

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Extended Study Session

February 10, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Balducci, Deputy Mayor Wallace, and Councilmembers Chelminiak, Lee, Robertson, Robinson, and Stokes

ABSENT: None.

1. Executive Session

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m., with Mayor Balducci presiding. She noted that the scheduled Executive Session had been moved to the end of the meeting.

2. Oral Communications

Mayor Balducci noted that the Council recently implemented changes to the procedures for oral communications. Speakers are asked to sign in on the sheet provided, and typically a total of 20 minutes will be allowed for this item. Noting the number of speakers that night, Ms. Balducci said she would allow three minutes per person or five minutes if representing the official position of a recognized community organization.

- (a) King County Councilmember Jane Hague thanked the Council for its efforts to explore the City's ability to support the Tateuchi Center. She said King County is interested in partnering with the City to make the center a regional facility.
- (b) Deputy County Executive Fred Jarrett expressed support for the Tateuchi Center. He said King County staff has met with Mayor Balducci and Councilmembers Stokes and Wallace regarding the center, and King County looks forward to working with the City Council and staff to make the center a regional partnership for the benefit of the region.
- (c) Peter Horvitz, Chair of the Performing Arts Center Eastside (PACE) Board of Directors, said civic and business leaders have been working for many years to provide a performing arts center, which is now named the Tateuchi Center. The City has been exploring the idea of such a center since at least 1973. The PACE Board has raised \$63 million and secured a donated site in Downtown Bellevue. The Board looks forward to working with Council and City staff. Mr. Horvitz thanked the City for its support.

- (d) Sam Bellomio, StandUP-America, thanked the Council for updating its timer for oral communications to enable speakers to know how much time they have remaining. He noted his ongoing opposition to red light cameras. He expressed concern that the time spent on Police investigations is not tracked. He would like the City to hold an open forum, preferably monthly, for a dialogue with residents. Mr. Bellomio suggested term limits for City Councilmembers.
- (e) Alex Zimmerman, StandUP-America, thanked the Council for the new timer for public comments. He asked the City to hold a monthly open forum with residents and to work to improve life at the local level.
- (f) Wendy Jones, Enatai Neighborhood Association, said she attended Council two weeks ago when Sound Transit provided an update on the East Link light rail project. Since that time, she attended two additional project meetings. She expressed concern that the South Bellevue station is gray, utilitarian, and industrial in design. She understands there will be art elements later. However, she asked the Council to consider colors and a design, including vegetation, that is more consistent with the neighborhood.
- (g) Laura Hurdelbrink thanked City staff for the responsive snow removal and the ongoing street cleaning of cedar branches and other debris.

3. Study Session

- (a) Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Robertson encouraged everyone to vote in tomorrow's school levy and bond election.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Wallace, City Clerk Myrna Basich confirmed that the topic of red light cameras is scheduled for Council discussion in mid-March.

- (b) Resolution No. 8694 authorizing execution of an eleven-year lease agreement with Talon Portfolio Services, LLC, including 3 five-year options to renew, in an amount not to exceed \$6,744,923 plus any applicable common area maintenance costs and taxes, to house the relocated Bellevue District Court facility and Probation Services.

Acting City Manager Brad Miyake opened staff's briefing on the District Court relocation. Resolution No. 8694 authorizes the execution of an 11-year lease agreement to house the relocated Bellevue District Court facility and the City's Probation Services staff.

Nora Johnson, Director of the Civic Services Department, said the City purchased the current District Court property from King County approximately 10 years ago with the intent of relocating the facility. The building is beyond its useful life and the City is interested in moving court functions out of the facility by mid-2015 in order to develop Surrey Downs Park.

[At 6:28 p.m., Mayor Balducci stepped out of the room for a short period.]

Ms. Johnson said that construction of the East Link light rail project will cut off access from 112th Avenue SE to the current courts site.

Max Jacobs, Real Property Manager, said the new proposed District Court site is in Bellefield Office Park. The location is close to public transportation, the existing courts, and City Hall. The building size and layout fits the program needs, and there is adequate parking for staff and visitors.

Mr. Jacobs said the lease includes a significant landlord contribution toward tenant improvements. The initial lease extends through 2025 and contains the option for up to three five-year extensions.

Ms. Johnson said there is an aggressive timeline to prepare the new facility and move court functions by spring 2015. The current courts building in Surrey Downs will be demolished for park development to occur.

