

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

April 16, 2001
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Mosher, Deputy Mayor Marshall, Councilmembers Creighton, Davidson, Degginger, Lee and Noble

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by Mayor Mosher, who presided.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present. Dr. Davidson led the flag salute.

- (a) Recognition of efforts to secure federal funding for Bellevue Police Department Forensic Service Unit

Police Chief Jim Montgomery announced that the Bellevue Police Department Forensic Services Unit has been awarded a \$650,000 grant by the U.S. Congress to provide needed improvements to its crime lab. He noted that Bellevue is the only police department in the country to be so recognized in the 2001 federal budget.

Mayor Mosher said the grant funds will be used for new technologies that enhance the investigative capability of the Police Department, resulting in a greater degree of safety for Bellevue citizens. With these laboratory advances, Bellevue's forensic capabilities will rank among the best in the nation. Mayor Mosher thanked the following individuals who led this successful effort: Dr. Daniel Brzusek, retired U.S. Senator Slade Gorton, U.S. Representative Jennifer Dunn, 48th District State Representatives Luke Esser and Steve Van Luven, 41st District Representative Fred Jarrett, and King County Councilmember Rob McKenna.

Representative Van Luven said he was pleased to be involved in this team effort to benefit the community. Dr. Brzusek commended the Bellevue Police Department for its excellence and thanked elected officials for their efforts. He said Senator Gorton sends his regrets for not being

able to attend this evening. Representative Esser praised Congresswoman Dunn's leadership in securing the grant and noted that public safety is a key factor in the quality of life experienced in Bellevue.

(b) Proclamation of April 21, 2001, as Arbor Day

Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran said that Bellevue has been awarded the Tree City USA Growth Award, a special recognition of Bellevue's extra efforts to preserve and improve its community forests. He described several City projects that contributed to this effort: 1) Transportation Department's landscaping and tree improvements along 124th Avenue, 118th Avenue, and NE 30th Street, 2) Council-directed project with Lakemont Homeowners Association and Planning and Community Development staff to transfer 23 acres of Native Growth Protection Areas to the City for preservation and maintenance, 3) preservation of a 100-year-old magnolia tree on 110th Avenue, now relocated to the historic Winters House on Bellevue Way, and 4) project with Puget Sound Energy to replace trees under power lines.

Mr. Foran invited Council and the public to the City's annual Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 21 at Lakemont Community Park. More than 120 volunteers from multiple organizations will plant 2,000 trees and shrubs and resurface approximately 1,000 feet of trails in parks and public rights-of-way. He thanked the major sponsors of this event including Rabanco, Puget Sound Energy, and Starbucks.

Doug McClellan, District Manager for Washington State Department of Natural Resources, noted this is the tenth year Bellevue has received the Tree City USA award. The award symbolizes an important level of commitment and concern by residents and the City, which has a tree committee and a tree ordinance. This is the eighth year Bellevue has been awarded a Growth Award. Mr. McClellan noted that Arbor Day, unlike many holidays, looks to the future rather than the past.

Mayor Mosher read a proclamation declaring April 21, 2001, as Arbor Day and encouraged citizens to participate in community wide celebrations and beautification projects.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

Mayor Mosher noted that the rules for oral communications normally permit a maximum of three persons to speak to either side of an issue.

➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to waive the rule to allow three persons to speak to either side of each proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) on this evening's agenda, and Dr. Davidson seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to allow three persons to speak to either side of each proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) on tonight's agenda carried by a vote of 7-0.

(a) Renay Bennett asked Council to eliminate congestion allowances and business exemptions contained in the Comprehensive Plan and Traffic Standards Code.

- (b) Margo Allan encouraged Council to assume possession of King County building application #B01L0105 for the proposed Jackson condominium complex at 2211 West Lake Sammamish Parkway SE and submitted a petition to that effect.
- (c) Dan Casey concurred with Ms. Allan's comments and asked Council to review the proposed Jackson condominium project.
- (d) Kathleen Sidwell, representing the Public Art Program at Bellevue Community College, spoke in favor of the proposed Ashwood Cultural Arts Center (as presented at the April 2, 2001, City Council Study Session).
- (e) Lauren Slovic, Education and Prevention Coordinator for Children's Response Center, thanked Council for its ongoing support and announced that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Children's Response Center addresses child maltreatment, sexual victimization of children, and child trauma issues. Ms. Slovic noted that Mayor Mosher serves on the agency's advisory board. She invited the public to call (425) 688-5130 or to visit their web site (childrensresponsecenter.org) for additional information.
- (f) Ron Smith, former Councilmember, thanked the Council and the Leadership Team for sponsoring a dinner in his honor.

