

City Council

Program Outcome Statement

The City Council has established the following goals and underlying principles that guide their work:

- Protect the livability and vitality of all the City's neighborhoods
- Maintain a vital downtown
- Work together with citizens and community groups to solve problems
- Provide quality and responsive City services and infrastructure
- Ensure public safety
- Respond to the needs of youth and families
- Improve transportation systems
- Maintain an attractive and clean City
- Protect and enhance our natural environment
- Manage the City's finances prudently
- Provide regional leadership and cooperation.

Services and Accomplishments

The City Council continues to devote significant energy to improving the quality of life for Bellevue residents and businesses. Transportation and traffic issues top citizen concerns and remain a Council priority. The Council has invested a significant portion of their work efforts on local, regional, state, and federal transportation issues to attack congestion on a variety of fronts. Of the 52 regional committees and organizations in which Councilmembers participated in 2007 and 2008, several specifically focused on development of the regional transportation system. These included leadership on the Sound Transit Board, Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board, Eastside Transportation Partnership, and the WSDOT SR 520 Executive Committee.

Similarly, the Council has continued to focus on neighborhood preservation and standards, including approving projects to enhance neighborhood character and livability, evaluating opportunities to improve neighborhood vitality, and promoting opportunities for citizen and neighborhood involvement. During 2007 and 2008 the Council directed the Planning Commission to study and make recommendations on a variety of neighborhood protection issues including megahomes, residential building heights, unscreened construction debris, and tree preservation. Their hard work is born out in citizen satisfaction with Bellevue's livability, which increased from 93% in 2006 to 95% in 2007.

The City Council has also focused considerable energy on enhancing Bellevue's economic vitality and to position Bellevue as a regional business center. This investment, aiming Bellevue's resources on long-term economic and regional strategies, has proven effective in stimulating economic growth by strengthening and diversifying the local economy. Results from 2007 demonstrate:

- 3+ million square feet of office space and 4,000 residential units were under construction or in permit review;
- Over 900 Bellevue businesses were identified as being involved in international trade;
- Business retention and relocation activities secured over 2.5 million square feet of office and retail uses with over 5,000 jobs; and
- The City issued over 13,700 permits with a total valuation of \$831.1 million, surpassing 2006 figures for a new record high.

City Council maintained an active role on regional issues as indicated by their participation on 52 regional committees and organizations addressing regional decision making in 2007. Areas of influence include natural resources, regional transportation improvement projects, transit strategies, water supply, human services, and other significant issues. Under Council direction, in 2007 City staff tracked 741 state legislative issues and secured grant dollars in excess of \$9 million for parks and open space acquisitions, the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center, Kelsey Creek/Richards Valley Greenway, improved emergency preparedness and response capabilities, life safety equipment, and shoreline master planning.

Key regional activities included:

- Continued work on the Sound Transit Eastlink Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Launching the Light Rail Best Practices Committee to analyze and recommend best practices for implementation of light rail in Bellevue
- Ongoing coordination with WSDOT concerning I-405 and I-90 projects
- Completion of Commute Trip Reduction and Growth and Transportation Efficiency Center Plans
- Submittal of Downtown Circulator Plan for King County Partnership Program consideration
- Continued progress on implementation of Cascade Water Alliance regional water source
- Participation in SR 520 mediation and tolling efforts

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- WRIA 8 Implementation Report.

Other significant accomplishments directed by the City Council included:

Capital Project Milestones

- Robinswood Synthetic Field Surfaces
- Stevenson Elementary School Pedestrian Safety Enhancements
- Acquired additional properties and initiated master planning process for waterfront access at Meydenbauer Bay
- 150th Avenue SE safety and traffic operations improvement in partnership with WSDOT and King County
- NE 24th Street roadway improvements, including pedestrian safety improvements, decorative walls and extensive landscaping
- 140th Avenue Pathway utilizing low impact development design for storm water management
- Crossroads Water Play Park
- Highland Skate Park

Neighborhoods and Community Program Successes

- Redevelopment of small neighborhood centers
- Lake Hills Center
- Newport Hills Center
- Kelsey Creek Center
- Traffic calming projects in 12 neighborhoods
- Developed neighborhood sidewalk evaluation criteria and identified project priorities
- Neighborhood Livability Action Agenda
- Greenscape requirements via Phase I Code Amendments addressing minimum tree retention, building height measurement, temporary shelters in front yards, regulation of construction debris and construction notification signs
- Completed the Lake Hills Neighborhood Identity project including major site improvements at the Lake Hills produce market, SE 16th and 156th Avenue, and the 3 additional neighborhood entries reflecting Lake Hills history and character
- Launched the Newport Hills and Lake Heights Neighborhood Identity project
- Neighborhood Enhancement Program for Newport, Factoria, Somerset, Eastgate/Cougar Mountain and Sammamish/East Lake Hills
- Awarded 27 matching grants for small neighborhoods
- Published monthly Neighborhood News
- Published new edition of Bellevue by the Numbers, a community calling guide in English and Spanish
- Amended City codes related to permitting and enforcement of noise-generating activities and developed a process for review of sound amplification permits

