

**East Bellevue Community Council**  
Summary Minutes of Regular Meeting

October 3, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

Lake Hills Clubhouse  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Chair Capron, Vice Chair Kasner, Alternate Vice Chair Hummer, and Councilmembers Gooding and Hughes

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Carol Helland, Code and Policy Director  
Trish Byers, Code Development Manager  
Terry Cullen, Comprehensive Planning Manager

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m., with Chair Capron presiding.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Deputy City Clerk Karin Roberts called the roll. All Councilmembers were present.

3. **FLAG SALUTE**

Chair Capron led the flag salute.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS: WRITTEN AND ORAL**

Don Marsh, representing the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy (CENSE), spoke about Puget Sound Energy's Lake Hills Transmission Line project. CENSE has pointed out to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) that state law requires PSE to include planned transmission projects in its integrated resource plan. Mr. Marsh said PSE has never followed that code provision in its entire history of being regulated by the WUTC. He said PSE's new integrated resource plan will include the Lake Hills project and the Energize Eastside project.

Mr. Marsh said CENSE is taking steps to procure a study that would identify better solutions for the transmission line projects. He said the consultant used by the City, Exponent, declined to undergo the study for CENSE but recommended Northern Plains Power Technologies in South Dakota. The consultant's preliminary review stated that the key reliability limiting element in Bellevue's power system is at the distribution level and not with transmission lines. The

consultant suggested a possible alternative solution and noted the need for detailed circuit data from PSE to complete a full study. Mr. Marsh said CENSE is seeking donations from the public to facilitate the study.

Carol Helland, Code and Policy Director, said clearing and grading permits have not been issued to PSE for the Lake Hills Transmission Line project.

Councilmember Hughes recalled previous public comment that indicated PSE was up for sale. He clarified that the partnerships are maturing and PSE is selling the partnerships, potentially to the same parties. Mr. Hughes said it appears that the price of the partnerships has decreased since the last time they were sold.

## 5. REPORTS OF CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### (a) Community Council Business and New Initiative

Councilmember Hummer said she attended the Planning Commission meeting to provide a report, as a private citizen, on the EBCC's September meeting. She commented to the Commission that she voted against EBCC Resolution 563 regarding the rezone of two Eastgate properties within the EBCC's jurisdiction, because she felt more time was needed for further discussion.

Ms. Hummer said she attended the recent PSE public meeting, which was attended by approximately 15 owners of properties that PSE is attempting to acquire. She was disappointed by the lack of information and empathy provided by the seven PSE employees at the meeting. She said it contrasted with the PSE staff who have provided professional and detailed information to the EBCC and its meeting attendees. She said the map presented at the meeting did not show the transmission line alignment, and the meeting ended with PSE's attorney indicating they would meet individually with property owners.

Ms. Hummer reported that she attended a public meeting at Bellevue College which included an update on upcoming construction projects. She said college officials repeatedly communicate that they do not have decision authority over projects by King County and the City of Bellevue around and through the campus. She also noted that she attended two City Council meetings and the opening of Sammamish High School.

Vice Chair Kasner attended the City Council candidate forum held by the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association meeting. He attended the Eastside Transportation Alliance meeting, during which Congressman Adam Smith spoke about transportation and completing improvements to I-405. Mr. Kasner said that Steve Marshall, the City's Transportation Technology Partner Manager, provided a presentation on autonomous cars. The third topic of the meeting was a discussion of the history of the Downtown Park.

Mr. Kasner said the story of the Downtown Park demonstrates what can be achieved with a strong vision and support from the Council, City staff, and the public. He thanked citizens for

their efforts on a number of issues over the years and said that public support is critical in implementing projects.

Councilmember Hughes attended the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association meeting and candidate forum. He also has been posting campaign signs.

Councilmember Gooding reported that he attended Sammamish High School's curriculum night.

Chair Capron said he attended the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association meeting. He said he and Vice Chair Kasner will hold a debate during the Lake Hills Neighborhood Association meeting on October 12.

6. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice Chair Kasner moved to approve the agenda, amended to add Item 11(a), City Website Discussion. Councilmember Hummer seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

7. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** None.

