

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

January 22, 2008  
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber  
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

Following a reception for retiring Councilmember Connie Marshall, the meeting was called to order at 8:34 p.m. with Mayor Degginger presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call, all Councilmembers were present. Councilmember Chelminiak led the flag salute.

- (a) Commendation of Councilmember Connie Marshall for Her Years of Service to the City

Mayor Degginger commended retiring Councilmember Connie Marshall for her years of service on the City Council, including two terms as Mayor. He praised her significant role in encouraging others to participate in community service and leadership through organizations and on Boards, Commissions, and the City Council.

Mayor Degginger read a commendation recognizing Councilmember Marshall's service to the community and region.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Special Communications – Retiring Councilmember Marshall

Mayor John Marchione, on behalf of the Redmond City Council, thanked Councilmember Marshall for her role as an advocate for the Eastside in regional issues and for her leadership in working jointly with the City of Redmond on transportation and land use planning issues.

Reagan Dunn, King County Councilmember, read a commendation from the King County Council recognizing Councilmember Marshall for her public service.

Lisa Jensen, Newcastle City Councilmember, thanked Mrs. Marshall for her support and advice through Ms. Jensen's recent campaign.

Jean Berry, former Yarrow Point Mayor, said she has enjoyed working with Councilmember Marshall over the years and has learned a great deal from her.

Mike Creighton, former Bellevue Mayor, thanked Mrs. Marshall for her dedication and long-term service to Bellevue.

Margot Blacker, former Bellevue Mayor, noted her service with Mrs. Marshall on the Puget Sound Regional Council's Growth Management Board and thanked her for her contributions on the City Council.

Iris Toscher commended Mrs. Marshall's leadership and wished her well in the future.

Paul Mills, Bellevue School Board, complimented Mrs. Marshall for her position on issues and her way of serving the public.

John Jensen expressed appreciation for Councilmember Marshall's leadership and role as a mentor.

Roger Anderson, Bellevue Convention Center Authority (BCCA) Board Chair, thanked Mrs. Marshall for encouraging him toward public service. On behalf of the Board and Stacy Graven, Executive Director of Meydenbauer Convention Center, Mr. Anderson thanked Mrs. Marshall for her support of the Center and the local business community.

Marcia Johnson, Overlake Hospital Medical Center, thanked Councilmember Marshall for her vision, leadership, and commitment to the community and for helping the medical center to grow.

Fusao Kajima, Bellevue Philharmonic Music Director and Conductor, thanked Mrs. Marshall for her support of the orchestra and of Eastside cultural arts in general.

Putter Bert, Executive Director of KidsQuest Children's Museum, thanked Mrs. Marshall for her founding support of the museum and presented her with flowers.

David Schooler noted his role as co-chair of two of Mrs. Marshall's campaigns. He commended her skill, grace, dedication, and compassion as a public servant.

Shiv Batra, INCA Engineers, described Mrs. Marshall's early appreciation of the importance of multi-modal transportation planning and thanked her for her current service on the Sound Transit Board.

John Valaas described his experience in working with Mrs. Marshall for the City's 50 Fest celebration in 2003. He praised her for listening to both the business and residential communities.

Shannon Boldizar, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, thanked Councilmember Marshall for her leadership, vision, and service to Bellevue and the Eastside.

Betina Finley, Arts Commission Vice Chair, commended Mrs. Marshall's leadership and advocacy of cultural and arts initiatives.

Valentina Kiselev noted Mrs. Marshall's many accomplishments and thanked her for being a wonderful, warm person.

Sherry Ladd, Bellevue Schools Foundation, expressed appreciation for Councilmember Marshall's support of issues involving young people and education.

Leticia Lucero, Mulvaney Architecture, thanked Mrs. Marshall for her efforts to foster a healthy business environment in Bellevue. In addition, she praised her participation on the Advisory Board of the Camino Foundation, an educational resource and scholarship organization for Hispanic youth.

Barbara Peters commented on Mrs. Marshall's positive influence throughout many areas of the community.

Margaret Lowe thanked Mrs. Marshall for her support and leadership related to arts and cultural programs.

Regina Glenn commended Councilmember Marshall's ability to demonstrate the effectiveness of social responsibility and inclusion in the public process.

