

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

September 21, 2015
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: Mayor Balducci and Councilmember Lee

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 p.m., with Deputy Mayor Wallace presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

All Councilmembers, except Mayor Balducci and Councilmember Lee, were present. Councilmember Chelminiak led the flag salute.

3. Approval of Agenda

→ Councilmember Robinson moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Robertson seconded the motion.

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

4. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Patricia Magnani said she wanted to clear up some misconceptions. She said Eastside residents are not opposed to reliable electricity. However, they disagree with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) that the Energize Eastside project is necessary to avoid future power outages. She recalled that a representative of CENSE (Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy) testified the previous week about the unrealistic outage scenarios described by PSE. As the lead agency for the environmental impact statement (EIS) review, Ms. Magnani said the City bears a responsibility to consider the impacts of this project on Eastside neighborhoods. She asked the City to save millions of dollars for ratepayers, save thousands of trees, and to minimize the risk of a potentially deadly pipeline accident by placing the transmission lines in the pipeline corridor. Ms. Magnani submitted her comments in writing.

- (b) David Plummer commented on Agenda Item 15-385 regarding a contract to create 140th Avenue NE mid-block crossings. He urged the Council to not approve the contract. He said the proposed project has never been coordinated with the residents and businesses near the location. He said the pedestrian crossing rates are far below federal standards for mid-block crossings. The existing median is not suitable for pedestrian refuge and no specific information was developed with Metro regarding bus service on 140th Avenue NE. Mr. Plummer submitted his comments in writing.
 - (c) Alex Zimmerman, StandUP-America, reiterated his ongoing request for monthly community discussions with the City Manager. He said the 130,000 residents do not care about getting involved with the City, and he called the Council and City Manager fascists. He said there is a need to restore the American constitution and common sense.
 - (d) John Davis expressed support for CENSE and their work regarding PSE's Energize Eastside project. His primary concern regarding the transmission lines is the visual impacts.
5. Reports of Community Council, Boards and Commissions: None.
6. Report of the City Manager
- (a) Management Brief on Completion of the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV Project

City Manager Brad Miyake said the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) recently completed the SR 520 Eastside Transit and HOV project and the SR 520 Pontoon Construction project. He noted that a management brief in the meeting packet provides additional details. Mr. Miyake welcomed Denise Cieri from WSDOT to the meeting.

Rick Logwood, Project Manager, said this is a significant milestone and one of five phases of the SR 520 corridor improvements. The projects were made possible through the Council's involvement and early collaboration with Eastside cities, which resulted in an Eastside cities agreement in 2006. This leveraged additional funding through the state legislature for the project.

Mr. Logwood said the work was supported by City staff in the City Attorney's Office, Civic Services, Development Services, Parks and Community Services Department, Utilities Department and Transportation Department over the past five years since construction began. Local benefits of the project include 2,400 linear feet of new water and sewer lines serving Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Medina and the Points Communities.

Ms. Cieri presented two framed renderings by a local artist depicting the projects. She said WSDOT appreciated the City's partnership and City staff support to ensure the success of the State's projects. She commended Bellevue and the Eastside for being the first to move the

projects forward. Ms. Cieri said WSDOT recently received funding from the state legislature to continue to move the project forward.

Ms. Cieri said City of Seattle officials were given a tour of the Eastside project to illustrate what WSDOT can deliver when given the opportunity to partner with local agencies. The floating bridge will be completed in the spring and a grand opening event is anticipated before the roadway opens to traffic. She said the west approach bridge to Montlake will be completed in the summer of 2017. The next step will be to extend six lanes to I-5, which will be completed through two or three phases.

Councilmember Robinson said she appreciated the traffic mitigation provided by WSDOT throughout the work. She asked Ms. Cieri to describe the noise reduction system and its effectiveness.

Ms. Cieri said WSDOT follows the same standards utilized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHA). This involves traffic counts and traffic projections based on the configuration of the roadway throughout construction and the surrounding topography. Responding to Ms. Robinson, Ms. Cieri said before and after studies were conducted for some points along I-405 and SR 520, and the mitigation measures were shown to effectively meet the noise reduction targets.

Councilmember Stokes said it is exciting to see the progress of the SR 520 bridge replacement project. He said the project has regional benefits affecting transit/HOV, general traffic, and pedestrian/bike operations. The project provides significant environmental and community enhancements including stream improvements, new fish-friendly culverts on the Eastside, wetlands restoration in Redmond, stormwater retention and treatment facilities, and the new freeway lids at Evergreen Point Road, 84th Avenue NE, and 92nd Avenue NE.

Deputy Mayor Wallace questioned the schedule for moving the bottleneck away from the west side of the bridge to I-5.

Ms. Cieri said the HOV lane is currently required to merge just before the lake traveling westbound. In April 2016, the merge point will move closer to the center of the lake. However, HOV traffic will merge back into fewer lanes until the west side of the project is completed. When the project reaches Montlake in 2017, more capacity will be added for that location. However, construction on the segment to I-5 will not begin until late 2017 or early 2018. The lid at Montlake will provide direct access HOV lanes. The final phase will improve the Portage Bay bridge to current earthquake standards all the way to I-5 and complete the pedestrian/bike path across I-5.