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

5. Report of the City Manager

City Manager Steve Sarkozy said the City recently received two awards for communications activities associated with the Access Downtown project: 1) Communicators Award, selected from a pool of 3,344 national and international entries, and 2) Award of Merit, Northwest Classics Competition sponsored by the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC). Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and Bellevue Downtown Association are partners in the Access Downtown communications efforts.

6. Council Business

Councilmembers provided their reports in the earlier Study Session.

7. Approval of the Agenda

➡ Mrs. Marshall moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Creighton seconded the motion.

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

8. Consent Calendar

Mr. Lee requested that items (g), (h), and (j) be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

- Mrs. Marshall moved to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended, and Mr. Creighton seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve the amended Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following items were approved:
 - (a) Minutes of March 1-3, 2001 Council Retreat
Minutes of March 26, 2001 Extended Study Session
Minutes of March 27, 2001 Special Meeting
Minutes of April 2, 2001 Study Session
Minutes of April 2, 2001 Regular Session
 - (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period ending April 10, 2001, and payroll for the period March 16 through March 31, 2001.
 - (c) Motion to award Bid No. 0116 for purchase of two Advanced Life Support medic vehicles in the amount of \$239,242.14 to Braun Northwest, Inc. as lowest responsive bidder.
 - (d) Resolution No. 6529 authorizing execution of an agreement negotiated as part of a wage reopener contained in the 2000-2002 collective bargaining agreement with the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 1604, representing the fire inspector employees.
 - (e) Resolution No. 6530 authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement with King County relating to processing of building permits and land use applications; and authorizing King County to charge applicants fees in amounts currently specified or hereafter adopted in King County Code Chapter 27 for applications processed by King County in accordance with the terms of the agreement approved.
[Packet materials provided under Study Session section, item 2(c).]
 - (f) Ordinance No. 5293 relating to the Comprehensive Plan, as required and adopted pursuant to the Growth Management Act of 1990, as amended, Chapter 36.70A RCW; adopting a 2001 amendment to the Shoreline Element of the Comprehensive Plan; amending the Shoreline Management Areas map (Figure SH.1) to designate Enatai and West Lake Sammamish annexation areas within the Bellevue Shoreline Master Program. (Shoreline Element CPA 01-102200-AC)
[Packet materials provided under Study Session section, item 2(b).]
 - (i) Resolution No. 6528 authorizing execution of an amendment to an interlocal agreement with the City of Redmond regarding land use planning and the funding and construction of transportation improvements in the Bel-Red/Overlake Transportation Study (BROTS) area.
 - (k) Motion to award Bid No. 0109 for replacement of 4-inch asbestos cement pipe with new 8-inch ductile iron pipe throughout the City and for installation of a new

storm drain pipe to provide a safe outlet for runoff at NE 26th Street between 98th and 100th Avenues NE in the amount of \$1,251,335.36 to Bonner Brothers Construction as low bidder. (CIP Plan Nos. W-16 and D-64)

- (l) Resolution No. 6534 authorizing execution of a Fiber Optic Cable System License Agreement with Resources Conservation Company to use a portion of the Bellevue Service Center lower parking site located at 3010 Northup Way for a fiber optic cable system.
- (m) Resolution No. 6535 authorizing execution of a revised interlocal agreement with the City of Issaquah for wholesale water service to the Glacier Ridge area.

