up to six plants and eight ounces of medical marijuana.

The second piece of legislation is Bill 5121 which authorizes the LCB to license marijuana research to an individual who is allowed to produce and process marijuana for limited research purposes. This is a new marijuana use, and staff is seeking Council direction on how to address this until the LCB develops its regulatory program. Staff recommends prohibiting the use until

more information is available.

The third law is Bill 2136 related to revenue sharing. It includes separation requirements for marijuana research premises which allow the reduction of separation distances from 1,000 feet to 100 feet, except for elementary and secondary schools and playgrounds. Ms. Drews said the law allows jurisdictions to prohibit the siting of marijuana cooperatives.

Next steps requested by staff are Council action on the permanent regulations on July 20 followed by a presentation of the adopted ordinance to the East Bellevue Community Council for a final public hearing and action on August 4, 2015.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Ms. Drews said collective gardens are currently allowed in Bellevue in certain commercial districts. However, none have been located here. She confirmed that staff is seeking Council direction regarding the new cooperatives.

Councilmember Robinson spoke in favor of marijuana research. Responding to Ms. Robinson, Ms. Drews said the University of Washington and Washington State University are allowed to contract with marijuana researchers. Ms. Robinson would like the City to require affiliation with a research institute.

City Attorney Lori Riordan said she believe that would be possible. She said the Liquor Cannabis Board will be developing requirements regarding the licensing of research facilities and how they are expected to operate. Ms. Riordan said the City could advocate with the Board that an affiliation with a research institute be required.

Councilmember Chelminiak suggested a moratorium on marijuana research uses until the Liquor Cannabis Board regulations are released. Councilmember Robinson concurred.

Responding to Mr. Chelminiak, Ms. Drews reiterated that cities can ban medical marijuana cooperatives. Ms. Riordan said the City could decide to ban cooperatives because the marijuana is grown in homes, and the City has previously determined it would rather not allow that. With regard to the ability to ban retail stores, Ms. Riordan said there is ongoing litigation with a number of local governments. However, to date, the ability to ban any marijuana uses has been upheld.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Ms. Riordan said the section on research does not specify whether cities could prohibit it. She said the City would treat it as it would other marijuana uses, and again, court cases have upheld the ability for local governments to ban all marijuana uses to date.

Councilmember Stokes suggested moving forward with permanent regulations applicable to recreational marijuana uses that already exist. Ms. Drews confirmed that there is nothing in the new legislation that conflicts with the City’s interim controls.

Mr. Stokes suggested postponing the issues of medical marijuana cooperatives and research until state regulations are developed. He suggested providing direction to staff to come back with a

final ordinance on permanent recreational marijuana regulations and to defer action or adopt a moratorium on the other new uses (cooperatives and research entities).

Mayor Balducci suggested taking each issue separately. Staff recommends establishing the same effective date as the State, July 1, 2016, for prohibiting collective gardens.

The second issue for Council direction is the research use. Mayor Balducci suggested waiting for State rules before taking any action to develop regulations. She noted a Council consensus in favor of that approach.

The third issue is whether and how to address medical marijuana cooperatives. Responding to Mayor Balducci, Ms. Drews said the new legislation allows retail stores to obtain a medical marijuana endorsement. There are three retailers in Bellevue and she does not know whether they plan to pursue endorsements.

Responding to Councilmember Chelminiak, Ms. Drews confirmed that Bellevue allows collective gardens only in commercial areas. She clarified that new cooperatives would be in homes in residential areas, and the City may ban that use.

Mayor Balducci noted Councilmember Robertson's request that the City ban medical marijuana cooperatives. Councilmember Lee concurred with banning the cooperatives and research uses, at least temporarily until more is known about state regulations.

Councilmember Stokes spoke in favor of directing staff to prepare the amended Planning Commission recommendation as a final ordinance, including repeal of collective garden regulations effective immediately, and prohibiting marijuana research uses until Council adoption at a future meeting to be scheduled before expiration of the interim ordinance on October 21, 2015.

Responding to Councilmember Robinson, Ms. Riordan said that, under state law, a moratorium is limited to six months. Ms. Robinson suggested including language that the City will consider the issue of marijuana research in the future. Ms. Riordan said that statement could be included as a "whereas" clause in the legislation enacting the moratorium.

