

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

January 5, 2009
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Degginger, Deputy Mayor Balducci, and Councilmembers Bonincontri, Chelminiak, Davidson, Lee and Noble

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m., with Mayor Degginger presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call, all Councilmembers were present. Deputy Mayor Balducci led the flag salute.

- (a) Recognition by Master Builders Association of Development Services Director Mike Brennan

Robert Thorpe, immediate past president of the Puget Sound Chapter of the American Planning Association, commended Bellevue's effectiveness in its planning activities and briefly described the Master Builders Association's public agency award.

David Hoffman, Master Builders Association, presented the award for excellence in a public agency to Mike Brennan, Development Services Director.

- (b) Association of Government Accountants Presentation of Certificate of Excellence for 2007 Annual Performance Report

Richard Tracy, representing the Association of Government Accountants, presented its Certificate of Excellence in Service Efforts and Accomplishments (SEA) Award to the City in recognition of its 2007 annual performance report. The performance measurement program follows Suggested Guidelines for Performance Reporting as developed by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Bellevue is the first state or local jurisdiction in the nation to receive the Gold Award for SEA reporting.

Jan Hawn, Finance Director, and Rich Siegel, Performance and Outreach Coordinator, accepted the award on behalf of the City.

Councilmember Davidson commended Bellevue's leadership in performance accounting and measurement.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Jeff Pavey, Cascade Land Conservancy, thanked the Council for its willingness to consider the transfer of development rights as a component of the Bel-Red Plan incentive program. He commended the City's efforts to incorporate wetlands preservation, stream restoration, and potentially resource conservation into its redevelopment plan for the Bel-Red corridor.
- (b) Kevin Wallace, Wallace Properties, expressed concern that impact fees devalue unimproved land, discourage development, and contribute to increased housing costs and commercial rental rates. He feels that staff's new impact fee proposal reflects an inelastic model, and he encouraged maintaining the current method of calculating impact fees.
- (c) Victor Bishop, Eastside Transportation Association, encouraged the Council to advocate for federal funding for road and bridge projects through the economic stimulus package.
- (d) T.J. Woosley, representing Brierwood Center, discussed the potential for the development of an urban gateway between downtown and the Bridle Trails area. He asked the City to consider extending adjacent floor-area ratio (FAR) and height limits to their properties.
- (e) Robert Thorpe, a planning consultant, described four properties owned by Public Storage in the Bel-Red corridor. He expressed concern that one of the properties is zoned as residential under the redevelopment plan and encouraged the City to make the zoning consistent with their other three locations.
- (f) Joel Osterhoff, Stanley Real Estate, expressed concerns that property at 12611 Northup Way, which is currently zoned as LI (light industrial), is set to be rezoned to residential under the Bel-Red plan.
- (g) Don Pickens, Sherwood Shopping Center, referred to a letter from Todd Woosley in Council's desk packet requesting a 2.5 FAR designation for the Sherwood Center parcel.
- (h) Todd Woosley expressed support for increasing FAR and building height limits for the Brierwood Center properties, which he feels is consistent with a regional objective to concentrate growth in specific areas. He noted Redmond's FAR limit of 4.0 in its Overlake area. Mr. Woosley feels that increased FAR designations will accelerate redevelopment of the Bel-Red corridor and help to fund needed infrastructure.

- (i) Dave Sharp, Legacy Commercial, requested that their property at 1925 120th Avenue NE not be rezoned to residential, but to commercial-residential. He noted that the ultimate development of the larger area is unknown at this time, and C-R zoning would provide greater flexibility in redeveloping their property to adapt to surrounding uses.
- (j) Walter Scott, President of Bellevue West Little League youth program, indicated he was speaking also on behalf of Bellevue East Little League. He described the difficulty in scheduling sports fields, and encouraged the development of three baseball diamonds on the Eastgate/former Boeing property.

Mayor Degginger requested an update from staff on the parks master planning process for the property.

- (k) Debbie Vaught, President of the Bellevue Botanical Garden Society, congratulated the Council and staff on the passage of the parks and open space ballot measure. She encouraged Council approval of the updated Garden Master Plan.

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

5. Report of the City Manager

- (a) Review of 2009 Guidelines for Eastside Arts Partnerships and Special Projects Funding Programs

City Manager Steve Sarkozy provided introductory comments regarding arts funding.

Mary Pat Byrne, Arts Specialist, reviewed the 2009 guidelines for the Eastside Arts Partnerships and Special Projects funding programs. She explained the similarities and differences in the two programs. Guidelines for Special Projects funding remain the same as in 2008.

