

CITY OF BELLEVUE
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

February 22, 2011
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
Bellevue, Washington

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Robertson

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m., with Mayor Davidson presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call, all Councilmembers except Councilmember Robertson were present. Councilmember Wallace led the flag salute.

3. Communications: Written and Oral: None.

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

5. Report of the City Manager

City Manager Steve Sarkozy asked staff to provide an update on proposed Resolution No. 8200 [Agenda Item 8(e)], which authorizes a contract with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the use of a Washington Conservation Corps crew to implement improvements to the Coal Creek Natural Area trail system.

Dan Dewald, Natural Resource Manager, explained that the Washington Conservation Corps was established in 1983 to employ individuals aged 18-25. The agreement with DOE gives Bellevue residents a priority for employment on the six-person WCC crew over a six month period. Crews are supervised by a permanent DOE staff member. WCC crew members commit to a one-year service period and have the opportunity for a second term. They earn minimum wage, receive medical insurance, and obtain a \$5,350 AmeriCorps education award. They also qualify for the Gates Foundation's college readiness initiative. Bellevue is one of 33 jurisdictions and agencies in the state participating in the program.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

Councilmember Chelminiak attended meetings of the Probation Advisory Committee and the Human Services Commission. He recalled that the City's probation division eliminated two probation officers in the current budget, and a study is underway to evaluate the division's needs. Mr. Chelminiak said the Human Services Commission sponsored a presentation on human trafficking.

Councilmember Wallace noted a proposed bill before the state legislature addressing human trafficking. The City of Seattle sent a letter of support for the bill, and Mr. Wallace would like Bellevue to consider doing the same.

Deputy Mayor Lee attended a forum related to Mexican-American business and industry as well as the opening of a new Asian market in the Factoria area. He attended a meeting of the Regional Transit Committee. He attended the Volunteer Recognition ceremony at North Bellevue Community and Senior Center and a Neighborhood Mediation Program event.

Councilmember Balducci chaired the meeting of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation Policy Board, during which there was an update on the Urban Partnership and an extensive discussion on tolling. She said there is still a significant lack of understanding among official representatives and the public about tolling. She urged the City to conduct as much outreach as possible to get information out to the public. Ms. Balducci noted the appointment of Pierce County Executive Pat McCarthy to be Vice Chair of the Transportation Policy Board.

Ms. Balducci attended a meeting of the Sound Transit Board's Capital Committee, which included a presentation on public outreach activities associated with the East Link Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS). She said there is a growing number of citizens in favor of a Bellevue Way light rail alignment, which is a change from public input received following the DEIS.

Ms. Balducci commended the City's Neighborhood Mediation Program which trains volunteers, teens and adults, to help resolve disputes between neighbors. The program saves the City money by handling disputes that would otherwise be forwarded to staff, and it provides an effective process for residents that enables them to avoid legal actions.

Ms. Balducci acknowledged State Representative Marcie Maxwell for attending the opening of the Asian market in the Factoria area.

Councilmember Wallace attended a meeting of the Council Economic Development Working Group, which includes Deputy Mayor Lee and Councilmember Chelminiak. Mr. Wallace traveled to Olympia and met with Senator Litzow and Senator Pflug.

Councilmember Degginger attended the Board meeting of the Bellevue Convention Center Authority (BCCA)/Meydenbauer Convention Center. He invited the Center to provide a presentation on their new tourism initiative to the City Council in the near future.

Mayor Davidson went to the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) City Legislative Action

Conference in Olympia. He met with a number of legislatures, testified before the Senate Transportation Committee about express lane tolling, and attended a legislative dinner. Mayor Davidson said he spoke with Todd Bennett of DASH (Downtown Action to Save Housing), which is considering a remodeling/affordable housing project in the vicinity of 124th Avenue NE and NE 8th Street. Dr. Davidson met with Bill Thurston, who has hired a consultant to evaluate a light rail alignment along the west side of 112th Avenue SE and Bellevue Way.

7. Approval of the Agenda

→ Deputy Mayor Lee moved to approve the agenda, and Councilmember Chelminiak seconded the motion.

→ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 6-0.

8. Consent Calendar

→ Deputy Mayor Lee moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Councilmember Chelminiak seconded the motion.

Councilmember Wallace noted a number of items on the Consent Calendar representing cost savings from the original budgeted amounts. He said it would be helpful to have a discussion about where such cost savings are applied.

City Manager Sarkozy noted that all project savings remain in the Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan and are available for reallocation by the Council. Some projects are experiencing costs 30 percent to 40 percent lower than the engineer's estimates.

→ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 6-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Minutes of January 10, 2011 Extended Study Session
Minutes of January 18, 2011 Study Session
Minutes of January 18, 2011 Regular Session
Minutes of January 24, 2011 Extended Study Session
Minutes of February 7, 2011 Study Session
Minutes of February 7, 2011 Regular Session
- (b) Resolution No. 8197 authorizing execution of all documents necessary to implement settlement of the lawsuit for personal injury damages filed by Karie A. Underwood and Joseph Neil Underwood against the City and David Taylor.
- (c) Resolution No. 8198 authorizing execution of documents for the acquisition of property rights from Eastside Christian School for construction of CIP Project No. PW-R-151, 145th Place SE - Phase II - SE 16th Street to SE 24th Street and SE 22nd Street - 145th Place SE to 156th Avenue SE.

- (d) Resolution No. 8199 adopting the City of Bellevue Federal Legislative Agenda for the 2011 legislative session.
 - (e) Resolution No. 8200 authorizing execution of a general services contract with the Washington State Department of Ecology, in the amount of \$87,500, for the use of a Washington Conservation Corps crew to implement improvements to the Coal Creek Natural Area trail system.
 - (f) Motion to award Bid No. 11016 to Skyline Landscape LLC, in the amount of \$53,073.92, as the lowest responsible bidder, for replacing the central irrigation system at McCormick Park.
 - (g) Resolution No. 8201 authorizing execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the Washington State Department of Transportation and the City for completing preliminary design of pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Northup Way.
 - (h) Motion to award Bid No. 11002 for PRV #67 Replacement 2011 at Valley Green Condominiums Complex to Earthwork Enterprises, Inc., in the amount of \$116,102.85, as lowest responsible and responsive bidder (CIP Plan No. W-67).
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

At 8:29 p.m., Mayor Davidson declared recess to Executive Session to discuss one item of potential litigation.

16. Adjournment

The Executive Session concluded at 9:16 p.m., and the meeting was adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC
City Clerk

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