



City of Bothell™

BOTHELL CITY COUNCIL

*****VIRTUAL MEETING*****

MINUTES

March 15, 2022 – 6:00 PM

BOTHELL CITY HALL - 18415 101ST AVE NE BOTHELL, WA 98011

MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Mason Thompson

Deputy Mayor Rami Al-Kabra

Councilmember Jenne Alderks

Councilmember Ben Mahnkey

Councilmember Jeanne Zornes

Councilmember James McNeal

Councilmember Davina Duerr

REGULAR SESSION

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Councilmember Duerr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

All Councilmembers present.

Meeting Agenda Approval

There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

1. Presentations, Reports, & Briefings

- A. Public Engagement Opportunities – Mayor Thompson reviewed upcoming public engagement opportunities.
- B. Proclamations/Presentations
 - Proclamation – Support of Ukraine – Mayor Thompson read the proclamation into the record.
 - Proclamation – Disability Awareness Month – Samantha Yetman and Robert Miller accepted and thanked the Council.
 - Proclamation – Women’s History Month – Judge Mara Rozzano accepted and thanked the Council.
 - Presentation – DEI Update – Chanin Kelly-Rae presented and entertained Council questions.
 - Staff Briefing - Legislative Update – Executive Assistant Catherine Jansen presented and entertained Council questions.
- C. Board and Commission Reports -None
- D. Interim City Manager Report - None
- E. Council Committee Reports- Councilmember Alderks provided an update on the North King County Coalition for Homelessness; Councilmember Zornes provided an LTAC update.

2. Visitor Comment

Written comments were submitted by the following:

- Chris Jones – wrote in support for keeping Main Street closed to motor traffic.
- Stephen Fesler - wrote in support for keeping Main Street closed to motor traffic and would like to see it expanded.
- Danielle Dolbec – wrote in opposition to keeping Main Street pedestrianized as it unfairly hurts non-restaurant businesses, makes ADA access more difficult and losing grant funding is not fiscally responsible. It should be used as intended and constructed.
- Cary Westerbeck – wrote in support for keeping Main Street pedestrianized and going with option 2 to make the current closure permanent.
- Bonnie Plottner – wrote in support for keeping Main Street pedestrianized and going with option 2 to make the current closure permanent.
- Brian Mitchell – wrote in support of doing only intermittent closures of Main Street until a full traffic study can be completed.
- Kevin Schmitt – wrote in support for keeping Main Street closed to motor traffic and focusing on a plan that would build upon it for business and community.
- Edith Erickson Berg – wrote in opposition to keeping Main Street close to traffic, expressing concerns for business visibility, fire & rescue response. Would like to see 101st closed instead.
- Jenny Thuillier – wrote in support for keeping Main Street pedestrianized and going with option 2 to make the current closure permanent.
- Dan Gomez – wrote in support for keeping Main Street pedestrianized and making the current closure permanent.
- Donna Bardsley – wrote in support for keeping Main Street pedestrianized and going with option 2 to make the current closure permanent.
- Sterling Cassel – wrote in support for keeping Main Street pedestrianized and making the current closure permanent.
- Michelle Coolidge – wrote in opposition to keeping Main Street closed to traffic and encourages Council to reopen Main Street to cars.
- Sonja (no last name) – wrote in support for keeping Main Street pedestrianized and expressed concerns for pedestrians if it were to be opened back up to cars.
- Paul Dunham – wrote in support for keeping Main Street pedestrianized and that parking spaces are better utilized for outdoor seating.
- Cindy Boni – wrote in support for keeping Main Street pedestrianized and making the current closure permanent.
- Scott Johnson – wrote in support for keeping Main Street closed to motor traffic.
- Leigh Henderson – wrote in support for keeping Main Street closed to motor traffic and urged Council to consider what the community at large wants.
- Carston Curd – wrote in support for keeping Main Street closed to motor traffic and urged Council to create and retain space for people instead of traffic downtown.
- Paul Warren – wrote in support for keeping Main Street closed to motor traffic.
- Greg Smith – wrote in support for keeping Main Street pedestrianized and making the current closure permanent.
- Meleea McColly – wrote in support for keeping Main Street pedestrianized as it creates a sense of community.
- Rosemary Sutton – wrote in support for keeping Main Street pedestrianized for sense of community, walkable environment and enhancement of business.
- Ann Aagaard – wrote in regards to the Main Street closure decision as part of a larger issue involving 102nd Street, Riverside Drive and access to parking.