Glenn Kost, Parks Planning Manager, briefly described the preliminary preferred Surrey Downs Park Master Plan. Construction of the master plan is not in the current seven-year Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan, but funding will be requested during this year's budget process. Development of the park will be coordinated with Sound Transit with regard to the light rail alignment on 112th Avenue SE along the park.

Responding to Councilmember Robertson, Mr. Kost said there is strong neighborhood support for the park plan. He confirmed that the plan includes retaining portions of the orchards along 112th Avenue SE.

Ms. Robertson suggested that the topography could help buffer sound and other impacts of the light rail alignment. Mr. Kost said the topography along 112th Avenue SE will essentially remain as it is now, and a large berm will be constructed at the location of the current access point on 112th Avenue SE. The park will be accessed from SE 4th Street.

Councilmember Chelminiak said one of his goals when he joined the Council was for the City to gain control of the entire Surrey Downs site. That was accomplished approximately one year after he joined the Council and he looks forward to the relocation of the District Court. Mr. Chelminiak said that funding from the banked capacity of the property tax helped to fund the courts project as well as West Lake Sammamish improvements and other projects. He is pleased that the courts are staying near the Downtown, and he expressed support for the park plan.

[Mayor Balducci returned to the table at 6:38 p.m.]

Responding to Councilmember Robinson, Mr. Kost said parks levy funds are available for the Surrey Downs Park development.

Deputy Mayor Wallace thanked staff for their work on the courts relocation project. He expressed support for the terms of the lease and plans for the facility.

Mayor Balducci thanked staff for their work on negotiating a favorable lease. With regard to the Bellefield Office Park location, Ms. Balducci noted the wetlands and said there have been settling issues within the development and along the adjacent road (SE 8th Street). She questioned whether this issue was addressed.

Ms. Johnson said staff has conducted extensive due diligence on the structure and site. Staff believes the building will serve well as the new District Court.

Mayor Balducci said she looks forward to the courts moving to a new, larger building. She thanked staff for their work on the Surrey Downs Park planning.

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to approve Resolution No. 8694, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

- (c) Resolution No. 8695 setting out a framework for a process between the City of Bellevue and Performing Arts Center Eastside [MLB21](PACE) to advance public and private efforts to secure a major performing arts facility, the Tateuchi Center, in Bellevue for the benefit of the community and the entire Eastside.

Mr. Miyake referred to page 3-17 of the meeting packet for a chronology of discussions and planning for a performing arts center, now known as the Tateuchi Center, since 1973. He recalled that, in November, the Arts Commission and Tateuchi Center Board asked the Council to explore ways to partner with the project.

Chris Salomone, Director of Planning and Community Development, said the Arts Commission's recommendation of November 18 asked the Council to authorize staff to explore options for supporting the Tateuchi Center.

Mr. Salomone reviewed recommendations from January to develop a process for moving forward with goals, objectives, and a clear timeframe. The purpose of the resolution is to agree to move forward to: 1) Work cooperatively with the Performing Arts Center Eastside (PACE) organization to advance public and private efforts to secure funding to complete and open the Tateuchi Center, and 2) Conduct a robust public engagement process to introduce the Tateuchi Center to the community and receive public feedback.

The City's tasks are to investigate City, County, State and Federal funding options and to identify legal requirements and governance options. PACE's role is to agree to support the City's public process and Council's deliberations. This includes sharing information, being prepared to adopt necessary changes based on City's involvement, and renewing fundraising efforts.

Mr. Salomone said joint activities for the City and PACE will be to meet with public representatives at all government levels to explore public funding options, consider establishing an Eastside cities consortium to pursue funding, and to provide regular updates to City Councils and others.

Mr. Salomone said staff will move forward, with Council approval, to secure a cooperative agreement with PACE by March. Tasks from April through July will include legal research, the identification of public funding sources, and the initiation of discussions with all Eastside cities on a regional arts consortium. Staff anticipates that a preferred funding option or options will be identified in the fall, leading to a proposed framework for PACE and partner collaboration.

Mr. Salomone said staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 8695 setting out a framework for a process between the City and PACE to advance public and private efforts to secure a major performing arts facility.

Councilmember Stokes said he looks forward to discussing how the City can work with the Tateuchi Center. He said the community has wanted a performing arts center for a very long time. He noted the potential for a broad range of cultural activities at the center. He wants to make it a facility for everyone in Bellevue.