Other Major Program Successes

- Public Safety
 - Violent crime and fatality collisions are below national averages for cities of comparable size
 - Medic 1 Levy achieved 83% approval from voters
 - Eastside Narcotic Task Force headed by Bellevue Police seized a record \$15.5 million in drugs, property and cash
 - Completed 100% of annual fire and life safety inspections
- Foreign Language Services
 - Added three foreign language sections to City's website
 - 30,000 customers served at Mini City Hall, many of whom have special language assistance needs including Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Hindi, Bengali and Urdu
- Construction-related Traffic Control Program
 - PSE gas main installation from 108th/NE 4th Street to Bellevue Way/Main Street
 - King County sewer force main repairs and installations at Swelocken
 - PSE Main Street gas line installation
 - NE 8th Street Pedestrian Bridge installation
 - NE 8th Street Lincoln Square/Bellevue Place Tunnel
- Development services activities
 - Adopted sign code regulations relating to Hospitals and Ambulatory Health Care Centers located in Medical Institution District
 - Completed review, inspection, and occupancy of Lincoln Square Office Tower, Wasatch Washington Square, Overlake Hospital South Tower, Lexus of Bellevue, 1020 Residential Tower, Ashwood Commons II, Bellevue Towers City Center Plaza, Metro 112 Apartments, Summit III Building, Residence Inn by Marriot, Group Health

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- Cooperative Medical Center
- Media/Communications
 - Issued more than 110 City news releases external for distribution to media, strategic partners and the general public
 - Enhanced reporter briefings to variety of media and Editorial Board outreach to The Seattle Times
 - Served as central source for economic and demographic data for internal and external clients
- Human Resources
 - Negotiated 5 union contracts
 - Developed and implemented a domestic partner benefits program
 - Launched a succession planning initiative and accompanying competency educational program
 - Health insurance premiums held to previous year's rates for non-union employees in core medical plan for the second year
- Major Innovations
 - WiFi implemented in City Hall, several community centers and along Pedestrian Corridor
 - Developed new 20-year long-range operating and capital planning forecast including a detailed analysis of budget service drivers that the City will likely encounter over the next two decades
 - Replaced 28 traffic data counters with new solar-powered type that allow more detailed traffic counts and require fewer counters for data collection activities
 - Utilized revolutionary Segway Human Transporter equipped with devices to measure sidewalk compliance with ADA standards to update the sidewalk system inventory
- Efficiency/Effectiveness Improvements
 - Launched "One City" Performance Excellence initiative
 - Expanded public use of City Hall meeting facilities
 - Initiated Fleet Warranty Program resulting in over \$100,000 in cost avoidance and savings during 2007
 - Changed all Police motorcycles to improve reliability and reduce maintenance costs
 - Replaced Mobile Data Terminals in Police vehicles
 - Improved computer/system security and awareness training
 - Converted budget basis from cash to modified accrual
 - Implemented Quote/Bid Management process
 - Incorporated Domestic Partner Policy into Payroll process
 - Outperformed targets and benchmarks for investment returns, despite volatile market
 - Updated the new City Hall Financing Plan
 - Responded to the rapid growth in development activity with appropriate adjustments to staffing levels, use of consultants and improvements to increase efficiency
 - Implemented ability to import property owner information directly from King County into Amanda permitting/inspection system
 - Consolidated all inspection records into the Amanda permitting/inspection system
 - Improved economic and demographic data resources and their use in marketing the City and providing information to the real estate and business sectors
 - Worked to improve City's procurement program to reach out to minority businesses, to foster an eGov Alliance program for regional procurement, and related small business training for procurement with the Seattle School District
 - Developed right of way permit changes to assist customers and staff in streamlining permit processing and billing
 - Implemented online inspection scheduling using MyBuildingPermit.com
 - Initiated E-Mail Alerts, which allows constituents to automatically be notified, via e-mail, when new information on subjects of their choosing is posted on the City's website
 - Production of 115 videos by Multimedia Services
 - Supported DSI-related process and efficiency improvements including streamlined noticing
 - Expanded 500 foot noticing requirement to plats
- Accreditations
 - APWA reaccreditation of Utilities Department
 - APWA new accreditation of Transportation Department
 - CALEA reaccreditation of Police Department
 - CALEA reaccreditation of Communications Center
 - Second CFAI reaccreditation of Fire Department

