



The Common Council of the City of Bellevue, Idaho met at a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Bellevue Offices, located at 115 E. Pine Street, Bellevue, ID 83313.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Giordani called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. *(00:00:24 in video)*

**Roll Call:** *(00:00:44 in video)*

Christina Giordani, Mayor – Present  
Diane Shay, Council President – Present  
Tammy E. Davis, Council Member – Present  
Suzanne Wrede, Council Member – Present  
Shaun Mahoney, Council Member – Present  
Tom Bergin, Council Member – Present  
Jessica Obenauf, Council Member – Present

**Staff Present:**

Shelly Shoemaker, City Treasurer  
Amy Phelps, City Clerk  
Rick Allington, Legal Counsel  
Brian Parker, Community Development Director  
Greg Beaver, Fire Chief  
Mike Shelamer, Sergeant, Marshal's Office

**Others in Attendance:** Tony Evans (Idaho Mountain Express), Jim Laski, Werner Morawitz (Ee-Da-Ho Ranch), Courtney Frost (Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation), Greg Dye, Christina Gillespie, and Stuart Hurley (Merrick & Company-*Via Zoom*), Kristin Fletcher, Carrol Wesson

**1. Notice of Agenda Compliance:** *(00:01:14 in video)*

The posting of this regular meeting agenda complied with Idaho Code §74-204. The regular meeting agenda was posted within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting at the Bellevue City Hall, Post Office, and on the City website on *April 10, 2025*.

**Motion:** Council President Shay moved that the agenda notice was in compliance with Idaho Code §74-204. Council Member Obenauf seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**2. Call for Conflict as Outlined in Idaho Code §74-404:**

No conflict was noted.

**3. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT:** *(00:02:02 in video)*

Mayor Giordani talked about the official Bellevue City Newsletter, Bellevue City News, touching on the spring season bringing forth building projects and reminding residents to apply for permits as necessary. She went on to remind residents to use the dog excrement bags provided in the parks to keep the parks clean then offered a reminder about the ERC Clean Sweep event happening May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mayor Giordani went on to give details about the survey for the Community Project and asked citizens to give feedback and opinions to kick off community involvement in the project.

4. **Public Comment:** For Items of Concern Not on the Agenda (00:06:20 in the video)

The Mayor opened the meeting for public comment at 5:36 pm.

Public Works Director, Chris Johnson took this time to remind residents that garbage, debris, piles of bricks, etc., are not permitted in the alleyways. He explained that his department needs to have easy access in order to service water meters if needed.

Public comment was closed at 5:37 pm. (00:7:22 in video)

5. **CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION ITEMS** (00:7:26 in video)

- a. Approval of Minutes: March 24, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes: Amy Phelps, City Clerk
- b. Approval of Claims: March 25, through April 14, 2025: Shelly Shoemaker, Treasurer
- c. Department Head Reports

Council Member Wrede inquired about the new Public Works Department hire Kayme Backstrom. She also asked if the City is still paying for BDE consulting. Mayor Giordani replied that the contract with BDE will expire at the end of June and the Public Works position that was filled was budgeted.

(00:09:46 in video) Council Member Wrede asked Sergeant Mike Shelamer, Marshal's office, about adding the Flock Safety transparency information to the City website. Sergeant Shelamer explained that his department just completed training, and they are waiting for the transparency portion to be created for them.

(00:10:44 in video) Council President Shay asked the Public Works Director if he had an idea of when Main Street was slated to be re-surfaced. Chris Johnson said he will follow up with ITD and send out an update to Council Members this week.

(00:12:01 in video) Council Member Davis asked if there was any follow-up on the Mobile Home that burned down on Main Street. Brian Parker, Community Development Director, said he received a call from the property owner last week and they're planning on submitting a demolition permit application in the next few weeks.

(00:12:41 in video) Council Member Wrede commented that it is great to see the new crosswalk flags, and she asked if there was news from ITD (Idaho Transportation Department) about a schedule for repainting the crosswalks (on Main Street). Public Works Director, Chris Johnson explained that ITD will repaint the crosswalks after they resurface Main Street. Council Member Wrede further inquired if there is a schedule for pothole filling in town. Johnson explained they don't have a specific schedule; the department identifies the biggest holes and then work in quadrants to try to get as many filled in a day as efficiently as possible. Further discussion was had about current Public Works Department projects including the projected timeline for repairs on the wastewater plant and the occasional odor issue. Chris Johnson explained the biological reason for the odor and the method used to fix it with an increased dosage of a chemical called Oxy Pro. He further explained that he is hoping to get the plant in full operation by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Giordani explained that she is working with the Public Works Director to create a timeline graphic to show the progress and create transparency which should be available in the next month.