Councilmember Robertson thanked Mr. Salomone for staff's work. Responding to her, Mr. Salomone said he believed the PACE Board would be reviewing the City's information and proposed process and timeline that week.

Councilmember Robertson said she supports exploring a public-private partnership. She suggested an initial screening for feasibility and fatal flaws. She is pleased that representatives of King County have demonstrated an interest in entering into the partnership. She said it will be important to educate the public about how the facility will provide a community benefit. She looks forward to detailed information from regional partners to determine whether the center can be achieved.

Councilmember Chelminiak said the Tateuchi Center has reached the point of needing to revitalize the project or perhaps drop it. Given the level of effort by the Tateuchi Center, Mr. Chelminiak believes the City and the region should make a good effort to accomplish the project. He believes there is a need to move relatively quickly to determine the financing and that it is important to understand the risks.

Mr. Chelminiak said he does not want the City and region to walk away from the \$25 million pledge gift from the Tateuchi family. He said Bellevue and the Eastside need a performing arts center.

Deputy Mayor Wallace observed that the permit issues are a key potential roadblock. He does not want the City to be in the position of providing funds to pay the increased costs if the permit deadlines are not met. He would like to know, in the early stages, the cost and other impacts of code changes for the project and whether the code change impacts can be prudently eliminated. He does not want the City to use public funds to carry out unnecessary code change work.

Mr. Wallace believes the City should do what it can to work with the Tateuchi Center and with the community. He proposed placing City funding for the Center to a public vote, preferably on the November ballot.

Councilmember Lee said there is general Council support for the project. He emphasized the importance of understanding the challenges and commitments related to the project. He supports outlining a process for considering the City's participation in a public-private partnership. He hopes the Council and City are committed to making this happen. Mr. Lee expressed support for the resolution.

Councilmember Robinson said there are a number of questions in her mind and for the community. What does the regional partnership look like? How far does this region reach and what are the entities to be involved? What is the financial impact on the residents of Bellevue? What are the benefits for the citizens of Bellevue? She said it is important to dispel some of the myths in the community, including a concern that some companies could use the center as their private convention center.

Mayor Balducci said this is the start of a process. She believes the project will take the effort of the entire community, and it will benefit the entire community. She said that any public investment from the City must result in a robust public benefit. Mayor Balducci expressed support for the resolution.

- Councilmember Stokes moved to approve Resolution No. 8695, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor Balducci said the Council looks forward to more details on the plan. Mr. Salomone said he will be working with legal staff to address immediate issues.

4. Executive Session

At 7:10 p.m., Mayor Balducci declared recess to Executive Session for approximately two hours and 30 minutes to discuss one item of potential litigation and one personnel matter. She said the Council would adjourn from the Executive Session.

The Executive Session concluded at 8:50 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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Summary Minutes of Study Session

February 18, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Council Conference Room
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Balducci and Councilmembers Chelminiak, Lee, Robinson, and Stokes

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Wallace and Councilmember Robertson

1. Executive Session

Councilmember Chelminiak opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m., and declared recess to Executive Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss one personnel matter and one item of potential litigation.

The meeting resumed at 6:42 p.m., with Mayor Balducci presiding.

2. Study Session

(a) Arts Commission Review of Allocations Recommendations

Acting City Manager Brad Miyake opened staff's presentation regarding the Arts Commission's recommendations for 2014 arts funding. He welcomed Mary Pat Byrne, Arts Specialist, and Trudi Jackson, Arts Commission Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Jackson said the City received a record number of applications for arts funding in 2014, 36 compared to last year's 31. Funding is provided through two programs: 1) Eastside Arts Partnerships, and 2) Special Projects. Groups in the EAP program do all or most of their programming in Bellevue and have been in the community for at least three years. Special projects are one-time or once yearly projects.

Ms. Jackson described the ongoing need for arts facilities. KidsQuest Children's Museum is raising money to move to downtown Bellevue, Music Works Northwest is searching for replacement space, and Evergreen City Ballet is searching for new space to expand.

Ms. Byrne described a few of the Special Projects including Newport Hills public art, Seattle International Film Festival (SIFF) screenings at Lincoln Square with 10 visiting filmmakers, and the School of Taiko's Japanese Music Festival.

Ms. Byrne said Councilmember Robinson requested 2013 attendance figures for arts organizations. The City requested data from all applicants and funded groups. They reported actual attendance for 2013 as 641,044, compared to the estimated 647,980. This represents all events that take place in Bellevue by City-funded organizations, including five festivals.

