

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday
July 10, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Conference Room 1E-112
Bellevue City Hall
Bellevue, Washington

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Rogers, Vice-Chair Helland, Commissioners Carter, Kovoov, Mahon, Roberts

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Jackman, Wes Jorgenson, Tony Marcum, Stacey Morales, Nav Otal, Anne Weigle

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rogers at 6:31 p.m.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Helland and second by Commissioner Mahon to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

A. Follow-Up Questions/Answers

As requested, Ms. Otal reviewed the utility rates of Bellevue in comparison with other nearby cities.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Roberts and second by Commissioner Mahon to approve the June 5, 2008 Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Services Commission as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

5. REPORTS & SUMMARIES:

A. ESC Calendar/Council Calendar

The ESC and Council calendars were reviewed. There will not be an ESC meeting held in August.

Commissioner Roberts suggested moving some of the proposed November agenda items to alternate months to balance out some of the meeting materials.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Solid Waste Contract Opener, which is anticipated to be presented at the November Council meeting.

B. Desk Packet Materials

Conservation & Outreach Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Ms. Ota called attention to the upcoming events and volunteer discussions.

C. Utility CIP Update 2009-2015

CIP Open House & CIP Tour Follow-Up

No testimony or comments were provided at the CIP Open House.

A memo was included in the desk packet discussing the Utility CIP Update 2009-2015. There was a brief discussion regarding the Coal Creek Parkway culvert that needs to be replaced, in particular the cost responsibility of this replacement.

D. Early Outlook Forecast

Ms. Ota explained that the Early Outlook Forecast provides the financial framework on which policy decisions can be made. A recent presentation that was made to the City Council was shown. The presentation highlights included:

Budget background

Performance measures

- Provide value & satisfy customers
- Excellent service
- Protect the environment
- Breaks and pipe defect rates
- Claims and costs as pipes age

Key issues

Wholesale costs

Construction inflation

Aging infrastructure

- A video that will be aired on PBS in the fall was shown. The video's message stressed that it is "critical to reinvest and make whole the infrastructure that is falling apart across the country. Clean water is everybody's right but also everybody's

responsibility.” The video was produced by Penn State Public Broadcasting.

- Growth and mandates
- NPDES Municipal stormwater permit
- Labor resources
- Projected rate increases
 - Wastewater
 - Water
 - Stormwater
- Impact to customers
- Next steps

During the video, Councilmember Lee voiced his concern with overspending in the budget however recognizes that the infrastructure is aging and there are other uncontrollable factors involved.

Councilmember Bonincontri favors taking a proactive approach in replacing the aging infrastructure.

Deputy Mayor Balducci suggested that the drivers of the rate increase be clearly articulated.

After the presentation, Ms. Otal explained some of the driving factors for the rate increase (i.e. increase in personnel resources due to maintenance schedules). When discussing the rate increases, Commissioner Carter suggested that the line item “Aging Infrastructure, Growth, and Mandates” explain that this item is for specific projects rather than ongoing maintenance for these items.

E. Lakeline Condition Assessment

Mr. Jackman provided a presentation on the Meydenbauer Bay lakeline condition assessment and discussed the following:

- Lakeline history
- Mendenbauer Bay lakelines
 - Connections
 - Parkers and grange pump stations
 - Flush station
- Pipe condition assessment
 - Pipe strength testing and internal inspection
- Removal of pipe sections
- Internal CCTV inspection
- Lab results depicting the design strength and crust test results
- Other physical assessments
- Maintenance issues
- Options for Mendenbauer Bay

No replacement alternative
Rehabilitate lakeline
Pipe rehabilitation problems
In-lake replacement
Onshore replacement
Low pressure system/grinder pumps
Consultant recommendations
Next steps
Meydenbauer Bay replacement
Long-term options

Commissioners expressed concern with the unknown factors of the lakeline condition.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

8. DIRECTOR'S OFFICE REPORT:

Ms. OtaI reported on the following:

Meydenbauer property has recently been mowed, per Commissioner Roberts' request.

City Council recently approved the incentive system.

The next Bel-Red update will be conducted in September or October.

Commissioner Roberts requested that the orange fence near Richards Road be removed.

9. CONTINUED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Roberts and second by Commissioner Mahon to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).