Responding to Mayor Balducci, Ms. Drews said staff will monitor the State's development of regulations. Ms. Riordan said the State worked well in seeking input from local jurisdictions as regulations were developed in the past.

Moving on, City Manager Miyake provided an update on the 4th of July celebration at Downtown Park. He said there were minor fire incidents, and the illegal use of fireworks was down significantly from past years.

Mayor Balducci thanked the Police and Fire Departments for patrolling and monitoring 4th of July activities.

7. <u>Council Business and New Initiatives</u>

Mayor Balducci referred the Council to the memo in the desk packet regarding her recommendation for appointment to the Arts Commission. Three candidates were interviewed and Maria Lau Hui was selected for nomination.

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to appoint Maria Lau Hui to serve on the Arts Commission, and Councilmember Chelminiak seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Balducci noted, for the public, that Councilmembers are now submitting written reports regarding City-related business instead of providing oral reports, in order to use meeting time more efficiently.

8. Consent Calendar

City Manager Miyake requested postponing action on Agenda Item 8(i). He said Councilmember Lee suggested that the item should be referred to the Human Services Commission for further discussion.

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 8(i). Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, carried by a vote of 5-0, and the following items were approved:

(a) Council Meeting Minutes
Minutes of May 26, 2015 Extended Study Session
Minutes of June 1, 2015 Study Session
Minutes of June 1, 2015 Regular Session
Minutes of June 8, 2015 Extended Study Session

(b) Resolution No. 8935 authorizing execution of a sublease with the Bellevue Convention Center Authority for use of the Expansion Parcel for parking.

(c) Ordinance No. 6234 approving the vacation of a portion of NE 12th Street east of 108th Ave NE (adjacent to KidsQuest Children's Museum). [Public hearing was held June 1. Council directed staff to prepare legislation approving the vacation.]

(d) Resolution No. 8936 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Cues Inc., for the purchase of two closed circuit television video camera trucks for Utilities Department use, in an amount not to exceed $747,628.20, including Washington State sales (WSST) and vehicle taxes.

(e) Resolution No. 8937 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Owens Equipment, for the purchase of two Elgin street sweepers for Transportation

Department use, in an amount not to exceed $655,614.29.

(f) Resolution No. 8938 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Northwest Manufacturing & Distribution Inc., for the purchase of one Thermo-Lay hot asphalt and sanding machine truck for Transportation Department use, in an amount not to exceed $113,643.00 including Washington State sales and vehicle taxes.

(g) Motion to award Bid No. 15056 to Reynolds General Contracting, Inc., authorizing approval of a public works contract to complete code-required upgrades at Highland Community Center.

(h) Resolution No. 8939 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Walker|Macy, in an amount up to $1,406,388, for architectural and engineering services to provide design, permitting, and construction documentation to support the first phase of Bellevue Airfield Park development.

(j) Resolution No. 8941 authorizing execution of an amendment to the existing Interlocal Agreement between the City and King County for use of electronic fingerprint equipment provided by the Regional AFIS Program.

(k) Resolution No. 8942 authorizing execution of Amendment #1 to the Professional Engineering Services Agreement with HNTB Corporation, increasing the total contract amount from $186,189.27 to $266,651.59 for structural engineering design services for walls and railings on the proposed Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail along the north side of SE 36th Street from Factoria Boulevard SE to the vicinity of 150th Avenue SE for the Mountains to Sound Greenway Project (CIP Plan No. PW-W/B-78).

(l) Motion to award Bid No.15051 for Transportation Trail Repair EG-33 (Mountains to Sound Greenway) to Cedar Creek Contractors LLC, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of $101,696.06.

(m) Ordinance No. 6235 authorizing execution of a grant agreement (and supplements if necessary) with the Washington State Department of Transportation for acceptance of $354,445 in state Pedestrian and Bicycle Program funding for the 140th Avenue NE Pedestrian Crossings Project, 2) Amendment of the 2015-2021 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund to increase the appropriation by $354,445; and, 3) Amendment of the 2015-2021 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Minor Capital - Traffic Operations program (CIP Plan No. PW-M-2).

(n) Motion to award Bid No. 15002 for Overlay and Pavement Restoration (2015) to Lakeridge Paving Company, as lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in an amount not to exceed $491,536.00 (CIP Plan No. W-16 and S-24).