The total attendance does not include members of the public who view exhibits of the Eastside Association of Fine Artists (EAFA) because there is no way of counting at the various locations (e.g., Overlake Hospital, Bellevue Regional Library). The total also does not include the number of KBCS-FM (Bellevue College) listeners in Bellevue.

Ms. Jackson said the meeting packet (beginning on page SS 2-5) includes the list of funding recommendations by the Arts Commission.

Responding to Mayor Balducci, Ms. Byrne said there were 25 applicants for Special Projects, and 23 are included in the funding recommendations.

Responding to Ms. Balducci, Ms. Jackson said the Arts Commission does track the amounts requested each year as well as the amounts allocated to each organization. She said applicants are instructed to ask for what they actually need, and the allocations are always below the requested amounts.

In further response to Ms. Balducci, Ms. Jackson said the Arts Commission first determines the priorities to be used in evaluating applications (e.g., diversity, artistic excellence, accessibility outreach, public benefit). A subcommittee of the Arts Commission reviews all of the applications, its members independently score the applications, and the numbers are compiled. This year, because there was one fewer EAP applicant, some of the EAP money was moved to Special Projects to help address those needs.

Ms. Byrne said that part of the strategy with EAP funding is to create an atmosphere of stability and predictability. Those funding levels remain relatively stable over time.

Councilmember Robinson noted there are four arts groups looking for new facilities. She questioned whether the City's financial assistance will ensure that they are relocated within Bellevue.

Ms. Byrne said the City is confident that the projects reflected in the applications will take place in Bellevue. If that does not happen, the organizations do not receive the money.

In further response, Ms. Jackson said SIFF has been asked to think about and reflect the diverse populations in Bellevue, which differ in kind and percentages from those in Seattle.

Ms. Robinson said that she had not previously heard of the Chinese Opera Club. She would like the City to be supporting the group in publicizing its events to the entire Bellevue community.

Ms. Robinson observed that the Studio East proposal does not seem to fit the model for City funding. She questioned whether it is a nonprofit and whether it offers scholarships. She said there are other groups that offer scholarships to Bellevue youth, and Studio East provided only one performance last year in a Bellevue school. She would rather allocate that money to the KidsQuest Museum because it serves a large number of residents.

Ms. Byrne said the amount paid to Studio East completely covers the cost of the performances, and the organization chooses the schools with the most students receiving paid lunches. This is not a youth theatre program so there are no scholarships. These performances involve professional actors. However, Ms. Byrne said Studio East also has theatre programs for children.

Ms. Jackson said Studio East is not located in Bellevue and the City does not pay for any of its activities occurring outside of Bellevue. Studio East is paid only for its performances in Bellevue schools, which will be two in 2014. She said this gives Bellevue youth the opportunity to see professional actors performing a locally scripted play.

Councilmember Lee thanked the Arts Commission for its work. He noted that he participated in a SIFF event last year for the screening of a movie called *Beijing Meets Seattle*, which was the most popular movie in China for approximately six months. He said tourism from China to this region increased significantly since that film was released.

Councilmember Stokes said he is pleased to see SIFF expanding to Bellevue. He believes that exchanges with arts organizations outside of Bellevue help Bellevue to gain more of a presence within the region. He questioned how this fits into growing the arts fund and having a larger impact on keeping up with increasing diversity and population.

Ms. Jackson said she serves on the Downtown Livability Initiative Advisory Committee, and she believes that the arts make a city livable. She said arts funding needs to expand to ensure the vitality of the Downtown and of the overall community. She wants arts funding to be seen as not just nice but as necessary.

Councilmember Chelminiak said arts and cultural activities are an integral part of making the region attractive. He observed that the total funding of \$110,000 is not large within the context of the overall budget. He said some Councilmembers have been discussing the prospect of establishing a cultural development fund.

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to approve the Arts Commission's recommendations for the 2014 Eastside Arts Partnership and Special Projects allocation, and to direct staff to proceed with implementation. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Mayor Balducci asked staff to publicize arts events and opportunities for the Council and residents. She thanked the Arts Commission for their work and advocacy for the arts.

Mayor Balducci acknowledged Genevieve Tremblay, Arts Commission Chair, in the audience and noted she is ending eight years of service as a volunteer Arts Commissioner. Mayor Balducci commended Ms. Tremblay's leadership and creativity.