8. **PUBLIC/COURTESY HEARINGS**

- (a) Public Hearing to consider approving City Council Ordinance No. 6366 relating to the Eastgate Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) creating the Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU) and Office Limited Business 2 (OLB 2) Districts.

Carol Helland, Code and Policy Director, introduced the three public hearing topics.

Terry Cullen, Comprehensive Planning Manager, presented the Eastgate Land Use Code Amendment (LUCA) that was created following the work of the Eastgate/I-90 Land Use and Transportation Study from 2010 to 2012. The citizen advisory committee (CAC) and the City Council previously approved the elements of the Eastgate LUCA. He described the creation of two new citywide zoning districts that could be applied to parcels in the East Bellevue Community Council's jurisdiction with a rezone: Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU) and Office Limited Business 2 (OLB 2). He said the new districts were previously approved by the City Council and the EBCC with the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update. The City Council adopted the Eastgate LUCA on August 7.

Mr. Cullen recalled that the EBCC held a public hearing on the legislative rezone of the two parcels in the EBCC jurisdiction that are affected by the LUCA: the Shell gas station and the Champions Centre. The purpose of the NMU district is to provide an area with a mix of retail, service, and residential uses, with an emphasis on neighborhood retail and service uses. It is designed to be compatible with nearby neighborhoods and is easily accessible from nearby offices and residential areas. The purpose of the OLB 2 district is to provide an area of integrated complexes containing offices, hotels/motels, eating and drinking establishments, and retail businesses. The OLB 2 district has greater intensity and a larger mix of uses than the OLB

district. Mr. Cullen said the Eastgate Business Park and Sunset Corporate Park have been rezoned to OLB 2.

Trish Byers, Code Development Manager, said the two new districts can be applied citywide with a rezone applied to a particular area or property. In the NMU district, non-residential uses will be located on the main level, and the upper floors will be residential units. Ms. Byers said the allowed building height in both the NMU and OLB 2 districts is 75 feet. However, in the transition area design district, within 300 feet of a single-family zone, the maximum height is 45 feet. Additional design requirements include a 20-foot buffer in many circumstances.

Ms. Byers said the density (floor area ratio, or FAR) is increasing from 0.5 to 1.0, so the buildings can be slightly larger. An exemption for providing affordable housing will be available. She noted that the future approval of a rezone for a specific parcel or area will be presented to the EBCC for approval or disapproval.

Responding to Councilmember Hummer, Ms. Byers said the NMU district is the area where the Albertson's store is located.

Councilmember Hughes questioned the difference between the redevelopment of the Lake Hills Village, with retail and residential uses, and the new NMU district. Ms. Helland said the Lake Hills Village shopping center is zoned as Neighborhood Business (NB) with a related concomitant agreement. She said a development agreement guided the redevelopment of the center. In further response, Ms. Helland said the NMU district allows more residential development than the NB district.

Responding to Ms. Hummer, Ms. Byers said car dealerships are allowed only in the areas that were zoned General Commercial (GC) before the Eastgate LUCA was adopted. Mr. Cullen said car dealerships are not allowed in the NMU or OLB 2 districts, but an exception was made for the existing GC parcels. Ms. Helland said the City Council wanted to ensure that a change in zoning did not result in a downzone of property.

Responding to Councilmember Hummer, Ms. Helland said auto retail sales are allowed on the RV park site. That site also allows multifamily housing, which might not be economically viable to develop at this time. Auto retail sales could occur as an interim use.

Responding to Vice Chair Kasner, Ms. Byers said the transit-oriented development (TOD) designation is specific to the Eastgate area (EG-TOD), while the other two districts apply citywide. Mr. Cullen noted that the zoning districts have extensive design guidelines that address public gathering areas, integrating the natural environment, architectural compatibility, and other aspects of development.

At 7:27 p.m., Vice Chair Kasner moved to open the Public Hearing. Councilmember Hummer seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Don Boettiger questioned the relevance of the Eastgate LUCA to the EBCC's jurisdiction.

Ms. Helland said the creation of the NMU and OLB 2 districts are general zones that could be applied citywide. The Comprehensive Plan currently identifies locations for NMU and OLB 2 in the Eastgate Subarea. However, an individual could apply for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) and a rezone to change to the NMU designation for a particular site or area. Ms. Helland said the EBCC always has jurisdiction over CPAs and general amendments to the Land Use Code.