(o) Motion to award Bid No. 15038 for Kelsey Creek Sewer Stabilization to Engineering/Remediation Resources Group (ERRG), as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of $97,135.67 (CIP Plan No. S-32).

(p) Resolution No. 8943 authorizing and directing execution of a Service Agreement with King County Flood Control District, King County, and the City for reimbursement of costs associated with the Lower Coal Creek Flood Hazard Reduction Project, in an amount not to exceed $8,203,000 (CIP Plan No. D-106).

(q) Resolution No. 8944 authorizing execution of a Professional Services Agreement Amendment with MWH Americas, Inc. for engineering services for Midlakes Pump Station Capacity Improvements - Design and Bidding Services Amendment No. 2, in an amount not to exceed $100,581.75 (CIP Plan No. S-61).

Item Postponed:

(i) Resolution No. 8940 authorizing the execution of all documents necessary to amend an agreement with Archdiocesan Housing Authority to enable Harrington House to continue to serve homeless individuals in the community.

[Deputy Mayor Wallace joined the meeting.]

9. Public Hearings

(a) Public Hearing on Old Bellevue Parking Land Use Code Amendment

Carol Helland, Land Use Director, recalled that the Vander Hoek Corporation approached the City last fall to request a solution to the limited parking available to serve existing uses in Old Bellevue. The Vander Hoeks asked the City to clarify the definition of "existing building" as it relates to parking requirements in the Land Use Code. On May 26, 2015, the Council initiated a Land Use Code Amendment, which was publicly noticed on June 11. The Council discussed this item on June 22, and final action is scheduled for August 3.

Ms. Helland described two amendment options: A-1) clarifies the definition of "existing building" for the purposes of administering the parking requirements applicable to restaurant and retail uses in Old Bellevue constructed prior to 1998, and A-2) clarifies the definition of "existing building" and grandfathers the parking supply mistakenly approved for three buildings constructed after 1998.

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

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

Deputy Mayor Wallace recalled that Stu Vander Hoek alleged that Mr. Wallace had a conflict of interest on this matter because Wallace Properties managed one of the three buildings affected by

the proposed clarification. He said Wallace Properties no longer manages the Borgata Apartment Homes and he would proceed to participate in this discussion and Council action.

The following citizens came forward to comment:

1. Stu Vander Hoek said they are eager to have a clarification of the Old Bellevue parking exemption. He asked the Council to support staff's recommendation to adopt the amendment that correctly references the August 19, 1998 date regarding parking exemptions, without further changes. He said Option A-2 would continue the current situation of constrained parking. He asked the Council to set additional direction for Old Bellevue including allocating staff and budget resources to ensure appropriate training, supervision, application review and Code enforcement. He thanked the Council for addressing the issue.

2. Patrick Bannon, President of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), thanked the Council for addressing this amendment. He said parking is critical for the vitality of downtown businesses. He expressed support for implementing the intent of the Code for Old Bellevue.

→ Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

Liz Stead, Urban Design Planning Manager, described the three post-1998 buildings that received the parking exemption. The first is the Apartments at Main Place which has a shared parking agreement with Courtyard at Main and is in compliance with its parking requirements. The One Main Street Condos have four retail units that would be affected by the Code amendment. The Borgata Apartment Homes would be affected as well and currently has two vacant retail sites. Pre-1998 buildings that took advantage of the 1,500-square-foot exemption for parking requirements include Belle Pastry, Bis on Main, Arc Watch and Repair, and Vavako. Two pre-1998 buildings that have been renovated and adapted for reuse are the 99 Park Restaurant and Pagliacci Pizza.

Responding to Mayor Balducci, Ms. Stead said two of the restaurants are larger than 1,500 square feet. The Code exemption waives the first 1,500 square feet in terms of parking requirements, but requires the standard restaurant or retail rate beyond that. A restaurant is required to provide 10 parking spaces per 10,000 square feet, and retail uses are required to provide four spaces per 10,000 square feet.

Responding to Councilmember Chelminiak, Ms. Helland said parking requirements can be met by shared arrangements nearby. One way to reduce the required parking would be for a space to change from a restaurant to a retail use.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Wallace, Ms. Helland said shared parking must be accessible and well-signed. The Apartments at Main Place building has signage directing individuals to parking.