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

(b) Update on One City Initiative

Mr. Miyake introduced staff's update on the One City Initiative, which was established in 2007 with the goal of supporting an ongoing commitment to being a high-performing organization. He noted the summary of One City's philosophy and goals on page SS 2-13 of the meeting packet. Since the initiative began, the organization has experienced significant improvements in the delivery of services by operating departments. Mr. Miyake said the Budget One process came out of the One City initiative. He noted that tonight's update is presented in part to provide context for the upcoming budget process.

Mr. Miyake introduced the following staff who have been involved with the One City Initiative since the beginning: Ann McCreery, Organizational Development Manager, City Manager's Office; Kyle Stannert, Public Records Manager, City Clerk's Office; Frank Pinney, Assistant Director of Civic Services; and Lt. Dan Mathieu, Police Department.

Ms. McCreery described the three key concepts of the One City approach: 1) working collaboratively, 2) using innovation to challenge the status quo, improve what exists, and create new approaches, and 3) keeping a future focus. She described the implementation of the One City model through: 1) organizational assessment and improvement, 2) outreach and communication, and 3) education and training.

Mr. Stannert addressed the benefits of the One City model. Research has shown that more engaged employees are more likely to provide better overall service as well as seamless service across departments. He described a recent community forum with nonprofit providers during which the City of Bellevue received a number of compliments consistent with its One City values: working collaboratively, always wanting to improve processes, and looking to the future.

Mr. Stannert reported that employee surveys indicate a highly energized workforce with a high degree of satisfaction in working for the City of Bellevue (84 percent) when compared to both public and private organizations across the country. A specific combination of indicators reflects that 66 percent of City employees are fully engaged in their work every day, compared to the national average of 30 percent across all organizations. Mr. Stannert said the City has weathered the economic recession and related budget reductions while increasing employee scores for engagement. As a general rule, highly engaged employees are more productive and tend to stay longer with an organization.

Mr. Stannert noted that the relatively high scores for employee satisfaction correlate to the results of citizen surveys. In the 2013 survey, 94 percent of respondents indicated that the

overall quality of city services exceeds or greatly exceeds their expectations. Similarly, 83 percent of respondent indicate that Bellevue is somewhat to strongly headed in the right direction. These results have remained high over the past several years, including through the economic downturn and budget cuts.

Mr. Pinney described an example of how One City has improved City services and programs. In 2010, the Budget One process highlighted concerns within Bellevue's Fleet Operations. By 2012, Bellevue was recognized for having the 12th best Fleet Operations in North America.

Mr. Pinney said that, in 2010, the Fleet shop had problems with morale, customer satisfaction, and an organizational lack of understanding of their role. The shop took measures to increase employee engagement, share in leadership, promote data-driven decisions, and improve the focus on customers. The Fleet Shop worked closely with the Fire Department to evaluate and restructure fleet and equipment maintenance. This ultimately resulted in more than a 20 percent reduction in service hours for fire apparatus, which increased the availability of vehicles. Customer satisfaction increased significantly, and the innovations saved the Fire Department \$225,000 in maintenance costs annually. A vacant Fleet Operations management position was moved to the floor to better serve customers.

Carter Dillon, Mechanical Repair Technician, offered his perspective on the impact of the One City process on the Fleet shop. He said the self-managed work group approach allowed decisions to be made at the work group level, and work groups helped each other when needed. The employees initially met once a week but meetings became less frequent as operations improved. They developed their own standard operating procedures (SOPs) outlining expectations, reviewed warranty replacements through outside services, and have taken on other tasks from management's work load.

Mr. Dillon said the side benefits that were not expected included improvements in: 1) employee attitudes, 2) communication between management and employees, and 3) employees' perception and engagement. He said the innovation of self-managed work groups has resulted in increased employee confidence, communication, and team-building.

Mr. Dillon said supervisors have been instrumental in mentoring the group and allowing employees to make decisions based on factual data and proven processes. Mr. Dillon said the consensus of his work group is that the perception of favoritism is gone. Each employee recognizes everyone's strengths and weaknesses and understands why certain employees are assigned specific tasks. Mr. Dillon said he and his co-workers feel a sense of pride in their accomplishments and would like to continue in the same manner.

