

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

July 1, 2013  
8:00 p.m.

Council Chamber  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Lee, Deputy Mayor Robertson, and Councilmembers Davidson and Stokes

ABSENT: Councilmembers Balducci, Chelminiak<sup>1</sup>, and Wallace

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 p.m., with Mayor Lee presiding.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call, all Councilmembers except Councilmembers Balducci and Wallace were present. [Councilmember Chelminiak participated via speakerphone for the first item.]

Councilmember Davidson led the flag salute.

- Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to allow Councilmember Chelminiak to participate for one item of Council business via speakerphone. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 4-0.
- Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to amend the agenda to add an item regarding executive search firms. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.
- The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Robertson said five Councilmembers participated in interviewing six executive search firms, all of which are highly qualified. The Councilmembers who participated in the interviews reached a consensus supporting Colin Baenziger and Associates to recruit a new City Manager.

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<sup>1</sup> Councilmember Chelminiak participated via telephone until 8:16 p.m.

→ Deputy Mayor Robertson moved to hire Colin Baenziger and Associates to conduct the executive search for the City Manager position. Councilmember Stokes seconded the motion.

Councilmember Stokes thanked staff for their work on this item.

Councilmember Chelminiak said he believes the firm will do an excellent job for the City and the community.

Dr. Davidson said he did not participate in the interviews. However, he is pleased to see unanimous support for one firm and he will support the motion.

Mayor Lee noted that this process will affect the City for years to come. He believes it was important to have taken the time to interview a number of firms.

→ The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Deputy Mayor Robertson noted that Councilmember Balducci expressed support for this firm as well.

[Councilmember Chelminiak disconnected from the meeting.]

Mayor Lee welcomed Boy Scout Troop 619 in the audience and congratulated them on their good work.

(a) Parks and Recreation Month Proclamation

Mayor Lee read a proclamation recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month in Bellevue.

Mark Van Hollebeke, representing the Parks and Community Services Board, thanked the Council for the proclamation and noted that Bellevue has more than 2,500 acres of parks and open space and 80 miles of trails. City parks and community centers contribute to the overall quality of life and provide community shelters in adverse weather, festivals and events, recreation programs, and heritage projects. He thanked the Council for its support of parks and community services over the years.

Mayor Lee asked the audience to observe a moment of silence for the 19 firefighters who died in Arizona over the weekend serving and protecting the public.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

(a) Alex Zimmerman, representing StandUP-America, expressed concern that the Council does not represent the citizens. He is frustrated that the King County Council does not allow public testimony. He accused government in general of corruption and not listening to citizens.

- (b) Wilson Geegh said the East Link Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must include a reasonable range of alternatives. He said the study overlooked a number of more cost-effective solutions and that the Downtown tunnel is too expensive. Mr. Geegh said that excluding other alternatives from the EIS is illegal. He said perhaps federal agencies will reject the flawed plan. He asked the Council to get back to work to consider other alternatives and a more realistic plan.
- (c) Patrick Bannon, President of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), thanked the City for its support of the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in Downtown Park. He noted that the BDA and Acura of Bellevue are hosting a dog jog and walk from Ashwood Park that morning, which has received more than 850 registrations. Family activities in Downtown Park begin at 2:00 p.m. The Bellevue Youth Symphony will be playing before, during, and after the fireworks display.

Mayor Lee encouraged everyone to attend. He commended the decision to continue the orchestra's performance after the fireworks with the hope that it will help stagger the traffic flow out of the Downtown.

- (d) The Leader of Troop 619 said the scouts are working on their citizenship and community merit badge. He thanked Councilmember Balducci for visiting with the scouts recently. The badge requires eight hours of community service, which a number of the scouts completed during the Strawberry Festival.

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

5. Report of the City Manager: None.

6. Council Business and New Initiatives

- (a) Letter to Sound Transit regarding access to Surrey Downs & Bellefield Area

Councilmember Stokes attended the Eastside Leadership conference sponsored by the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, which included a presentation on the future of space technology and travel. Mr. Stokes reported that he welcomed attendees at a conference of the Rehabilitation Equipment Society of North America, attended the BDA breakfast on economic development, and visited the Friends of Youth facility in Kirkland, which is a shelter for young women under the age of 18. Friends of Youth has had a shelter in Bellevue for approximately 20 years.