The One Main Street Condos and Borgata Apartment Homes are a total of 18 stalls short if the parking exemption no longer applies, five for the One Main Street Condos and 13 short for the Borgata.

Deputy Mayor Wallace expressed concern because he does not want parking requirements to encourage vacant tenant spaces. Ms. Helland said option A-2, which grandfathers the parking exemption for current uses, was suggested by the Council to address that dilemma.

Councilmember Robinson said the parking deficit is a serious problem. However, she does not want to impede economic development. She questioned whether the buildings could share spaces. Ms. Helland said that would be allowed if the shared spaces are excess parking for the other building/business and if access is visible and convenient. Ms. Robinson said her preferred long-term goal is to the development of a parking garage for the Old Bellevue area.

Councilmember Stokes questioned the effective difference of Options A-1 and A-2. Ms. Helland said the effect of A-1 is that buildings constructed prior to 1998 are allowed to continue under the 1,500-square-foot exemption for parking requirements.

Mayor Balducci suggested that staff provide information on the actual impacts of the two options. Councilmember Stokes said he would like to see if there are any creative solutions for providing parking to avoid adverse impacts to restaurant uses.

Responding to Councilmember Chelminiak, Ms. Helland confirmed that only two buildings are affected with either option A-1 or option A-2. Ms. Helland said the total deficit for the two buildings is 18 parking spaces. Option A-2 would allow them to continue under the current exemption. However, they could not make the parking situation worse by changing a retail space to a restaurant space.

Councilmember Lee concurred with the need for a clear understanding about the impacts of both options. Ms. Helland said neither option affects pre-1998 buildings. Option A-2 allows those two buildings to retain the exemption from parking requirements.

Mr. Miyake said staff will provide more information and opportunity for discussion before the Council takes action on August 3.

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

(a) Establishing Bellevue's Priorities related to the Sound Transit Phase 3 (ST3) System Plan

City Manager Miyake said this follows up on the June 8 discussion regarding the Sound Transit 3 (ST3) package. He said staff is seeking Council action on the Draft Bellevue ST3 System Plan Interest Statement, Draft comment letter to the Sound Transit Board on the ST3 Draft Priority Projects List, and Joint Eastside ST3 Interest Statement. He said Bellevue's interest statement

and comment letter have been revised based on Council direction on June 8, and have been provided to the Council for tonight's meeting. He said the four cities involved in the Joint Eastside ST3 Interest Statement (Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, and Redmond) are all taking action this week on the statement, and therefore changes cannot be made at this point.

Transportation Director Dave Berg recapped the ST3 System Plan schedule. Sound Transit's deadline for public input on the Draft Priority Projects List is July 15. Detailed testing and evaluation of potential priority projects will lead to the release of a Draft System Plan in early 2016 and adoption of the final System Plan in June 2016. Sound Transit is targeting a public vote on the System Plan in November 2016.

Mr. Berg said Bellevue's Draft ST3 System Plan Interest Statement reflects the Council's priorities rather than specific projects. The comment letter more specifically addresses the Draft Priority Projects List.

Mr. Berg highlighted revisions to the interest statement based on previous Council direction that the statement reflect the City's priorities based on adopted plans (e.g., Comprehensive Plan, Transit Master Plan), provide longer term guidance on Bellevue's interests related to ST3, and communicate the importance of subarea equity. The comment letter urges the Sound Transit Board to include Bellevue's projects in the ST3 package and reiterates the importance of subarea equity.

Mr. Berg summarized Bellevue's interests in priority order: 1) completing the ST3 East Link light rail link to Downtown Redmond, 2) fully implementing I-405 bus rapid transit (BRT) from SeaTac to Lynnwood consistent with the I-405 Master Plan, 3) developing a strategic plan to maximize overall transit access, 4) increasing regional express bus service, 5) providing high-capacity transit (HCT) connecting Kirkland-Bellevue-Issaquah, 6) implementing a highly integrated system, 7) considering HCT along the Eastside Rail Corridor, 8) completing the Bellevue College Connector (connecting to Crossroads, Redmond technology center, and Downtown Kirkland, and including walkways and bike lanes), and, potentially, 9) supporting transit-oriented development (TOD) consistent with local plans.