Other Awards/Recognitions

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Finance

- Maintained Aaa bond rating from Moody's and AAA rating from Standard and Poor
- Awarded City's 25th consecutive "Certificate of Excellence" from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for the 2006 Comprehensive Annual Finance report
- Received the GFOA "Distinguished Budget Presentation Award" for 2007-2008 Biennial Budget
- Granted the 2007 International City/County Manager's Association (ICMA) Certificate of Distinction for Bellevue's performance measurement efforts
- Awarded the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Certificate of Excellence in Service Efforts & Accomplishments Reporting for the 2006 Annual Performance Report

Fire

- Fire Department ranked best in performance for fires confined to room of origin in 2006
- Maintained the best cardiac survival rates in the United States

Police

- Volunteer program recognized by the International Association of Chiefs of Police

Parks

- Acknowledged as one of 100 Best Communities for Youth for 2nd consecutive year
- Bellevue Golf Course achieved designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary through Audubon International. First municipal course and eleventh course in Washington State to achieve certification
- Tennis Center recognized for Program Excellence in 2007 by the United States Tennis Association
- Received NRPA "Take me Fishing" grant for water safety events

Communications

- Received several communications awards from NATOA, a national organization for government programming

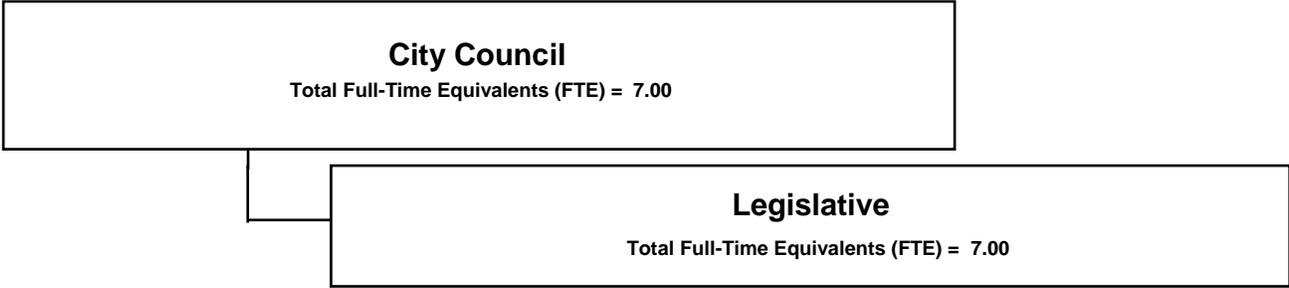
Transportation

- Coal Creek Pavement Award
- Best Westside City Paving award from the Washington Asphalt Paving Association and the Washington Chapter of American Public Works Association in conjunction with Lakeside Industries for the resurfacing of Coal Creek Parkway
- SE 16th Award
- American Public Works Association 2007 Public Works Project of the Year for projects \$2 million to \$10 million
- American Society of Civil Engineers 2006 Outstanding Project Award

Planning & Community Development

- Received the CSDC 2007 Innovation Award for the Amanda/Fire RMS migration project. This project allowed the City to leverage existing technology by tracking the Fire Department's annual safety inspections through the existing permit tracking system.
- Governor's Smart Communities Award for the Neighborhood Investment Strategy

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Organizational Chart



**City of Bellevue
2009-2010 Biennial Budget**

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Budgeted Cost Summary		FY 2007 Budget	FY 2008 Budget	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Legislative		411,871	419,545	404,971	418,454
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Expenditure Category Summary		FY 2007 Budget	FY 2008 Budget	FY 2009 Budget	FY 2010 Budget
Personnel		261,247	259,775	262,858	272,133
Interfund		98,390	106,181	87,127	89,964
M & O		52,234	53,589	54,986	56,357
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Key Departmental Metrics	Unit of Measure	Type of Indicator	FY 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Target	FY 2009 Target	FY 2010 Target
Legislative						
% of citizens rating City as good to excellent place to live	%	Effectiveness	95	95	95	95
% of Citizens saying City heading in right direction	%	Effectiveness	81	80	80	80
Number of State Legislative issues tracked	#	Effectiveness	741	720	720	720
# regional committees/organizations Council participates on	#	Workload	52	45	45	45
% of items approved by Council on Consent Calendar	%	Efficiency	75	75	75	75
Number of applicants for Board/Commission positions	#	Effectiveness	30	25	30	30
Number of Board/Commission positions filled	#	Effectiveness	21	15	20	20

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2009-2010 Work Initiatives

- Neighborhood livability
- Community outreach
- Human infrastructure
- Public safety
- Parks and open space
- Environmental stewardship
- Transportation
- Economic vitality
- Technology
- Cultural infrastructure
- Regional leadership and collaborations
- Cascade Water Alliance
- Promote City's legislative agenda at the federal, state, and local levels.