Sarah Langton recalled first meeting Mrs. Marshall when she was deciding to run for office and visited the Chamber of Commerce requesting information about the business community and its issues. Ms. Langton commended Councilmember Marshall's intelligence and enthusiasm throughout her active community involvement, including the founding of KidsQuest Museum.

Gail Stickles thanked Mrs. Marshall for her involvement in senior services and support of the South Bellevue Community Center and its programs.

Mayor Degginger thanked Councilmember Marshall's family for their support of her career in community service.

\_\_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_\_ **Marshall** expressed gratitude for her mother as a role model, and noted that she has learned a great deal about public administration.

Steve Marshall thanked current and former Councilmembers for working with Mrs. Marshall in a manner that enabled her to be an effective public servant. He noted that the family enjoyed their weekly debates following Council meetings and the opportunity to learn about issues affecting their community and region.

City Manager Steve Sarkozy commended Councilmember Marshall's leadership, vision and teamwork in serving the community and working with City staff.

Deputy Mayor Balducci recalled Mrs. Marshall's involvement when she was Deputy Mayor in helping residents mobilize to save their local grocery store. Ms. Balducci noted that Mrs. Marshall inspired her to pursue public service, in the same way that she has encouraged others toward community involvement.

Councilmember Chelminiak commended Mrs. Marshall's ability to get things done.

Councilmember Noble praised Mrs. Marshall's leadership through her attitude and her actions.

Councilmember Davidson complimented Councilmember Marshall's ability to focus on issues and get things done.

Councilmember Lee commended Mrs. Marshall's energy, vision, and leadership.

Mayor Degginger said he will miss Mrs. Marshall at Council meetings, and he wished her well in the future.

Councilmember Marshall said she has been honored to serve on the City Council. She expressed gratitude for the many people who have helped her throughout her public service, and she thanked City staff for their collaborative efforts.

(b) Special Communications – King County Report

King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn provided an update on his activities during the past year. He praised regional discussions that helped to move the Regional Transit Investment District (RTID) forward, and noted that 56 percent of voters supported the roads and transit ballot measure. He feels these discussions were particularly important for bringing the issue of replacing the SR 520 bridge to the forefront. Although the proposition failed at the polls, it received the needed 60 percent voter support in King County excluding Seattle voters.

Councilmember Dunn described his sponsorship of transparency in taxation legislation, noting that all King County homeowners will now receive a detailed breakdown of where their taxes are allocated. Previously only those homeowners who are not paying taxes through a mortgage payment received this information. Mr. Dunn noted his involvement in initiating a ballot measure that supports having an elected, non-partisan County Auditor. He participated in discussions regarding the Pratt wilderness area in the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie River and worked with interested parties to develop a proposal that has been forwarded to Congressman Reichert, who will support the legislation.

Councilmember Dunn noted his involvement in authoring and sponsoring legislation to adopt development permitting reforms that will decrease fees, create a citizen expert review panel, and modify provisions regarding voluntary compliance agreements. He reviewed his involvement in additional issues including Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and affordable housing. He opposed more tax increases than any other County Councilmember, although he supports increased tax revenue for RTID and transportation projects.

Mr. Dunn currently serves as Chairman of the Republican Caucus and was recently elected to serve as Republican Vice Chair of the County Council. He looks forward to continuing to work with the Bellevue City Council. Additional issues of interest are the Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center in Bellevue, additional reforms related to development permitting, Eastside transit services, and legislation that will make it easier for landlords to evict tenants running methamphetamine labs.

Responding to Mayor Degginger, Councilmember Dunn said he will support the Cascade Water Alliance's franchise application that will enable the construction of a pipeline to connect to the Tacoma line.

(c) Other Oral Communications

David Schooler, President of SRO, requested a Comprehensive Plan change related to the floor-area ratio (FAR) for Factoria Subarea development.

Bob Jacobs, St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, expressed support for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) that would allow the addition of affordable housing adjacent to the church.

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

5. Report of the City Manager

(a) APWA Accreditation Award Presentation

City Manager Steve Sarkozy announced that the American Public Works Association (APWA) recently awarded the Transportation Department full accreditation status and renewed the Utilities Department's accreditation for another four years.

John Ostrowski, APWA Accreditation Council, described the accreditation process and the objective for encouraging continuous improvement in public works operations. He presented accreditation plaques to both departments.

→ Deputy Mayor Balducci moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m., and Mr. Noble seconded the motion.

→ The motion to extend the meeting carried by a vote of 7-0.