Ms. Byrne recalled that last year the Council and the Arts Commission discussed whether to provide EAP funding to two organizations that received significant funding from the Council separate from the EAP review process. The Arts Commission recommended against additional funding, and Council approved the recommendation. Following subsequent review, the Commission recommends an eligibility criterion for 2009 stating that organizations receiving funding from the City Council outside of the regular grant review process will not be eligible for EAP funding during the same year.

Ms. Byrne responded to questions of clarification from the Council.

Responding to Councilmember Chelminiak, Ms. Byrne said the Bellevue Downtown Association received a direct allocation from the Council for the Bellevue Jazz Festival and would therefore not be eligible for EAP funding. However, the Bellevue Downtown Association could apply for Special Projects funding for something other than the jazz festival.

Planning and Community Development Director Matt Terry suggested that Council could consider establishing a threshold, for example \$100,000, below which an organization could apply for funding from either program. However, they would not be able to apply for funding above that amount.

Mr. Chelminiak feels each application for funding should be evaluated strictly on its merits, and he would like to maintain a level playing field in the allocation of funds.

Deputy Mayor Balducci expressed general support for the recommended eligibility criterion. However, she suggested specifying that dual funding could not be provided for the same project or purpose.

Mayor Degginger expressed concern that prohibiting organizations from applying for EAP funds because they have received funding from the City Council is unnecessarily punitive.

Councilmember Noble recalled that he was the only Councilmember who voted against the Arts Commission's recommendation last year to exclude organizations from requesting funds from both sources. He feels an organization should be allowed to compete for funds based strictly on the merits of its programs and services.

→ Deputy Mayor Balducci moved to approve an eligibility criterion stating that applicants receiving funding for operations directly from the City Council outside of the Eastside Arts Partnerships (EAP) review process will not be eligible for EAP funding for the same project or program during the year in which Council's direct funding is applicable. Mayor Degginger seconded the motion.

→ The motion establishing an eligibility criterion related to EAP funding carried by a vote of 7-0.

(b) Management Brief – Report on Snow and Ice Event

Mike Jackman, Utilities Department, referenced the management brief in Council's desk packet and reported on the City's response to December snow and ice events. He responded to questions of clarification from the Council.

Mayor Degginger and Councilmembers commended City crews for their hard work.

Deputy Mayor Balducci requested a review of the prioritizing of streets for clean-up, as well as the advantages and disadvantages of using salt.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

At the Mayor's suggestion, there were no reports.

7. Approval of the Agenda

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to approve the agenda, with the addition of Agenda Item 11(b) to consider Resolution No. 7869. Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the agenda, as amended, carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. Consent Calendar

→ Councilmember Noble moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Davidson seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Minutes of February 7-9, 2008 Council Retreat
Minutes of November 24, 2008 Special Meeting
Minutes of November 24, 2008 Extended Study Session
Minutes of December 1, 2008 Study Session
Minutes of December 1, 2008 Regular Session
Minutes of December 8, 2008 Study Session
Minutes of December 8, 2008 Regular Session
- (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period of December 16, 2008 through December 26, 2008 and payroll for the period of November 16, 2008 through November 30, 2008.
- (c) Resolution No. 7850 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with First Response Activation, in an amount not to exceed \$90,001.30, for the purchase of new emergency notification pagers that will be utilized by King County Fire Zone 1 agencies as part of the implementation of the King County Zone 1 Station and Paging Alerting project.
- (d) Resolution No. 7851 authorizing execution of a second amendment to the agreement with Cabot Dow to extend the contract period through December 31, 2010; and increasing the contract amount by \$50,000, to complete upcoming negotiation of four successor labor agreements, impact bargaining with Police Support Guild due to NORCOM, and other union-related matters such as grievances, mediation, or interest arbitration as needed.
- (e) Resolution No. 7852 authorizing execution of a one-year agreement with Premera Blue Cross as a Third Party Administrator, in the amount of \$640,000, to administer the City's self-insured medical and prescription drug benefit programs for 2009.
- (f) Resolution No. 7853 authorizing execution of an agreement with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue (BGCB), in an amount not to exceed \$86,500, to continue

the operation of the Ground Zero Teen Center and BGCB satellite sites in partnership with the City.