Mr. Wallace questioned which project segment provides three lanes in each direction all the way to I-5. Ms. Cieri said that will occur when the Portage Bay bridge is completed. That

construction will begin in late 2017. Completion will occur over phases based on funding.

Deputy Mayor Wallace questioned whether WSDOT has everything its needs for design and permitting. Ms. Cieri said there is a Record of Decision (ROD) for the project. Any project modifications over the past couple of years based on working with Seattle neighborhoods will require an updated environmental process. None of those changes are anticipated to cause project delays.

Responding to Mr. Wallace, Ms. Cieri said the City of Seattle has a resolution defining the project out for public comment now.

Moving on, Mr. Miyake referenced the matter raised by Mr. Plummer regarding the 140th Avenue NE mid-block crossings project [Agenda Item 8(d)].

Transportation Director Dave Berg said the project manager, Mark Poch, has been out of the office but that he would provide a general update. Mr. Berg said the project was in response to a number of requests for crossing improvements, especially toward the north end of the corridor between NE 8th Street and BelRed Road. This segment is approximately one-half mile and there are no marked crosswalks. This is a three-lane roadway with relatively heavy traffic and a 30 miles per hour speed limit. There is dense multifamily housing on the west side of the road and small businesses and offices on the east side of the road. The City conducted video surveillance in March and took traffic counts at corridor locations. Staff determined that establishing marked crosswalks with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) components, improved medians, upgraded lighting, and rapid flashing beacons would attract more individuals to use the crosswalk.

Mr. Berg said the City conducted a crosswalk criteria evaluation process, which involved the application of City standards for non-signalized crossings. He said federal standards are required for signalized crosswalks. Both mid-block crossing locations were rated very high under the City's system for public safety improvements. The City received matched grant funding from the State to complete the project.

Deputy Mayor Wallace thanked Mr. Berg for the update and noted a Council consensus to retain the item in the Consent Calendar.

7. Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Stokes distributed a letter in support of grant funding being sought by Pacific Northwest Ballet (PNB) to offset its relocation costs. The building in the BelRed corridor is being displaced by Sound Transit's East Link light rail alignment. Mr. Stokes asked Councilmembers to determine whether they want to sign and submit the letter. He read the letter seeking funding from King County 4Culture.

Deputy Mayor Wallace said he would like to sign the letter. Responding to Councilmember Chelminiak, Mr. Stokes said Councilmembers could submit letters as individuals. However, if all Councilmembers agree, the Council could submit a joint letter.

Councilmember Stokes distributed copies of the agenda for the Planning Commission's annual retreat on September 30 at Impact Hub Bellevue. One of the agenda items will be a panel of experts on "smart cities" and national models.

8. Consent Calendar

→ Councilmember Stokes moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Robertson 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 of August 3, 2015 Study Session

Minutes of August 3, 2015 Regular Session

Minutes of September 8, 2015 Study Session

Minutes of September 8, 2015 Regular Session

(b) Resolution No. 8970 authorizing execution of an Agreement with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue (BGCB) to provide \$1.5 million towards the reconstruction of a new Main Clubhouse facility in exchange for public benefits that include priority use of program space for City-sponsored programs.

(c) Motion to award Bid No. 15093 for the Main Street and 150th Place NE Crosswalk to NPM Construction, as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, in the amount of \$141,828.50.

(d) Motion to award Bid No. 15083, 140th Avenue NE Mid-Block Crossings to Agostino Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$295,125.00 (CIP Plan No. PW-M-2).

(e) Resolution No. 8971 authorizing an increase to the construction contract with R.W. Scott Construction (Bid No. 14042) by \$256,499.70, for a total contract amount of \$2,254,841.05, for the Newport Way Sidewalk - 150th Avenue SE to 152nd Avenue SE project (CIP Plan Nos. PW-R-180 and PW-W/B-76), as part of the Annexation Area Transportation Capital and Neighborhood Sidewalk Programs.

(f) Resolution No. 8972 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. for engineering services for Lower Coal Creek Flood Hazard Reduction - Preliminary Design and Permitting Services, in the amount of

\$903,399 (CIP Plan No. D-106).

- (g) Resolution No. 8973 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with BHC Consultants for engineering design services for the Cougar Mountain #3 Pump Station Rehabilitation, in an amount not to exceed \$358,456 (CIP Plan No. W-91).
- (h) Resolution No. 8974 authorizing execution of Amendment No. 2 to the existing Interlocal Agreement with King County Water District No. 1.
- (i) Motion to approve payment of claims and payroll for the period July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015.
- (j) Resolution No. 8975 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. for engineering services for the Wilburton Sewer Capacity Upgrade Project - Services during Construction, in the amount of \$176,414.17 (CIP Plan No. S-60).
- (k) Resolution No. 8976 authorizing execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Bellevue College for a continuation of the Television Facilities Management Committee (TFMC) for the management and joint use of television production equipment, facilities, and staff.

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 8:46 p.m., Deputy Mayor Wallace declared the meeting adjourned.

Kyle Stannert
Acting City Clerk

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