Responding to Councilmember Hummer, Ms. Helland said there are no changes related to adult entertainment uses. She said the issue was litigated a number of years ago, and the code is governed by state law and constitutional rights. Ms. Helland said most of those businesses are conditional uses, and the permitting is subject to the conditions applicable to that use as well as standards and design guidelines. In further response to Ms. Hummer, Ms. Helland said the concomitant agreement applicable to the Lake Hills Village development goes back many decades.

Responding to Mr. Capron, Ms. Helland confirmed that the City no longer enters into concomitant agreements. There was an old agreement related to the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center as well.

Vice Chair Kasner said a potential 12-story building in the TOD area along I-90 is out of scale with the surrounding development.

At 7:35 p.m., Councilmember Hughes moved to close the Public Hearing. Councilmember Hummer seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Chair Capron moved to approve Resolution 562, and the motion was seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Responding to Councilmember Hummer, Mr. Cullen said changes were made to the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan as a result of the Eastgate study.

- (b) Public Hearing to consider approving City Council Ordinance No. 6368 imposing an interim official control regarding the permit process required to establish a homeless shelter and identifying the Land Use Districts where a homeless shelter may be permitted.

Ms. Helland said the City Council adopted an interim official control regarding the permit process required to establish a homeless shelter and identifying the land use districts where a homeless shelter may be permitted. The purpose of the ordinance was to separate the homeless shelter use from the transient lodging (hotel/motel use) category. She said the City Council determined that it was important to be transparent and clear about where and how homeless shelters will be permitted. The Council also chose to designate a homeless shelter as a conditional use.

Ms. Helland said the City Council held the required public hearing for the consideration of the interim official control, which will be in effect for up to six months. Staff will come back to the

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EBCC for a courtesy hearing and discussion regarding the formal process for implementing the permanent homeless shelter regulations. Over the next few months, the City Council will provide direction to staff regarding the scope of the permanent regulations, public outreach, and the timeline for implementing new regulations.

Ms. Helland presented a map identifying the areas in which hotel and motel uses are currently permitted under the Land Use Code. She noted the areas where a homeless shelter would be allowed under a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

At 7:52 p.m., Councilmember Hummer moved to open the Public Hearing. Vice Chair Kasner seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Linda Nohavec, representing the Eastgate Residents Committee (ERC), said the interim official control allows any homeless shelter to fall under the existing permitting process for a transient lodging (hotel/motel) use. She said the ERC is working with an attorney to demonstrate that a shelter is not properly classified as a hotel/motel use.

Ms. Helland said City staff believes that shelters can be permitted outright as transient lodging uses without the interim official control. The ordinance maintains the status quo in terms of where shelters are permitted to locate, but requires a CUP process for the benefit of the public.

Vice Chair Kasner expressed concern that the interim official control was adopted by the City Council in August for a process that was started three years ago. Responding to Mr. Kasner, Ms. Helland said it is unlikely that any organization or partnership will apply for a shelter CUP permit under the interim official control until permanent regulations are adopted. Mr. Kasner expressed concern regarding nonprofit partners acting as developers and working with the City to create projects, while the public is not involved in shaping the Land Use Code.

Councilmember Hughes questioned whether the City Council can postpone decisions on permanent regulations until the new City Council is in place. Ms. Helland said the Council could make that decision, but it is not contained in the interim official control ordinance. She said staff will not start working on permanent regulations until the City Council provides direction regarding the scope of the regulations, public outreach plan, and timeline for completing the work. Mr. Hughes would like the City Council to postpone its decisions until the new Council is in place in January.

Ms. Helland noted that the two locations in the EBCC jurisdiction that allow transient lodging are the Kelsey Creek Shopping Center and Lake Hills Village. Responding to Chair Capron, she confirmed that, without the interim official control, a shelter could be permitted outright without the benefit of a CUP process.

Mr. Capron observed that public comments regarding shelters often focus on concerns about public safety and criminal behavior. However, he stated that most homeless individuals are not bad people, just people that need help. He said there are residents throughout Bellevue who could become homeless due to divorce, addiction, or other crises.