As another example of the impact of One City concepts, Mr. Pinney described the Botanical Garden's collaboration with outside partners, use of performance measures, and extensive involvement of volunteers. The Garden engaged in a process improvement that improved the tracking of volunteer labor, reduced the cost of background checks, and reduced data entry by eliminating the tracking of non-value-added tasks.

Mr. Stannert said the City began accepting all development permit applications electronically through the MyBuildingPermit.com portal in mid-2013. This resulted from an extensive effort within the organization and in collaboration with other cities, and incorporated the key One City concepts of collaboration, innovation, and keeping a future focus. As of December 2013, 44 percent of all permit applications are submitted and reviewed electronically.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Mr. Stannert acknowledged that some aspects of MyBuildingPermit.com do not work as well with mobile devices as on a laptop or desktop computer.

Continuing, Mr. Stannert described staff's innovations and improvements to the public disclosure response process. Despite the increased volume and complexity of public disclosure requests, the City has decreased its average response time by 40 percent and the median number of days for processing a response from 16 days in 2008 to 9 in 2013.

Lt. Mathieu described the City's collaboration with the City of Redmond to improve traffic flow (travel times) for citizens in the Overlake area, and showed a short video. This process improvement utilized the City's adaptive traffic signal technology as part of the solution.

Mr. Miyake thanked the One City team for the presentation. He said this initiative has taken root in the organization and will continue to pay dividends in the future.

Mayor Balducci thanked staff for the presentation and for sharing specific stories and examples. She acknowledged that it can be difficult for management to step back and let employees be more self directed. However, it can clearly provide benefits in improved operations and employee morale.

Ms. Balducci observed that past process improvement efforts related to the 4th of July celebration have had noticeable benefits including enhanced efficiency in moving crowds out of the downtown at the end of the evening.

Councilmember Stokes commended staff for their work with the One City and Budget One approaches.

At 7:55 p.m., Mayor Balducci declared recess to the Regular Session.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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PRESENT: Mayor Balducci and Councilmembers Chelminiak, Lee, Robinson, and Stokes

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Wallace and 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 were present. Councilmember Robinson led the flag salute.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Wendy Tyner spoke about the upcoming Wintergrass Festival and thanked the Council for its ongoing financial assistance. She described the festival's educational and performance components including the youth academy. The City's contribution provides scholarships for half of the 200 youth academy students and reduced ticket prices for their families. The festival involves 274 volunteers and features 180 artists from the region, nation, Switzerland and Canada. Tickets can be purchased online. The Wintergrass Festival has signed an agreement with the Hyatt to continue at that venue through 2019.
- (b) James Eder said he is 87 years old and has lived in Bellevue for 50 years. He is retired from The Boeing Company and devotes much of his time to money and health issues. He expressed concern regarding the link between fluoride and brain function. He asked the City to take action to replace fluoride in water with a safe substitute.

Mayor Balducci asked that Utilities staff provide an update to the Council on the issue of fluoride in water.

- (c) Terry Pottmeyer, CEO of Friends of Youth, said that one in three youths in the foster care system become homeless within one year of exiting the system at age 18. She requested Council approval of the ARCH recommendations on the consent calendar, including

Resolution No. 8697 authorizing the use of funds for the Friends of Youth Extended Foster Care project. The project will provide housing for youths in foster care beyond age 18. Ms. Pottmeyer invited the Council to the groundbreaking on April 17 at noon.

(d) Alex Zimmerman, StandUP-America, spoke in favor of term limits for Councilmembers. He reiterated his ongoing request that the City Manager hold monthly public forums. He spoke against the use of red light cameras. He expressed concern about the handling and expense of Police investigations, including twice that he has been prosecuted.

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

5. Report of the City Manager

(a) Bellevue Convention Center Authority (BCCA) Board Reappointments

Acting City Manager Brad Miyake requested City Council concurrence regarding the reappointment of Ann Kawasaki and Ron Hofilena to the Bellevue Convention Center Authority (BCCA) Board.

Councilmember Chelminiak said that both individuals contribute significantly to the work of the BCCA Board. As Council liaison to the Board, he encouraged support for their reappointment.

Mayor Balducci noted a Council consensus in support of the recommendation.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Chelminiak reported that he and other Councilmembers attended the Bellevue Downtown Association's (BDA) 40th annual dinner. Mr. Chelminiak attended his first meeting as a returning member of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Growth Management Planning Board.