Live comment was heard from the following:

Andrew Nelson – spoke in support of Deputy Mayor Al-Kabra's request regarding lot EFG.

Council recessed at 7:10 PM and reconvened at 7:25 PM.

3. Projected Agenda Discussion

- a. Use of Block EFG – Requested by Deputy Mayor Al-Kabra

Deputy Mayor Rami Al-Kabra presented a conceptual rendering of possible uses of Lot EFG.

Discussion ensued and direction was given to staff to bring this item back on May 3, 2022 for further discussion.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. AB # 22-038 – Approval of February 2022 Vouchers
Recommended Action: Approve vouchers for February 2022 totaling \$2,696,197.80.
- b. AB # 22-039 - Approval of Construction Contract for Public Works Shop 1 Demolition
Recommended Action: Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into a Construction Contract with Wyser Construction for Demolition of Shop 1 in the amount of \$557,799.63.
- c. AB # 22-040 - Approval for Authorization of WSDOT Participating Agreement (GCB 3598)
Recommended Action: Staff recommends that City Council Authorize the Interim City Manager to enter into the following agreement, WSDOT Participating Agreement (GCB3598), in the amount of \$803,717.69.

MOTION: Councilmember Duerr moved approval of the consent agenda as presented. Councilmember Alderks second. The motion carried 7-0.

5. Update/Discussion Items

- a. AB # 22-041 - Main Street Closure
Recommended Action: Staff recommends that Council:
 - Reinststate the pre-COVID Public Use Area permit process and associated fees;
 - Direct staff to relocate private business use of Main Street right of way to flex zones by June 1;
 - Provide direction to staff on re-opening Main Street for the July 4th Parade; and,
 - Provide direction to staff on permanent or intermittent closures of Main St

Interim Assistant City Manager Becky Range presented and entertained Council questions with Interim Deputy Public Works Director Steve Morikawa.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Al-Kabra moved to extend the temporary closure of Main Street until March 31, 2024 to conduct a pilot program to study the impacts on residents, businesses, visitors and other community stake-holders to include flex-zones, fees, ADA accessibility and the 4th of July parade.

Councilmember Alderks second. The motion passed 5-2; Councilmembers McNeal and Mahnkey dissenting.

6. Other

- a. AB # 22-042 – King County 2021 Countywide Planning Policies Ratification
Recommended Action: Move to ratify the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies.

Community Development Director Michael Kattermann and Senior Planner Nathen Lamb presented and entertained Council questions.

MOTION: Councilmember Alderks moved approval of the recommended action. Councilmember Duerr second. The motion carried 7-0.

Council recessed at 10:17 PM and reconvened at 10:22 PM.

- b. AB # 22-043 – Consideration of Board and Commission Appointments
Recommended Action: After voting to fill Board and Commission vacancies, move to ratify the results.

City Clerk Laura Hathaway reviewed the process for voting to fill Board and Commission vacancies and stated due to the virtual nature of the meeting, councilmembers would use the chat function to cast their votes. Applicants need 4 votes to be appointed. The appointments were as follows:

- Arts Commission – Sharma Farag, Kelly Atkinson, Jill Madison, Mia Chang (Y)
- Landmark Preservation Board – Andrew Nelson
- Lodging Tax Committee – Laura Resor, Nancy Pipinich
- Library Board – Sara Jamshidi, Jessica Chung
- Parks and Recreation Board – Kailash Mandal, Sheila Breyesse, Adam Stacey
- Planning Commission – Kevin Keiran, Toni Anders, Amanda Dodd

MOTION: Councilmember Duerr moved to ratify the votes. Councilmember McNeal second. The motion carried 7-0.

7. Council Conversations

Councilmembers thanked all applicants and encouraged those not appointed to visit the City's website for other volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

8. Adjourn

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 10:58 PM.

Submitted for Council approval on 5/3/22
Approved as presented 5/3/22