Mayor Lee welcomed Councilmember Davidson back to Council meetings.

Dr. Davison reported, for the benefit of the public, that he underwent emergency heart surgery approximately three months ago and is doing well. He thanked staff and the Council for their support and assistance over the past few months. He said he is fully recovered and ready to get back to work.

Deputy Mayor Robertson reported that she met with Bridle Trails residents regarding the electrical reliability study, welcomed the public at the official opening of the new Bellevue Regional Library parking garage, helped hold a regional East King County Transportation Town Hall at Bellevue City Hall, and participated in the Council's interviews of executive search firms.

Ms. Robertson attended the Somerset Community and Somerset Recreation Club 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. She encouraged the public to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and other community festivals and events this summer. She noted that the City is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

Ms. Robertson asked the community to be mindful that children are out of school for the summer and to be extra careful driving through neighborhoods.

Deputy Mayor Robertson noted a draft letter to Sound Transit in the desk packet for the Council's consideration. Residents of the Surrey Downs and Bellefield neighborhoods oppose the potential for adding an entrance into Surrey Downs from 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE through the Bellefield Residential Park at approximately SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Staff has communicated this preference to Sound Transit staff, who have stopped working on that design. The proposed letter will formalize this communication between the Acting City Manager and the Sound Transit CEO.

Mayor Lee noted a Council consensus to send the letter as drafted.

Mayor Lee reported that he attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting which included a strong focus on innovation and technology.

Mr. Lee noted that the state legislature approved the State budget, which includes funding for the Bellevue Youth Theatre, Bellevue Botanical Garden, and the Boys and Girls Club of Bellevue programs.

7. Approval of the Agenda

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

→ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 4-0.

8. Consent Calendar

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

→ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 4-0, and the following items were approved.

- (a) Minutes of June 3, 2013 Study Session  
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  - (b) Motion to award Bid No.13143 authorizing execution of an equipment purchase and maintenance agreement with Datec, Inc. for the replacement of systems that handle network load balancing and virtual private network.
  - (c) Ordinance No. 6116 amending the Bellevue City Code to allow signs at the upper levels of high-rise buildings downtown for corporate headquarters occupying at least 120,000 net square feet (NSF) of leased space; amending Sections 22B.10.020, 22B.10.025, and 22B.10.030 of the Bellevue City Code.
  - (d) Resolution No. 8604 authorizing execution of a professional services contract with Berk & Associates, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$90,000, for the Economic Development Strategic Plan.
  - (e) Resolution No. 8605 authorizing execution of an Interlocal Agreement, up to five years, between Bellevue and the cities of Kent, Auburn, Bothell, Burien, Covington, Des Moines, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, SeaTac, Shoreline, and Tukwila, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, for planning, funding, and implementation of a joint human services grant application and reporting website.
  - (f) Resolution No. 8606 authorizing execution of a four-year general services agreement with Kaye Smith Enterprises, in an amount not to exceed \$760,000, for the printing and mailing of Bellevue regular and delinquent utility bills.
  - (g) Resolution No. 8607 authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Roth Hill, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$480,000, for engineering services for AC Water Main Replacement Design Services in 2014 - Phases 1, 2 and 3 (CIP Plan No.W-16).
  - (h) Motion to award Bid No. 13134 for Asphalt and Pavement Restoration (2013), to Lakeside Industries, as lowest responsible and responsive bidder in an amount not to exceed \$568,880 (CIP Plan No. W-16).
9. Public Hearings: None.
10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions: None.
12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications

Hiram Owen Jardine, a member of Troop 619, observed that the City is doing well and thanked the Councilmembers for their work.

Councilmember Davidson said the City conducts community surveys every two years and receives high ratings for citizen satisfaction.

Deputy Mayor Robertson noted that there tend to be more attendees at Council meetings when citizens are unhappy about an issue.

Mayor Lee encouraged them to participate in democracy and to get involved in their community.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 8:58 p.m., Mayor Lee declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich, MMC  
City Clerk

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