Items for Council discussion:

- (g) Resolution No. 6536 authorizing a three-party agreement with the City of Redmond and David Evans and Associates, Inc. (DEA) for the performance of the BROTS North-South Corridor Study in the amount of \$267,000, to assist in protecting neighborhoods from traffic impacts; obligating \$133,500 as Bellevue's share. (CIP Plan No. PW-R-124)
- (h) Resolution No. 6531 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$93,854 to implement the 148th Optimization: Bel-Red to SE 24th Project as part of the BROTS North-South Corridor Study, to assist in relieving congestion and protecting neighborhoods from traffic impacts. (CIP Plan No. PW-R-124)

Mr. Lee said these items represent projects to be performed with the City of Redmond in accordance with the overall BROTS (Bellevue Redmond Overlake Transportation Study) effort. He asked staff to explain the intended outcome of the North-South Corridor Study.

Transportation Director Goran Sparrman provided a brief history of the project and the BROTS interlocal agreement with the City of Redmond. The purpose of the North-South Corridor Study is to develop specific project recommendations for improving traffic circulation in the Overlake area for both City Councils to consider.

In response to Mr. Lee, Mr. Sparrman said staff intends to recommend a list of short-term actions that can be implemented within the next 12 to 24 months to address congestion on 148th Avenue SE. The study to the north with the City of Redmond will likely result in projects with a longer time line.

In response to Mrs. Marshall, Mr. Sparrman confirmed that the City is not considering a major road widening project on 148th Avenue. The study will look at ways to optimize operations on the roadway such as improvements to signal timing and left-turn lanes.

- ☞ Mrs. Marshall moved to approve Resolution No. 6531 and Resolution No. 6536, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to approve Resolution No. 6531 and Resolution No. 6536 carried by a vote of 7-0.

(j) Access Downtown Project improvements

(1) Resolution No. 6532 authorizing execution of a Cooperative Agreement with Sound Transit for the purpose of funding the design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the Access Downtown project improvements. (CIP Plan No. PW-I-46)
[“Umbrella” agreement discussed with Council on March 19, 2001.]

(2) Resolution No. 6533 authorizing execution of a construction agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for I-405/SE 8th Street interchange modifications and local arterial street improvements. (CIP Plan No. PW-I-46)

➡ Mr. Lee moved to postpone consideration of item (j) to the April 23, 2001, Extended Study Session, and Mr. Degginger seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to postpone consideration of item (j) to April 23, 2001 carried by a vote of 7-0.

9. Public Hearings: None.

10. Land Use: None.

11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions

(a) Council motion on the suggested non-site-specific amendments for the 2001 Comprehensive Plan
[Packet materials located under Study Session, item 2(a).]

Planning Director Dan Stroh explained that the 2001 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Work Program contains three elements: 1) publicly initiated CPAs, 2) site-specific, privately initiated CPAs, and 3) docketed suggestions for CPAs by private parties. The first two elements automatically proceed as part of the 2001 CPA Work Program. However, Council has the discretion to decide whether or not to initiate the five docketed suggestions received by private parties. Staff evaluated each suggestion and recommends that none of the five be added to the 2001 CPA Work Program, but that two of the items be addressed under other CPA work items already underway or about to begin. The Planning Commission recommends that all five items be initiated as part of the 2001 CPA package.

In response to Mr. Degginger, Mr. Stroh said cities’ comprehensive plans must be consistent with the state Growth Management Act and Countywide Planning Policies. Mr. Stroh said any issues of inconsistency regarding a city’s Comprehensive Plan are addressed by the Growth

Management Hearings Board. Bellevue's Comprehensive Plan has never been challenged before this Board.

In response to Mayor Mosher, Mr. Stroh acknowledged the need to clarify what constitutes a Comprehensive Plan Amendment versus issues that may be more appropriately addressed through alternative regulatory standards.

- Mr. Noble moved to not initiate any of the five CPAs suggested by private parties as components of the 2001 CPA Work Program, and Dr. Davidson seconded the motion
- The motion to not initiate any of the five CPAs suggested by private parties as components of the 2001 CPA Work Program carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Lee dissenting.

Mr. Lee said he would have liked to have additional opportunity to consider and discuss the five items.

- Mrs. Marshall moved to direct staff to refine and clarify guidelines regarding the definition of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, and Mr. Degginger seconded the motion.
- The motion to direct staff to refine and clarify guidelines regarding the definition of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment 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 9:17 p.m., Mayor Mosher declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich
City Clerk

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