Councilmember Hummer expressed concern regarding the timeline for shelter regulations. She said her husband served on the Eastgate/I-90 CAC which, along with the Planning Commission, did not discuss the potential for a shelter in that area.

Councilmember Hughes questioned what Ms. Hummers comments had to do with the current discussion.

Ms. Hummer stated that the shelter issue should have been addressed earlier.

Chair Capron gaveled Councilmember Hummer and she did not finish her statement.

At 8:08 p.m., Councilmember Hughes moved to close the Public Hearing. Vice Chair Kasner seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Vice Chair Kasner moved to approve Resolution 564, and the motion was seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

- (c) Public Hearing to consider approving City Council Ordinance No. 6369 imposing an interim official control regarding the prohibition of community health engagement locations, safe injection sites, and other uses or activities designed to provide a location for individuals to consume illicit drugs and Courtesy Hearing on whether the Interim Official Control should be made permanent.

Carol Helland, Code and Policy Director, presented the interim official control regarding the prohibition of community health engagement locations, safe injection sites, and other uses or activities designed to provide locations for individuals to consume illicit drugs. With Ordinance No. 6369, the City Council directed staff to prepare permanent regulations for formal action on October 16. Ms. Helland said King County announced plans to establish two safe injection sites, and the City Council wanted to send a clear message that it is not open to safe injection facilities in Bellevue.

Ms. Helland said this agenda item includes a public hearing regarding the interim official control provided by Ordinance No. 6369, as well as a courtesy hearing regarding the potential for a permanent ban on safe injection sites. The City Council held a public hearing on September 25, which was publicized in the blue permit bulletin and on social media. Notices were sent to parties who have indicated an interest in the shelter topic as well. Responding to Mr. Kasner, Ms. Helland said the EBCC hearing was noticed through the same channels.

At 8:14 p.m., Councilmember Gooding moved to open the Public Hearing. Vice Chair Kasner seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Sandra Hughes noted that certain local businesses have expressed concern regarding discarded needles in and around their properties. She would prefer to have dirty needles in a safe place. While she is conflicted on the issue and is not condoning illegal drug use, she expressed support for safe injection sites.

Chair Capron said he would like to find an effective way to help addicts. However, he does not believe that safe injection sites are the right solution.

Councilmember Hughes expressed support for the Interim Official Control on safe injection sites to allow time for the City to study and develop permanent regulations. However, he is not ready to support a permanent ban.

Councilmember Gooding expressed concern regarding the negative situation in Vancouver, B.C., following the implementation of a safe injection site. He spoke about visitors to Vancouver who report seeing drug users and drug dealers in the neighborhood around the site. He suggested amending the ordinance to change the words “community healthy engagement locations and safe injection sites” to “dangerously destructive, addictive, illegal drug abuse centers.”

Chair Capron said the EBCC does not have the option to revise the City Council ordinance. Mr. Gooding said the term “safe injection sites” is an oxymoron, and he expressed concern regarding the drugs that are being used.

Vice Chair Kasner said the City Council’s Interim Official Control was absolutely an emergency due to King County’s declaration that it would be placing safe injection sites in communities that do not object. He expressed appreciation that City staff were able to prepare the appropriate ordinances to allow the City Council to take immediate action.

Mr. Kasner noted the work of the King County task force on opioid use. He said that King 5 will be broadcasting a special program on the issue next week. He said the epidemic is crushingly bad in King County. Mr. Kasner said he wants to help people. He noted a letter to the editor which stated that we have safe injection sites, and they are called hospitals. Mr. Kasner opined that an established medical setting is more appropriate for this activity and for potentially being able to move individuals into treatment.

Councilmember Hughes said the current topic is the City Council’s Interim Official Control. He said the issue of a permanent ban on safe injection sites is a separate discussion.

At 8:22 p.m., Chair Capron closed the public hearing.

Chair Capron moved to approve Resolution No. 565 approving City Council Ordinance No. 6369 imposing an Interim Official Control regarding the prohibition of safe injection sites and other facilities or activities providing a location for the consumption of illegal drugs. The motion was seconded, and carried by a vote of 5-0.