Utilities Director Denny Vidmar commended staff for their exceptional public service.

Transportation Director Goran Sparrman thanked his staff, Utilities Department staff, and the City Council for their hard work and support of the accreditation process.

Mayor Degginger congratulated everyone on this achievement.

(b) Storm Debrief

Mr. Sarkozy noted meeting packet materials providing an update on the City's response to the recent winter storm.

Councilmember Marshall thanked Nav Otal, Utilities Deputy Director, for her hard work.

(c) Sale of Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) Bonds [Moved from Study Session, Agenda Item 3(a)]

Finance Director Jan Hawn commented on a City Council Special Meeting scheduled for January 24 to take action on Resolution No. 7687 regarding the sale of Limited Tax General Obligation (LTGO) bonds.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

Mayor Degginger noted that Deputy Mayor Balducci performed in Bellevue Youth Theatre's production of "Cats."

7. Approval of the Agenda

→ Councilmember Davidson moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Marshall seconded the motion.

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

8. Consent Calendar

→ Deputy Mayor Balducci moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Dr. 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 January 7, 2008 Study Session
- Minutes of January 7, 2008 Regular Session
- Minutes of January 8, 2008 Legislative Breakfast

- (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period January 5, 2008 through January 18, 2008, and payroll for the period December 16, 2007 through December 31, 2007.
  - (c) Resolution No. 7680 authorizing approval of payment for a Release of All Claims in final settlement of a claim filed against the City for property damage to the Komen residence caused by a water system failure.
  - (d) Resolution No. 7681 authorizing execution of a new labor agreement effective upon signing through 2009 with the Bellevue Police Support Guild representing police communications and clerical employees.
  - (e) Resolution No. 7682 authorizing execution of a 2008-2010 successor labor agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers representing signal and electronics employees.
  - (f) Resolution No. 7683 authorizing execution of a contract with Total Landscape Corporation in the amount of \$93,444 including the purchase of plant materials in an amount not to exceed \$47,000 from a qualified vendor to construct the Lake Hills Connector Gateway Project. [CIP No. P-AD-78 and CD-22)
  - (g) Resolution No. 7684 authorizing execution of a consultant agreement with HDR, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$202,674.31, plus any applicable taxes, for engineering design services for two neighborhood sidewalk segments: 1) SE 26<sup>th</sup> Street between 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and West Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, and 2) Somerset Avenue SE between Somerset Boulevard SE and Somerset Place SE, to be implemented through the Supplemental CIP Neighborhood Sidewalk program. [CIP No. PW-W/B-76]
  - (h) Resolution No. 7685 authorizing execution of a sole source purchasing agreement with Titan Sales Group in an amount not to exceed \$956,690.28 plus any applicable taxes for the purchase of two 2008 Camel Hydro Excavator Combination Trucks to be used for scheduled equipment replacement.
  - (i) Resolution No. 7686 authorizing execution of an extension until December 31, 2008, of the cable TV franchise granted pursuant to Resolution No. 6144 to Millennium Digital Media, formerly known as Summit Communications, Inc.
9. Public Hearings: None.
10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions
- (a) Ordinance No. 5793 authorizing execution of all documents necessary to accomplish the sale of City property along NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Place to HEI, Inc., with retention of a public easement on the surface of the property; to amend the 2007-

2013 CIP Plan by adjusting the project budget and description for the NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street roadway enhancements [PW-R-150]; and to amend the 2007-2013 General Capital Investment Program (CIP) fund to increase the appropriation by \$1,065,000.

City Manager Steve Sarkozy opened discussion regarding Ordinance No. 5793, which will authorize the sale of City property at NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE to HEI, Inc., for a purchase price of \$1,065,000. HEI owns property adjacent to this parcel, and has applied for design review approval to build a hotel and parking structure. The City will retain a public easement on the surface of the property, and HEI will contribute \$250,000 toward the construction of a park above the underground parking garage.

Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran briefly reviewed the terms of the agreement. The project represents an opportunity for the City to benefit from the sale of the parcel while retaining the surface of the property for public use.

→ Deputy Mayor Balducci moved to adopt Ordinance No. 5793, and Mr. Chelminiak seconded the motion.

→ The motion to adopt Ordinance No. 5793 carried by a vote of 7-0.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications: None.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 10:10 p.m., Mayor Degginger declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich  
City Clerk

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