- (g) Resolution No. 7854 authorizing execution of a three-year contract with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue (BGCB), in an amount not to exceed \$225,000, for the purpose of operating after-school recreation services at Lake Hills Elementary School, as part of the Wrap-Around Services Programs.
- (h) Parks & Community Services General Services Contracts with an estimated value of \$2,128,176.49 for landscape maintenance services.

Resolution No. 7855 authorizing execution of a two-year General Services Contract, with an optional two-year renewal, with Canber Corps, in an amount not to exceed \$1,013,711.18 for maintenance at 27 Natural Resources sites.

Resolution No. 7856 authorizing execution of a two-year General Services Contract, with an optional two-year renewal, with Canber Corps, in an amount not to exceed \$135,645.34, for maintenance at 3 Resource Management sites.

Resolution No. 7857 authorizing execution of a two-year General Services Contract, with an optional two-year renewal, with Signature Landscape, in an amount not to exceed \$362,830.15, for maintenance at 15 Natural Resources sites.

Resolution No. 7858 authorizing execution of a two-year General Services Contract, with an optional two-year renewal, with Total Landscape, in an amount not to exceed \$186,374.15 for maintenance at 36 Natural Resources sites.

Resolution No. 7859 authorizing execution of a two-year General Services Contract, with an optional two-year renewal, with Total Landscape, in an amount not to exceed \$126,609.60 for maintenance at 3 Resource Management sites.

Resolution No. 7860 authorizing execution of a two-year General Services Contract, with an optional two-year renewal, with Teufel Landscape, in an amount not to exceed \$80,303.46, for maintenance at 24 Water Utility sites.

Resolution No. 7861 authorizing execution of a renewal of a two-year General Services Contract with Canber Corps, in an amount not to exceed \$119,567.50, for maintenance at 16 Natural Resources sites.

Resolution No. 7862 authorizing execution of a renewal of a two-year General Services Contract with Canber Corps, in an amount not to exceed \$26,857.60, for maintenance at the Bellevue Service Center.

Resolution No. 7863 authorizing execution of a renewal of a two-year General Services Contract with Signature Landscape, in an amount not to exceed \$39,390.11, for maintenance at 4 Natural Resources sites.

Resolution No. 7864 authorizing execution of a renewal of a two-year General Services Contract with Total Landscape, in an amount not to exceed \$36,887.40, for maintenance at 4 Natural Resources sites.

- (i) Resolution No. 7865 authorizing execution of all documents necessary to grant the property owners of 1821 104th Avenue SE, the option of pursuing a Boundary Line Adjustment, and transfer undeveloped, natural land of equal value to the City to be incorporated into the park commonly known as Killarney Glen Park.
- (j) Resolution No. 7866 authorizing execution of an agreement with Timbercraft Homes, in an amount not to exceed \$80,240.35, to purchase and install two custom-built picnic shelter frames at Crossroads Park adjacent to the Water Spray Playground located at 16140 NE 8th Street.
- (k) Resolution No. 7867 authorizing execution of an agreement with Owen Equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$76,000, for the purchase of an Applied Sweepers 636 HS Green Machine for maintaining hard surfaces associated with streetscapes throughout the City.

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

- (a) Resolution No. 7868 approving the 2008 Bellevue Botanical Garden Master Plan Update.

Glenn Kost, Parks Planning and Development Manager, briefly reviewed and requested Council adoption of the 2008 Bellevue Botanical Garden Master Plan Update.

→ Councilmember Chelminiak moved to approve Resolution No. 7868, and Councilmember Lee seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve Resolution No. 7868 carried by a vote of 7-0.

- (b) Resolution No. 7869 authorizing the Third Amendment to the Agreement of Purchase and Sale of Real Property with Seattle Children's Hospital to extend the closing date and authorizing all steps necessary to close the sale of the property.

Kate Berens, Deputy City Attorney, explained that Resolution No. 7869 extends the closing date for the sale of property to Seattle Children's Hospital. The property was originally designated as a possible jail site and is being sold by the City on behalf of King County cities.

Noting her employment with King County as Regional Jail Coordinator, Deputy Mayor Balducci recused herself from the vote.

- Councilmember Chelminiak moved to approve Resolution No. 7869, and Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.
 - The motion to approve Resolution No. 7869 carried by a vote of 6-0, with Deputy Mayor Balducci recused.
12. Unfinished Business: None.
 13. Continued Oral Communications: None.
 14. New Business: None.
 15. Executive Session: None.
 16. Adjournment

At 9:48 p.m., Mayor Degginger declared recess to return to the Study Session Agenda.

Myrna L. Basich
City Clerk

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