Moving to the Courtesy Public Hearing, Councilmember Hummer moved to open the hearing to consider whether the Interim Official Control related to safe injection sites and similar locations or activities should be made permanent. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Ken Seal expressed concern regarding the amount of money the City of Seattle is spending on its approach to addiction, and the lack of an effective outcome. He said individuals who are willing

to accept help often resume illegal drug use following the limited treatment period. He said the way to help people is to help them stop their drug usage. He acknowledged the addictive nature of tobacco and alcohol as well. He said the experience of safe injection sites in Europe and Canada has not been positive and only enables the illegal drug use to continue. Mr. Seal said it is not possible to help individuals unless they want the help.

Councilmember Hughes expressed concern that the City will regret adopting a permanent ban, if that is the decision of the City Council. He believes a permanent ban may prevent the future implementation of facilities that would be better able to address addiction. He suggested that the issue is a prominent one due to the upcoming election. He expressed concern that a permanent ban would prevent the future establishment of a treatment center in an appropriate medical setting.

Mr. Hughes suggested that the public research the experience of safe injection sites in Vancouver, B.C., and in Europe. He acknowledged that the site on Hastings Street in Vancouver is horrible. However, he said mobile units traveling around the community have helped to reduce drug usage and to move certain individuals into treatment. He said the legalization of marijuana has not caused problems in Bellevue. He suggested that candidates for elected positions might be supporting the ban on safe injection sites to win votes.

Councilmember Gooding thanked Mr. Hughes for his comments. Mr. Gooding questioned the extent to which bad behavior should be accommodated. He suggested that areas enabling drug usage are likely to become places where drug usage is invited.

Councilmember Hummer said she recently spoke with a Bellevue Police Officer regarding this issue. He recalled the problems with violence and drug usage in the Crossroads area in the 1980s. Ms. Hummer said the Bellevue Police Department's response was to enforce the law and to also refer individuals to social services. She said the officer's perspective was that the City should take the same approach with homeless individuals and drug users.

Councilmember Kasner requested a human services report within the next year or two that provides data on the range of problems in Bellevue. That information would help the City to better understand how to move forward. Mr. Kasner said the City Council acted properly by adopting the interim controls and bringing the ordinance to the EBCC in a timely manner.

Chair Capron said the Interim Control Ordinance provides the opportunity for further study of the implementation of safe injection sites. However, he concurred with Mr. Hughes' reluctance to support a permanent ban. Mr. Capron expressed concern that the sites provide a facility for illicit drug use. He questioned whether it is appropriate to provide medical staff and to use public dollars to save lives while enabling continued drug usage. Mr. Capron observed that alcoholics and other addicts often need to hit bottom before they are willing to seek help. He noted he would prefer to not have safe injection sites and needle exchanges. However, he acknowledged that the government should take care of people suffering from addiction.

Mr. Hughes said one benefit of the needle exchange sites is preventing the spread of disease.

Sandra Hughes said her understanding was that safe injection sites are intended to provide safe needles for drug users, which she supports. She expressed concern regarding the impact on businesses who find needles in their restrooms. She would like safe injection sites to reduce the instances of finding needles in public places. She would like to know the economic and social impacts of not providing safe injection sites.

Vice Chair Kasner said the County task force on the opioid crisis included dozens of professionals who determined that safe injection sites are one tool in addressing the problem. He said the task force made many recommendations. However, this is one of a few that are receiving the most attention from the public.

Aaron Lawrenson questioned the use of needle exchanges. Councilmember Hughes said there are different types of needle exchanges. In some countries, individuals are given clean needles. In other countries, individuals are given needles and the illicit drug, provided the drug is used at the facility. Mr. Hughes said this conversation is about providing clean needles.

Chair Capron said the needle exchanges originally provided a clean needle in exchange for a dirty or used needle. However, it has moved to providing clean needles regardless of whether an exchange occurs.

Irene Fernandes said she believed needle exchanges were introduced in response to the AIDS crisis. She said medical personnel at safe injection sites are prepared to resuscitate individuals who overdose. Responding to Councilmember Hughes, she agreed that the sites likely offer referrals for treatment. Chair Capron and others noted it is unclear whether the sites provide an avenue to treatment.