→ At 9:55 p.m., Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m., and Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Lee spoke to the importance of subarea equity. With regard to BRT along I-405, he would like to consider future light rail along I-405 as well. He feels that light rail is the high-capacity transit of the future. He would prefer to see light rail instead of BRT from SeaTac to Lynnwood. He suggested adding innovative technologies, for example, self-driven vehicles. He encouraged demonstrating the interest in connecting Bellevue to all areas north, south, east, and west. Mr. Lee suggested that BRT could be an interim step toward light rail.

Mayor Balducci suggested that the focus of this discussion should be on what Bellevue wants to see included in the ST3 funding package. Mr. Lee said he would like to see, at a minimum, light

rail from Bellevue to SeaTac. Councilmember Lee said he would also like to see some type of HCT along I-405 linking Bellevue to Lynnwood and Everett to the north and to perhaps south of SeaTac.

Mayor Balducci said BRT on I-405 is part of the Master Plan that has been around for a number of years. If Mr. Lee is proposing to change that, she suggested the need for a Council vote.

→ Councilmember Lee moved to include in Bellevue's interests for the ST3 package that Sound Transit look at light rail from Bellevue to SeaTac Airport. Mr. Wallace seconded the motion.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Wallace, Ms. Balducci said most jurisdictions are being somewhat specific about what they want to see in the ST3 package. However, Bellevue could be more general in terms of policies and broader goals. She believes that working with other jurisdictions within the subarea is the most effective way to pursue projects.

Mr. Wallace concurred with Councilmember Lee's interest in studying a connection, other than BRT, between Bellevue and Renton and Bellevue and Bothell/Woodinville. Responding to Mr. Wallace, Ms. Balducci recommended being ambitious but financially realistic in identifying projects.

Mayor Balducci recalled that the Council previously supported her request to authorize staff to spend more than eight hours of staff time to work with other cities and to develop a priority project list. She likes I-405 BRT because it is identified in the I-405 Master Plan and has widespread support by multiple jurisdictions. Mr. Wallace concurred that the BRT option has been studied and discussed much more thoroughly than HCT along I-405. He would like Sound Transit to consider the Eastside Rail Corridor.

Ms. Balducci said an alternate way to approach this effort would be to ask, separate from this interest statement and comment letter, that Sound Transit give the City some sense of what it might take to connect light rail to Renton and possibly to SeaTac. She said the response from Sound Transit might be to suggest taking East Link to the Central Link system to travel to the airport.

Ms. Balducci said the focus on ST2 was connecting Bellevue to Seattle and areas west of Lake Washington. The idea for ST3 is to focus on connecting Bellevue to other Eastside destinations including to the north and south. She said the City will also be working with King County Metro to enhance bus service and light rail connections within the Eastside.

Councilmember Lee reiterated his interest in asking that Sound Transit study alternative and innovative technologies.

Councilmember Robinson expressed support for Bellevue's interest statement. She would like the realignment of 120th Avenue for additional transit-oriented development to be a priority. She also supports the concept of TOD consistent with local plans. She noted that TOD does not necessarily mean affordable, and in some areas it is less affordable than in areas that have had

light rail for a longer period of time. Ms. Robinson questioned whether the City would want to express support for "affordable" TOD. Mr. Berg confirmed that could be added to the TOD item in the list of priorities. Councilmember Chelminiak suggested adding a reference to "consistency with the Growing Transit Communities report."

Councilmember Lee withdrew his motion. He is satisfied with the Mayor's idea of asking Sound Transit about the potential for adding light rail to Renton or SeaTac.

Councilmember Stokes expressed general support for Bellevue's interest statement. He is open to considering a wide range of transit options. He does not want TOD to be limited to affordable housing.

Deputy Mayor Wallace said he has fundamental concerns about the sales, property and B&O tax increases to support the ST3 package. However, with regard to the comment letter, he said it is critical that any package placed before the voters maintain subarea equity. He said this must be affirmatively stated in the ballot measure to ensure that the principle is followed.

Mr. Wallace said he objects to interest #5 (HCT connecting Kirkland-Bellevue-Issaquah). He expressed concern that, once HCT leaves the Eastside Rail Corridor to extend east to Issaquah, the project becomes very expensive. He understands supporting that broader goal in the Joint Eastside Interest Statement. However, he questioned whether that is appropriate for Bellevue's statement and comment letter. Mr. Wallace suggested something broader such as providing HCT to regional centers serving the City (e.g., Kirkland-Bellevue-Bellevue College). He observed that that might be more financially feasible.

