CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

October 19, 2015 Council Chamber
8:00 p.m. Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: Councilmembers Robertson and Robinson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., with Mayor Balducci presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers, except Councilmember Robertson and Councilmember Robinson, were present. Councilmember Lee led the flag salute.

Mayor Balducci said she invited KidsQuest Museum representatives to the meeting to celebrate the progress of the new museum project.

Putter Bert, President and CEO of KidsQuest Museum, said the organization has raised approximately $8.6 million, with $2 million pending, toward the $12.7 million capital campaign goal. The new facility is scheduled to open in the fall of 2016. She thanked the City for its support of the project.

Mayor Balducci declared a brief recess to allow photographs.

(a) Legislative Update by Representative McBride

House Representative Joan McBride for the 48th District provided an update on the 2015 state legislative session. She said the region was able to receive $1.2 billion to complete the I-405 project, $1.6 billion for SR 520, and $5.5 million for the Eastside Bike Share expansion.

The transportation budget for Bellevue provides $14 million for the Mountains to Sound Greenway, $2.8 million for the SR 520 regional bike path and trail, and $40.9 million for the SR 520/124th NE Interchange.

In the capital budget, Bellevue received $1.5 million for the Bellevue Downtown Park Inspiration Playground and Sensory Garden and $1.2 million for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Bellevue's Main Club project and Hidden Valley Fieldhouse project.

Representative McBride said she sponsored the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) flexibility bill. She thanked the City of Bellevue for bringing forward the first bill that she passed, which allows the Fire Department to purchase new fire suppression vehicles, especially ladder trucks, that previously exceeded the length and weight limits for roads. Ms. McBride said she wants to work with the Bellevue City Council as it develops its next legislative agenda in order to be a champion for Bellevue.

Deputy Mayor Wallace said the transportation package turned out very well for Bellevue. He expressed appreciation for Representative McBride's hard work and for all of the legislators who supported the transportation package.

Mr. Wallace expressed concern about the levy swap issue under discussion by the House. He said some versions of related legislation would increase the annual property tax for an average home in the Bellevue School District by $900. These funds would then be redistributed around the state. He said this is an important issue for the Bellevue School District, Lake Washington School District, and Mercer Island School District. He suggested that everyone work together to learn more and to collaborate for a favorable solution.

Representative McBride concurred that this is a critical issue for the 48th District and the school districts he mentions. She believes there are ways to address inequities without pulling funding from districts that are doing very well.

Councilmember Stokes agreed that this is an important concern. He said the state will need to find innovative ways to fund education without harming Eastside school districts. Ms. McBride observed that every child in the state deserves the quality of education found on the Eastside.

Mayor Balducci thanked Representative McBride and the state legislature for a significant list of accomplishments. Ms. Balducci thanked Ms. McBride for sponsoring the legislation on behalf of the Bellevue Fire Department. Ms. McBride said Fire Department officials were present at the bill signing and were pleased to be part of the legislative process.

Councilmember Lee said he appreciates having a legislator who understands and works hard for local needs.

3. Approval of Agenda

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the agenda, and Deputy Mayor Wallace seconded the motion.

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

4. Communications: Written and Oral

(a) Lindy Bruce, speaking on behalf of the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy (CENSE), recalled John Merrill's comments the previous week about Puget Sound Energy's Energize Eastside project. She noted that she served on PSE's Community Advisory Group for this project. She proposed that the best solution for the environment is to decrease energy demand. While Mr. Merrill's suggested use of peaker plants would eliminate the need for huge transmission lines, it would perpetuate an energy strategy based on coal-generated electricity. Ms. Bruce said the Energize Eastside project would remove thousands of trees. She encouraged PSE to consider stronger conservation programs that would reduce energy bills for customers who reduce electrical usage during peak hours. Ms. Bruce submitted her comments in writing.

(b) Alex Zimmerman, StandUP-America, said Seattle and King County are fascist governments. He urged citizens to not support Democrats, not because Republicans are better but, because this region does not have choices.

(c) Stephanie Walter recalled that she advocated with Spiritwood neighbors to strengthen the rules and regulations affecting single-family room rentals. She said it is important that regulations are enforced to preserve the quality of life in neighborhoods. She noted that an individual spoke recently during a Council meeting to express concerns about a Code Enforcement Officer. Ms. Walter said her neighborhood has worked successfully for many years with the officer, who has an extremely challenging job but continues to demonstrate professionalism and compassion toward residents. Ms. Walter said the speaker mentioned Mr. Tsong, who is part of a group of investors that has purchased and remodeled many houses, sometimes without building permits. Ms. Walter expressed concern about the motivation behind the accusations against City staff. She said Mr. Tsong continues to advertise individual room rentals in the Spiritwood neighborhood despite the new regulations making that illegal.

Mayor Balducci indicated that the City received a number of emails in support of the Code Enforcement Officer.