Don Boettiger said the use of hospitals and medical offices would provide many sites throughout the community instead of centralizing the activity in one location. Chair Capron suggested that such an approach would avoid the situation in Vancouver in which many drug users are concentrated in one part of the city.

Responding to the Council, Ms. Helland said she was taking notes on the EBCC conversation. She acknowledged that, while the EBCC supports the Interim Official Control, there are concerns regarding a permanent ban on safe injection sites. She noted suggestions from certain individuals that there should be further study of the effectiveness and impacts associated with safe injection sites, including impacts on local businesses.

Councilmember Hughes concurred with Mr. Boettiger's comments regarding existing medical facilities. Mr. Hughes said there is not a need to build a new facility to hand out needles. He said it would be good if the ordinance could provide information about where drug users can go for treatment.

Vice Chair Kasner encouraged an enhanced focus on the County task force's report and on defining the problem and the steps for moving forward. He said that, just as we do not want traffic fatalities, we also do not want fatalities related to illegal drug use. However, he believes

more information and analysis is needed to determine the best way to approach the problem. He said the region should define the problem before adopting solutions.

At 8:49 p.m., Chair Capron closed the Courtesy Public Hearing. He thanked Ms. Helland for her report and work on this issue.

Responding to the Council, Ms. Helland said the City Council anticipates a final decision on October 16 regarding the permanent regulations for safe injection sites. She said her notes include comments heard tonight regarding concerns that more study is needed before adopting a permanent ban.

Responding to Ms. Hummer, Ms. Helland said she will forward the EBCC's comments to the City Council.

Mr. Boettiger said he would like to see a permanent ban on safe injection sites, except at traditional hospitals and medical facilities.

Councilmember Hummer recalled that Mayor Stokes previously commented that the City Council would hear a report from the EBCC regarding its perspectives. Ms. Hummer said that attending the City Council meeting would be a good way to provide a summary of the EBCC's discussion.

Councilmember Hughes suggested that Councilmember Gooding take the EBCC's comments to the City Council.

Chair Capron said the EBCC did not decide anything during this Courtesy Public Hearing.

Ms. Hummer clarified that her suggestion is for someone to communicate how the EBCC voted on all three resolutions and the synopsis of the conversation tonight.

Councilmember Kasner concurred with the suggestion to send Councilmember Gooding to the City Council meeting.

Councilmember Gooding declined to attend the October 16 City Council meeting.

Chair Capron said he will provide a report of the EBCC's discussion to the City Council on October 16.

## 9. **RESOLUTIONS**

- (a) Resolution No. 562 approving City Council Ordinance No. 6366 amending the Land Use Code to approve the Neighborhood Mixed Use (NMU) and Office Limited Business 2 (OLB 2) Districts and associated use tables, dimension tables, development standards and design guidelines.

*[See above.]*

- (b) Resolution No. 564 approving City Council Ordinance No. 6368 imposing an interim official control regarding the permit process required to establish a homeless shelter and identifying the Land Use Districts where a homeless shelter may be permitted.

*[See above.]*

- (c) Resolution No. 565 approving City Council Ordinance No. 6369 imposing an interim official control regarding the prohibition of community health engagement locations, safe injection sites, and other uses or activities designed to provide a location for individuals to consume illicit drugs.

*[See above.]*

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

11. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- (a) City Website Discussion

Vice Chair Kasner said he would like the EBCC minutes on the City's website to go back to 2010.

Deputy City Clerk Roberts said she posted the missing 2014 agendas and meeting minutes and revised some of the language on the web page. She noted that the City Council is currently the only body with agendas and minutes posted back to 2010 on the new City website. However, she is working with the website team to attempt to advance the EBCC's request.

Councilmember Hummer said there is upcoming parliamentary procedure training for Boards and Commissions, and she would like to receive the training as well. Mr. Kasner said he would like to be informed about other training for Boards and Commissions. He noted that he participated in the City's cultural diversity training.