Mr. Wallace said the structure of the letter seems somewhat disjointed. He suggested organizing the comments in a more meaningful way, perhaps by types of transportation (i.e., light rail, bus, etc.). Overall, he supports the letter and believes it is consistent with Bellevue's Transit Master Plan.

Referring to Councilmember Lee's interest in alternative technologies, Deputy Mayor Wallace suggested adding language encouraging the evaluation of new technologies that might increase access to the system. Mr. Wallace said he has heard that Sound Transit is looking at some type of driverless technology. He said it is important to remember that the plan will be implemented 10 years into the future, and other technologies are likely to emerge.

Mr. Wallace expressed concern about specifically identifying the realignment of 120th Avenue NE. He said that is a very expensive and unproven project, and he observed that it is unlikely to receive attention from Sound Transit. He would prefer to leave that out of Bellevue's list of priorities.

With regard to Mr. Wallace's comment on Item #5, Ms. Balducci suggested less specific language, perhaps referring to "connecting the major growth centers on the Eastside."

Mayor Balducci concurred with the suggestion to remove the realignment of 120th Avenue project. She said it is unlikely that Sound Transit would fund the project on the basis that it is

beyond the scope of the agency's authority. Sound Transit will not want to pay for local road projects. In terms of an overall strategy, Mayor Balducci opined that it is more effective to present a shorter list of high priorities rather than a laundry list of many items.

Councilmember Chelminiak said he believes the realignment of 120th Avenue is important. He agreed that Sound Transit funding for a road project is outside the norm. However, perhaps Sound Transit could assist the City in obtaining the funds to accomplish that project. He suggested language along the lines of "cooperate with Bellevue and the stakeholders group to implement the realignment of 120th Avenue."

Mr. Berg reminded the Council that the East Link Tri-Party agreement (Bellevue, Metro, Sound Transit) addresses cooperation to obtain funding (e.g., grants) for the 120th Avenue realignment project. Mr. Chelminiak suggested referencing that agreement. Deputy Mayor Wallace said he could support that.

Mayor Balducci noted Council agreement with the Deputy Mayor's suggestions.

→ At 10:27 p.m., Councilmember Lee moved to extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. Deputy Mayor Wallace seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Berg moved to describe the Joint Eastside ST3 Interest Statement, which has broader language than the City's interest statement. He said changes are not practical at this point because it is being considered by other City Councils this week. Bellevue could choose to not support the interest statement, however.

Mr. Berg highlighted elements of the joint statement including investments in long-term transit needs, connecting regional growth centers on the Eastside, connecting the Eastside with the region, providing an integrated regional transit system with enhanced access, and supporting system expansion.

→ Councilmember Lee moved to approve signing and supporting the Joint Eastside ST3 Interest Statement. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Lee observed that there are potential opportunities for connections within the area of Bellevue College and the Eastgate Park and Ride. He suggested being less specific and changing the multiple references to the Bellevue College Connector in the City's comment letter.

Mayor Balducci asked staff to revise the interest statement and comment letter based on the discussion, and to provide the proposed final versions to the Council in anticipation of Council action next week before the public comment period ends July 15.

Responding to Mr. Lee, Mayor Balducci said she is not hearing Council support for his last proposed change to the letter. Mr. Lee said he would like more information on the details of the Bellevue College Connector project.

(b) Resolution No. 8945 authorizing execution of a 2015-2025 Funding Agreement with KidsQuest Children's Museum in the amount of $2,000,000 from the Community Partnership Project (CIP Plan No. P-AD-99) in the 2015-2016 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Budget.

Mr. Miyake said Resolution No. 8945 authorizes the execution of a 2015-2025 Funding Agreement with KidsQuest Children's Museum, as identified in the 2015-2016 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Budget. He recalled that the proposed agreement was discussed with the Council on June 15.

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to approve Resolution No. 8945, and Councilmember Robinson seconded the motion.

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

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications: None.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session

At 10:37 p.m., Mayor Balducci declared recess to Executive Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss one item of property disposition.

16. Adjournment

At 11:16 p.m., the Executive Session was concluded and the meeting was adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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