(00:18:55 in video) Council Member Obenauf commented that she spoke with a resident who lives close to the plant, and he said the odor has been better than it has ever been depending on the direction of the wind.

The Public Works Director reported that staff have been working at the site for three to four hours each day, with electricians present daily. The site is monitored regularly, both first thing in the morning and at the end of the day, to assess ongoing issues with odor. Mr. Johnson emphasized that they are doing everything they can, but the challenge lies in the biological nature of the wastewater treatment process. There is no quick fix, as changes—such as adjusting chemicals or aeration—can take two to three days to show any improvement.

He explained that although the system includes advanced features like fine membrane filtration, the operation still deals with organic matter and microorganisms, making some level of odor unavoidable. It was acknowledged that a system rebuild should address the odor problem more effectively than current methods.

Efforts to mitigate the issue include chlorination and ongoing treatment procedures. Sensors for hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) have been installed and are in the process of being fully activated.

**Motion:** (00:21:09 in video) Council Member Davis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Council President Shay Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Obenauf, Council Member Bergin, Council Member Wrede, Council President Shay, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Davis. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

## 6. PUBLIC HEARING: ACTION ITEM

### a. LLA-25-01 – TBD Lewis Lane – Judy & Keith Meyers

An application for a lot line adjustment for Lots 1-6, Block 96 of the Bellevue Townsite Original Plat. The proposed lot line adjustment will reconfigure the existing six (6) parcels into three (3) parcels and include a request for waivers from code requirements: Brian Parker, Community Development Director | **ACTION ITEM**

(00:22:03 in video) Brian Parker, Community Development Director explained he has been working with the applicant and the Wood River Land Trust—the conservation easement holder over the Howard Preserve which is the property adjacent to the lot in question. Parker stated that there is potential to incorporate some of the property into the Howard Preserve after ensuring the plan is feasible. He explained some details still needed to be worked out with the Land Trust and at this time he is requesting the Public hearing be opened and then continued to April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Davis wondered why no supporting documents had been provided at this time. Council President Shay explained that the Public Hearing was noticed for this day, and instead of publishing notice in the newspaper for a second time, the Council would continue the Public Hearing on the record to a date of April 28, 2025.

Mayor Giordani Opened the Public Hearing at 5:53 p.m.

Clarification that public comment would be taken on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the public hearing was made.

Mayor Giordani Closed the Public Hearing at 5:54 p.m.

**Motion:** (00:24:26 in video) Council President Shay moved continue the Public Hearing for an application for a lot line adjustment for Lots 1-6, Block 96 of the Bellevue Townsite Original Plat to a date certain of April 28, 2025. Council member Wrede Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Bergin, Council Member Obenauf, Council Member Wrede, Council President Shay, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Davis. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

## 7. PRESENTATION

### a. Presentation for Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation Community Project Grant Award: Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation for Health Staff, Reynolds + Meyers

(00:26:49 in video) Courtney Frost, Executive Director of the Blue Cross of Idaho Foundation gave a presentation on the Community Project Grant awarded to Bellevue. See attached presentation “exhibit A”.

(00:47:55 in video) Chris Johnson, Public Works Director, expressed gratitude to Courtney, her team, Tasha, and the Reynolds team for their collaboration. He acknowledged that this initiative has been a bit outside his usual comfort zone, but with help from Shelly and the support of others, it’s been a positive experience. He thanked Brian for taking on a second grant and the Mayor for continuing the effort. Over the past two years, the project has received approximately \$107,000 in funding from the foundation, which he emphasized as a significant contribution for the community.

Council Member Davis raised a question about integrating the initiative with the Communities for Youth Program to strengthen shared messaging and align goals. Courtney expressed that there is a strong connection and reaffirmed her foundations support for the Communities for Youth work. She expressed willingness to collaborate and share relevant information to help align the efforts further.

Council President Shay posed a question about who on staff or Council is responsible for ensuring the project continues moving forward. Mayor Giordani clarified that a team is in place, including herself, Shelly Shoemaker, Brian Parker, Chris Johnson, and Kristin Gearhart. She further explained Community involvement will primarily come through surveys and feedback mechanisms.

- b. Presentation and Discussion regarding the City of Bellevue Water Project Status and updates: **Public comment/questions will be taken:** Merrick & Company, Chris Johnson, Public Works Director

(00:51:30 in video) Mayor Giordani introduced the Agenda Item. She noted that Greg Dye, Christina Gillespie, and Stuart Hurley from Merrick & Company joined the meeting via Zoom to give an update and answer any questions on the water project.