Ms. Hummer noted that the City's old website included a section on EBCC Land Use Matters. If that cannot be restored, she suggested providing links to information relevant to East Bellevue (e.g., Puget Sound Energy projects, Eastgate Land Use Code Amendment, public hearings, Sammamish High School construction, Bellevue College activities, City projects, etc.).

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Discussion Regarding Potential Future Agenda Items
  - Affordable Housing Strategy Presentation
  - Larsen Lake Culvert Replacement project

Deputy City Clerk Roberts said the affordable housing presentation will be in November. She forwarded the EBCC's August meeting minutes to staff to let them know in advance what the EBCC's questions are and what requested information they would like to see in the presentation. A memo on the Larsen Lake project will be included in the November packet.

Councilmember Hummer said she would like more information on Larsen Lake. She said the wetlands north of the lake are part of Kelsey Creek and are connected to King County parcels, private property, and multifamily development. Chair Capron said the project under discussion is only a culvert.

Ms. Roberts said a Courtesy Hearing on the Complete Streets Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) will be held during the November EBCC meeting.

Ms. Roberts said Puget Sound Energy (PSE) staff offered to provide an update on the Energize Eastside project in November or December.

Vice Chair Kasner noted that the November meeting falls on Election Day, and that the EBCC has typically cancelled or rescheduled their meetings when that has occurred in the past. Since the EBCC decided to move forward with the November meeting, he suggested that a shorter meeting would be better. Mr. Kasner suggested deferring the PSE update to December.

Ms. Hummer opined that affordable housing issues will likely be important for East Bellevue. Chair Capron confirmed that the topic is scheduled for the November meeting.

Vice Chair Kasner said he would like information on the Human Services Needs Update in the future.

Councilmember Hughes noted a previous discussion identifying three issues for which the EBCC would like more information: adult family homes, protecting parks from non-park development, and the affordable housing strategy.

### 13. **CONTINUED COMMUNICATIONS**

Don Boettiger questioned the City's plans for Kelsey Creek between Main Street and NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street. He said the stream has been neglected and beavers have built dams, which has raised the water level.

Councilmember Kasner suggested that the City's Stream Team could provide information on the creek.

### 14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**: None.

### 15. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- (a) Summary Minutes of the August 1, 2017 Regular Meeting

Councilmember Hughes referred to page 204 of the packet, which states: “Deputy City Clerk Roberts said the app is used daily by the public to report issues throughout the community. She will send the usage statistics to the EBCC.” Ms. Roberts said she believed she sent that information to the EBCC, but she would double-check her email.

Vice Chair Kasner moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2017 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Hughes seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

(b) Summary Minutes of the September 5, 2017 Regular Meeting

Councilmember Hughes referred to page 211 of the meeting packet and reminded the Council of Chair Capron’s statement that he would request an update from PSE for November 7. Vice Chair Kasner noted that the Council decided tonight to defer that update to December.

On the same page, Mr. Hughes noted the statement from the Islamic Center of Eastside representative that it would be helpful if the EBCC would express its support for the center’s construction project to the City Manager and City Council. Mr. Hughes questioned whether that had been done.

Vice Chair Kasner said City staff shared that communication with the City Manager. Mr. Kasner suggested that perhaps Chair Capron could comment to the City Council on that topic on October 16.

Councilmember Hummer referred to page 213 of the meeting packet, which states that she commented that Bellevue College is interested in a bus line through campus. She said the college is not interested in a bus line. Vice Chair Kasner said Bellevue College is concerned about the weight of the buses on the college’s asphalt roads.

Councilmember Hughes referred to page 217 of the meeting packet and questioned whether Terry Cullen provided more information on the notification process for City Council Ordinance No. 6367, which addresses the rezone of the two Eastgate parcels in the EBCC jurisdiction.

Councilmember Hughes moved to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Gooding seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 5-0.

Vice Chair Kasner suggested determining a way to track requests and action items raised during each EBCC meeting.

Referring to the discussion above of the August minutes, Chair Capron said Ms. Roberts provided the requested statistics on the City’s app usage the next morning after the EBCC meeting to the entire Council.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Hughes moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Kasner and carried by a vote of 5-0.

At 9:26 p.m., Chair Capron declared the meeting adjourned.

Karin Roberts, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

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