

# Agenda

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## City Council Special Meeting

MONDAY  
December 12, 2005

5:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 3 AB

1. Executive Session
  - (a) Pending litigation

### Study Session

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Council Conference Room

1. Executive Session
  - (a) Potential litigation (*approximately 10 minutes*)
2. Study Session
  - (a) Management Brief providing update on New City Hall Public Spaces and Services
  - (b) Critical areas update
3. Discussion

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City of Bellevue

## WELCOME TO YOUR BELLEVUE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Most City Council business is conducted in public, and citizens are most welcome to watch and listen.

In order to hold a meeting, a *quorum* of at least four Councilmembers must be present. The Council operates under its own Rules and Procedures, and conducts its meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Councilmembers may add items to the meeting's *agenda* for discussion or action, with a majority vote of those present, at the time when the agenda is approved. Before any agenda item can be acted upon, the Mayor will call for a *motion* to take action on that item. After the motion is *seconded*, the Council discusses the arguments for and against the motion.

Sometimes a Councilmember will propose a different course of action on a subject on the agenda. This is called a *substitute motion* and also requires a second. After discussion, the substitute motion is voted upon first. If a majority of the Councilmembers vote for the substitute motion, it passes and the matter is completed. If the substitute motion fails to obtain a majority, the Council returns to the original motion and continues to discuss and vote on it.

Other times, a Councilmember may wish to change a pending motion in some way. This is called an *amendment*. It also requires a second and is voted upon before a vote is taken on the main motion. If the amendment passes, the main motion is then voted upon "as amended". If the amendment does not receive a second or a majority vote, the main motion, as originally proposed, is voted upon.

The *Consent Calendar* portion of the agenda allows the Council to act on several items of business with one motion and vote. Items on the Consent Calendar are usually recurring "housekeeping" matters, legislation that follows-up decisions from previous meetings, and other issues for which no debate or dissenting votes are expected.

When necessary, the Council may recess to an *executive session*. During these closed sessions, the Councilmembers are limited, by law, to discussing only such items as personnel issues, property acquisition and disposition, and quasi-judicial matters\*; or to receiving advice from legal counsel on pending or potential litigation. The Mayor or Deputy Mayor will announce both the reason for any executive session and the anticipated time when the Council will return.

\* "Quasi-judicial" matters are those in which the Councilmembers sit as "judges" to decide issues involving specifically-identified property or other rights between individuals or parties. This is as opposed to the Council's usual role of acting in a legislative or policy-making capacity.