Major Challenges for the Biennium

The Council anticipates the following challenges for the biennium:

- Responding to additional service needs generated by community growth and diversification
- City fiscal health and flexibility
- Scope and range of facilities necessary to retain a high quality of life
- Land use and environmental stewardship
- Economic vitality
- Continuing collaboration with other Eastside cities and regional agencies on high-profile regional issues
- Continuing need to support legislative actions that are supportive of cities and oppose legislative actions that are detrimental to cities.

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Program Statement

The City Council is charged with protecting, enhancing, and promoting the health, welfare, and safety of the people living in, working in, and visiting Bellevue. Their mission is to provide high quality services and facilities that meet the needs of the community.

Summary of Services Provided

The City Council provides accessible and proactive leadership and governance for the City. The Council meets four times per month, with the exception of August and December when fewer meetings are scheduled, where they establish laws and policies through study and adoption of legislation. Among the primary duties of the Council are review and adoption of the operating budget to fund City services and programs, and review and adoption of the Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan to fund City infrastructure. City Councilmembers meet with residents, citizen groups, and business leaders to hear concerns and resolve problems, and oversee a wide-ranging agenda for the community. They also represent Bellevue citizens' interests by serving on local and regional bodies such as regional committees established by the Metropolitan King County Council, and on state and national committees addressing pipeline safety and transportation project funding.

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Citizen involvement in City government						
Number of applicants for Board/Commission positions	#	Effectiveness	30	25	30	30
Number of Board/Commission positions filled	#	Effectiveness	21	15	20	20
Number of citizens serving on boards, committees, task force	#	Efficiency	345	400	400	400
Citizen satisfaction that City moving in right direction						
% of Citizens saying City heading in right direction	%	Effectiveness	81	80	80	80
Citizen satisfaction with Bellevue's livability						
% of citizens rating City as good to excellent place to live	%	Effectiveness	95	95	95	95
Promote City interests & influence impactful legislation						
Number of State Legislative issues tracked	#	Effectiveness	741	720	720	720
# regional committees/organizations Council participates on	#	Workload	52	45	45	45
Provide timely and effective decision making						
% of items approved by Council on Consent Calendar	%	Efficiency	75	75	75	75
Number of ordinances adopted by City Council	#	Effectiveness	82	50	50	50
Number of resolutions adopted by City Council	#	Effectiveness	182	150	150	150

Issues related to Department Performance

Of the citizens surveyed in 2007, 95% responded that the City was a "good" or "excellent" place to live, meeting the targeted goal and demonstrating residents' overall satisfaction. Almost nine out of ten residents (87%) feel they are getting their money's worth for the tax dollars they pay.

Citizen agreement with the direction in which the City is heading increased to 81% in 2007, up from the 77% in 2006. This level of residents' concurrence points to the Council's efforts to better communicate about current issues as well as their determination to make themselves available to listen and respond to the needs of the citizenry.

Program Notes

Legislative and administrative support for the City Council and their proceedings is provided by the City Clerk's Office.

Current City Council compensation was established by Ordinance No. 5163 and, under state law, no increase or decrease in compensation can apply to an incumbent during the term being served. Monthly salary levels held by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councilmembers were established at the recommendation of the 1999 citizen-based Council Compensation Task Force.

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Biennial Budgeted Cost Summary	2007-2008 Budget	2009-2010 Budget	% Change
Legislative	831,416	823,425	(1)%
Base Budget	831,416	823,425	(1)%
Total Budget	831,416	823,425	(1)%
Biennial Expenditure Category Summary	2007-2008 Budget	2009-2010 Budget	% Change
Personnel	521,022	534,991	3 %
Interfund	204,571	177,091	(13)%
M & O	105,823	111,343	5 %
Total Expenditures	831,416	823,425	(1)%
Biennial Funding Summary	2007-2008 Budget	2009-2010 Budget	% Change
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