Greg Dye, Merrick & Company, explained that the team would be discussing compliance with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), specifically the communications with DEQ and an updated project timeline.

He began by addressing the amended Compliance Agreement Schedule between the City of Bellevue and the State of Idaho. According to Mr. Dye, the City was required to notify the public about significant deficiencies, which has been done consistently through the Consumer Confidence Report and on the City website. The City has also completed assessment source water monitoring, with results showing no bacteriological contamination. Additionally, a microscopic particulate analysis confirmed that the water source is not under the direct influence of surface water, meaning more costly treatment upgrades will not be necessary.

Mr. Dye further explained that two major deficiencies remain. The first is related to property access: there is currently no official land ownership or long-term access agreement in place to allow for engineering work or construction of system upgrades. This is still being negotiated. He stated the second issue concerns the physical protection of the system, specifically related to preventing backflow and contamination. Some system components are at ground level, which leaves them vulnerable to flooding and pests. Elevating these structures is necessary to prevent such issues.

Mr. Dye also shared that DEQ staff have been kept well-informed throughout the process via calls, emails, and in-person communication. He explained the department is aware of the City's progress, ongoing discussions with the landowner regarding access, and the current project schedule. He emphasized that Merrick and City staff have actively maintained communication with DEQ to stay aligned on all compliance requirements.

(00:58:25 in video) Mr. Dye continued his presentation by sharing recent developments related to the Siemens Creek Springs collection system. He said thanks to the work of City staff, it has now been confirmed that the existing system is capable of delivering the full water right—a key question that had previously been uncertain due to doubts about the accuracy of the system's flow meters. He stated this confirmation is important because it means there is no need to expand the capacity of the system. Instead, the focus can remain solely on upgrading the existing infrastructure and addressing current deficiencies, without the need for costly expansion.

Greg Dye explained that they will continue to monitor water flow to account for any seasonal variations and ensure there is no significant decline in performance, further explaining that this finding simplifies the project significantly and could also reduce the scope of preliminary engineering investigations. Merrick will be coordinating with the Idaho DEQ and the Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether a reduction in field work, including cultural resource surveys, is acceptable, especially since the project area consists of previously disturbed ground.

He went on to explain the next immediate step is completing a land survey, as there is currently a lack of clarity about the precise location of easements and existing facilities in relation to the property boundaries. Mr. Dye

said the survey will help resolve these issues and support both the land access negotiations and efforts to mitigate contamination risks.

He explained at present, the City and the landowner's attorneys are working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that will permit Merrick and their subconsultants to access the site for further evaluations. He clarified that once access is secured, Merrick plans to host a "water team" stakeholder meetings involving representatives from the City, the landowner, and Merrick to discuss next steps, share information, and identify any concerns.

Mr. Dye then referenced a project handout included in the meeting materials, which outlines the five major phases of the project, presented in a top-to-bottom, left-to-right table format. He said the first phase, which includes the facility plan and funding, is already complete and they are currently in the second phase—field work and environmental reporting. Within this phase, the legal meetings and first water team workshop have already occurred, and the team is now approaching the land access memorandum milestone.

Mr. Dye went on to explain as the project progresses, Merrick will continue to seek input from the City, the landowner, and DEQ, especially as they move toward completing the preliminary engineering report, followed by the development of construction documents and, eventually, the construction itself.

He concluded by noting a critical deadline: under the amended compliance agreement, the City must complete construction by December 31, 2026. The current project timeline is aligned with that requirement, and the team remains on schedule. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and invited any questions or comments.

(01:07:58 in Video) Council Member Wrede raised a question about the lack of accessible documentation regarding the project's missed deadlines—particularly the land access deadline of March 31, 2024. She said that despite the City informing residents of the importance of meeting DEQ deadlines, they are now over a year past the first required step without resolution. Council Member Wrede asked when the documentation explaining these delays, and the narrative required by the Amended Compliance Agreement Schedule (ACAS), would be made available to the Council and residents. She stated concern that these delays could lead to civil penalties, and asked what explanations or justifications had been formally submitted to DEQ about the failure to secure land access. She then asked for clarification on whether the blame for delays had been placed on the landowner, which prompted an interjection challenging the notion that the landowner had been assigned fault.

Mayor Giordani asked Merrick to first answer this question: what documentation does DEQ require when the City misses a deadline?

(01:10:31 in Video) Greg Dye explained that DEQ requires advanced notification when a deadline will not be met. The project team has been in regular communication with DEQ regarding missed deadlines, providing advanced notice and explanations when delays occur. He emphasized that DEQ has not pushed back, they have been understanding, and they are primarily focused on ensuring the final construction deadline is met. He further described that while interim deadlines are important, DEQ recognizes that delays can happen due to factors beyond the team's control.