Councilmember Lee said he attended the BDA dinner and the volunteer appreciation lunch at the North Bellevue Senior/Community Center. He met with members of the Seoul Metropolitan Council who were visiting from Korea. Mr. Lee attended the reception for former Mayor and Councilmember Don Davidson to celebrate his years of service for the community.

Councilmember Stokes said he attended the BDA dinner and volunteer appreciation lunch. He attended a meeting of the Regional Policy Committee.

Councilmember Robinson reported that she, Mayor Balducci, Mr. Miyake and other City staff visited Bellevue's winter shelter for men and stayed to serve dinner.

Dr. Robinson attended the Leadership Eastside annual *State of the Eastside* luncheon and the Bellevue Parks and Community Service Board meeting. She attended the King County Climate Collaboration's elected officials working summit with Land Use Director Dan Stroh. Dr. Robinson met with representatives of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, the Westwood

Highlands Neighborhood Association, and the Rockwood Neighborhood Association.

Councilmember Robinson said she understands that the City is exploring the ability to loop the Bellevue Youth Theatre and Bellevue Botanical Gardens for the hearing impaired. She questioned whether it would be possible to also look at incorporating that technology in City Hall.

City Clerk Myrna Basich said staff's research into looping technology for the two Council meeting rooms estimates a cost of approximately \$60,000. She said this is beyond the current technology improvements budget. However, she is working with staff to potentially bring forward a budget proposal for consideration by the Council.

Dr. Robinson requested that the consultant working on the other two City facilities be consulted about City Hall as well.

Mayor Balducci said she chaired the PSRC Transportation Policy Board meeting. She reported that a potential change in the flight pattern for the Renton Airport would reroute flights now going over Mercer Island to a path over the lake between Mercer Island and Bellevue. Ms. Balducci said she met with the King County members of the Transportation Policy Board to plan the next funding round of federal grant requests.

Ms. Balducci said she attended the later portion of the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting. Deputy Mayor Wallace and Councilmember Stokes attended the full meeting.

Mayor Balducci met with representatives of the Salvation Army, which is replacing its facility in the Crossroads area. On behalf of the City, Mayor Balducci attended the 2014 Lunar New Year celebration at Bellevue Square sponsored by the Seattle Chinese Culture and Arts Association.

Ms. Balducci said she was glad to see the good work being done at the men's winter shelter in Bellevue. However, it is not a permanent space. Sound Transit donated the use of the building, the City pays utilities, and the City of Redmond provides support as well. Ms. Balducci encouraged cities and nonprofit providers to work together to establish a permanent shelter.

Councilmember Robinson said the men's winter shelter is in need of blanket donations. She said it is very easy to order a blanket to be delivered to Congregations for the Homeless.

7. Approval of the Agenda

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

8. Consent Calendar

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to approve the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 8(f). Councilmember Stokes 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) Minutes of January 27, 2014 Extended Study Session
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- (b) Resolution No. 8696 authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute an amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services with Kenyon Disend, PLLC to increase the total contract amount from \$49,000 to \$200,000 for legal services and representation in property acquisitions and/or eminent domain proceedings for multiple parcels located at 120th Avenue NE.

- (c) Ordinance No. 6149 amending Ordinance No. 6083, to increase the 2013-2014 grant amounts to Sophia Way - Sophia's Place, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000, for a total aware of \$136,717.

- (d) Agreements Recommended by ARCH

Resolution No. 8697 authorizing the execution of all documents necessary to enter into an agreement for the Friends of Youth Extended Foster Care, as recommended by the ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) Executive Board, utilizing funds from the City's Housing Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$32,100;

Resolution No. 8698 authorizing the execution of all documents necessary to enter into an agreement for the Habitat Sammamish Cottage Demonstration Project, as recommended by the ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) Executive Board, utilizing funds from the City's Housing Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$128,602; and

Resolution No. 8699 authorizing the execution of all documents necessary to enter into an agreement for the Providence/Shelter Resources Inc. Redmond Senior Apartments, as recommended by the ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing) Executive Board, utilizing funds from the City's Housing Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

- (e) Resolution No. 8700 approving the proposed 2014 A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) Administrative Program and Work Plan.

- (g) Ordinance No. 6150 authorizing: 1) Execution of a grant agreement (and any necessary supplements) with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to accept \$2,215,820 in federal Transportation Alternatives Program

grant to construct pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Northup Way connecting to the SR 520 regional trail; 2) amendment of the 2013-2014 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) Fund Budget to increase the appropriation by \$2,215,820 in grant funds; and 3) amendment of the 2013-2019 CIP Plan to increase the budget for the Northup Way Corridor Improvements (CIP Plan No. PW-R-146) by \$2,215,820.