(d) Betsi Hummer said she was speaking as an individual. She wanted to clarify misinformation she has heard regarding Puget Sound Energy's proposed Lake Hills transmission line and the 2006 power outage. She said she was elected to the East Bellevue Community Council in 2014. In June 2015, Puget Sound Energy applied for a Conditional Use Permit to construct a redundant transmission line connecting the Lake Hills and Phantom Lake substations. This matter went before the EBCC, which was instructed to study the permit criteria. If any criteria were found to not be met, there would be cause to disapprove the permit. Two criteria were not met. The design was not compatible with the intended character of the subject property, and the increased reliability was not proven. Ms. Hummer said the EBCC disapproved the CUP. The route proposed by the permit followed NE 8th Street and 148th Avenue, which were designed under the City's urban boulevard guidelines. She said there are no visible utilities along

those corridors. She said PSE's project would remove mature trees and plantings and replace them with low-growing shrubbery that would make the 80-foot transmission poles the only visible feature along the streets. Ms. Hummer said transmission lines connect substations and power stations. Distribution lines bring the power to individual homes. She said PSE officials have indicated during EBCC public hearings over the years that power outages would not have been avoided by the redundant transmission line. Ms. Hummer said major storm outages have been caused by downed distribution lines. She said PSE's transmission line project application indicated that outages such as the one in 2006 would not occur with the redundant transmission line. However, Ms. Hummer said that is not the case. She invited residents to attend East Bellevue Community Council meetings and referred them to the email address: ebcc@bellevuewa.gov.

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

6. Report of the City Manager: None.

7. Council Business and New Initiatives

There was no discussion.

8. Consent Calendar

→ Deputy Mayor Wallace moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 5-0, and the following items were approved:

(a) Council Meeting Minutes
Minutes for September 21, 2015 Study Session
Minutes for September 21, 2015 Regular Session
Minutes for September 28, 2015 Extended Study Session

(b) Resolution No. 8981 authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute the Water and Sewer Utility Assumption Agreement between City of Bellevue and City of Issaquah.

(c) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period September 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015.

(d) Resolution No. 8982 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with Civic Live, in an amount not to exceed, $220,000, including Washington State sales tax, for the purchase of a complete redesign of the City of Bellevue's website and a year of content management and website hosting.

(e) Resolution No. 8983 authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the existing Water Facilities Agreement between the City of Bellevue and the City of Issaquah.

(f) Resolution No. 8984 authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement for the Watershed Basins within Water Resource Inventory Area 8.

(g) Ordinance No. 6258 authorizing: 1) execution of a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Subgrant Agreement with the Washington State Military Department to accept grant funds in the amount of $364,948 for vulnerable populations planning, public preparedness education and outreach, UASI program coordination and grant management/administration; 2) amendment of the 2015-2016 Budget in the Operating Grants, Donations and Special Reserves Fund by increasing appropriation by $364,948; and 3) authorizing expenditures from said fund.

(h) Resolution No. 8985 authorizing execution of a purchase agreement with L.N. Curtis & Sons for the purchase of up to 150 sets of fire turnout gear for the Fire Department in an amount not to exceed $350,000 plus applicable Washington State sales tax.

(i) Resolution No. 8986 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call landscape architecture and urban design services with SvR Design Company.

(j) Resolution No. 8987 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call landscape architectural and project management services with Richard VanDeMark Landscape Architect Inc.

(k) Resolution No. 8988 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call project management and construction management services with Ronald Seng Landscape Architect.

(l) Resolution No. 8989 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call architectural, landscape architecture, urban design, project management and construction management services with KPG Inc.

(m) Resolution No. 8990 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call project management and construction management services with KPFF Consulting Engineers Inc.

(n) Resolution No. 8991 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call architectural services with TCA Architecture Planning Inc.

(o) Resolution No. 8992 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call architecture and urban design services with LMN Architects.

(p) Resolution No. 8993 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call architectural services with ARC Architects.

(q) Resolution No. 8994 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call construction management services with TranTech Engineering LLC.

(r) Resolution No. 8995 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call landscape architecture and urban design services with Barker Landscape Architects.

(s) Resolution No. 8996 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call architectural, landscape architecture and urban design services with Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects LLP.

(t) Resolution No. 8997 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call landscape architectural and urban design services with HBB Hough Beck & Baird Inc.

(u) Resolution No. 8998 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call architectural and urban planning services with MAKERS Architecture and Urban Design.

(v) Resolution No. 8999 granting authority to execute a one-year contract extension for on-call urban design services with NBBJ LP.

(w) Resolution No. 9000 ratifying a proposed amendment to the King County Countywide Planning Policies outlining a process for jurisdictions working together to identify future school sites within the urban growth area.

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications: None.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 8:32 p.m., Mayor Balducci declared the meeting adjourned.

Kyle Stannert
Acting City Clerk

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