- (h) Resolution No. 8702 authorizing the execution of Amendment No. 2 to the design consultant agreement with PB Americas, Inc., increasing the total contract amount from \$1,833,860 to \$2,593,759 to conduct additional design investigations, complete the final design, and prepare the construction contract documents for the NE 4th Street Extension Project, from 116th Avenue NE to 120th Avenue NE (CIP Plan No. PW-R-160).
- (i) Ordinance No. 6151 authorizing execution of an Interlocal Agreement with King County to accept \$176,687 in grant reimbursement funds from the 2014 Waste Reduction and Recycling (WRR) Program grant agreement to implement WRR education programs in accordance with the King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan; appropriate unanticipated and future revenues to that fund; and authorizing expenditures of said funds.
- (j) Resolution No. 8703 authorizing execution of Amendment No. 1 to the professional services agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$137,639 for engineering services for the Wilburton Sewer Capacity Upgrade Project (CIP Plan No. S-60).
- (k) Resolution No. 8704 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$193,645 for engineering services, for the Yarrow Creek, West Tributary - Culvert Removal Project Final Design and Construction Phase Services, (CIP Plan No. D-81).

Item pulled for comment:

- (f) Resolution No. 8701 authorizing execution of an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with BERK Consulting, increasing the contract amount by \$30,000 for a contract total of \$120,000, for the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Councilmember Lee complimented staff for moving forward with the economic development strategy work. He hopes the increase in the contract amount will be applied to implementing beneficial actions.

→ Councilmember Lee moved to approve Resolution No. 8701, and Councilmember Chelminiak seconded the motion.

Mayor Balducci said the Council greatly appreciated the most recent update on the economic development strategy. She acknowledged that their time allotment during that meeting was not sufficient and said the Council looks forward to further discussion.

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

9. Public Hearings

- (a) Public Hearing on the requested right-of-way (ROW) vacation of a portion of 139th Avenue SE (entrance to Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart)

Mr. Miyake introduced the public hearing on the requested ROW vacation of a portion of 139th Avenue SE at the entrance to Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart.

Nora Johnson, Director of the Civic Services Department, described the right-of-way vacation process, which is prescribed in Bellevue City Code Section 14.35. The ROW vacation petition for this matter was received on November 26, 2013 and reviewed by staff. Public notice of the ROW vacation was issued following the January 21, 2014 Council meeting, and tonight's public hearing was scheduled.

Patti Ebert, Sr. Real Property Agent, provided additional details regarding the ROW vacation. Forest Ridge School is proposing a property trade in accordance with BCC 14.35.160, Property trade in lieu of payment, to correct the location of the current ROW versus the actual location of the roadway. The City will receive more property than it is giving to the school and utilities easements will be retained.

Ms. Ebert said that property owners within a 300-foot radius of the site received public notice of the proposed ROW vacation. The proposed action is posted onsite as well. The City has responded to the few citizen inquiries generated by the proposal.

Ms. Johnson said staff seeks Council direction on whether to proceed with drafting legislation either approving or denying the requested street vacation.

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

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

No one came forward to comment.

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to close the public hearing, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

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

Responding to Mayor Balducci, Ms. Ebert confirmed her understanding that the purpose of the proposed vacation is to put the ROW where the road actually exists. The City will gain net ROW square footage through this trade, and the school will be able to move forward with its project.

Responding to Councilmember Lee, Ms. Ebert said the City did not receive comments from the Somerset Community Association.

Mayor Balducci noted Council support to direct staff to bring back the resolution for action on the next Regular Session consent calendar.

10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
12. Unfinished Business: None.
13. Continued Oral Communications

James Eder said he is unaware of anyone in the City government who is a medical doctor who oversees the health requirements of the community. He reiterated his concern about fluoride in water and encouraged everyone to buy bottled water instead of drinking tap water. He said autopsies of Alzheimer's disease patients show an accumulation of aluminum in the brain that is retained by fluoride. While this is not the cause of Alzheimer's disease, it furthers the negative effects. Without fluoride, the aluminum would be flushed away.

14. New Business: None.
15. Executive Session: None.
16. Adjournment

Mayor Balducci declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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