(01:12:23 in Video) Council Member Wrede asked for copies of all written submissions made by the City of Bellevue to the Idaho DEQ explaining delays in meeting ACAS deadlines, as required under item 17 of the agreement.

This question prompted an inquiry from Mayor Giordani asking if Council Member Wrede has requested any of the documents from City Staff and ultimately concluded that Council Member Wrede needed to submit a formal records request for the documentation.

(01:14:59 in video) Council Member Wrede questioned why the public hasn't been given access to key project documents, particularly those related to missed deadlines and communications with DEQ. She expressed concern that, despite assurances made to voters during the Bellevue Water Bond campaign—promising timely compliance—the City is now over a year behind schedule. She asked for transparency from leadership, calling for

clear explanations and documentation to help the community understand why the project is delayed and why DEQ is still waiting on actions from the City.

(01:15:54 in video) Mayor Giordani responded by emphasizing that the purpose of the meeting was to address the very questions being raised, and that the discussion and answers had already begun with Greg Dye's presentation. She acknowledged Council Member Wrede's concerns about the timeline delays and stated they were being heard. The Mayor reiterated that the meeting was a formal project review, during which the updated timeline and communications with DEQ were being covered. She stressed that DEQ has not raised concerns about the City's communication regarding delays.

When Council Member Wrede pressed further about what exactly had been communicated to DEQ and suggested the City might not be in compliance under the current agreement, the Mayor disagreed, stating that no such directive or interpretation had been issued by DEQ to City officials or Merrick. She then returned the floor to Greg Dye and the Merrick team, asking them—per Council Member Wrede's request—if they could provide the written documentation sent to DEQ explaining the missed deadlines.

(01:18:08 in video) Greg Dye confirmed that Merrick can provide the requested documentation sent to DEQ regarding missed deadlines. He explained that they have maintained regular communication with DEQ across multiple departments and have submitted explanatory emails. Mr. Dye noted that if DEQ had serious concerns or required formal amendments to the compliance agreement, they would have requested them, but that has not happened. He assured the Council that the documentation exists and will be shared.

(01:19:40 in video) Council Member Davis asked how the timing affects the loan.

Christina Gillespie responded to Council Member Davis by reaffirming that Merrick has maintained consistent and transparent communication with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), including key staff in the Grants and Loans Bureau. She explained that DEQ is fully aware of the ongoing efforts between the City's and the landowner's attorneys to finalize an MOU for land access. Miss Gillespie emphasized that delays like this are not uncommon in Idaho projects and that DEQ is informed and supportive.

She stated that, based on current progress, the team still believes the project can be completed within the timelines set by the amended compliance agreement and associated funding agreements. Christina also mentioned that she recently spoke with DEQ's Compliance Chief at a state conference, and that DEQ remains aligned and willing to attend a future meeting to address any concerns directly.

(01:22:58 in video) Council Member Wrede asked for clarification on the process for the amendments Miss Gillespie referenced.

Christina Gillespie explained that when a timeline extension is needed, the process involves emailing DEQ with a proposal, holding a virtual meeting to explain and support the request, and then receiving a one- or two-page amendment for the city and DEQ to approve. However, she confirmed that currently, no such amendment is needed for the Bellevue project.

Council discussion was had confirming that no amendments were required on the water project at this time with regards to the funding agreement specifically. The Council then discussed land access and concluded that it was not an issue preventing forward movement on the water project because of an existing easement and an agreement with the landowner. Council Member Wrede further expressed her concerns with the delay.

(01:29:12 in video) Council Member Davis mentioned that this delay is not uncommon and if DEQ and the agencies that oversee the project had an issue the City would be the first to know about it.

(01:29:40 in video) Council Member Wrede questioned the lack of transparency surrounding the year-long delay in securing land access, expressing concern that the Council and public have not been fully informed and warning that the City may not be in compliance or able to meet project deadlines. Mayor Giordani responded by acknowledging the lack of information and took responsibility for improving communication moving forward.

She emphasized that the City is currently in compliance, according to both the engineering team and DEQ, and stressed the importance of trusting the experts. She also confirmed, with support from Greg Dye, that there is no need for an amended compliance agreement at this time.

(01:34:10 in video) Council Member Wrede asked for a full description and reasoning behind the delay, specifically about land access.

Rick Allington, Legal Counsel for the City of Bellevue, explained that the delay was largely due to changes in the project scope. Initially, the broader scope raised concerns for the landowner, but as the project has progressed and the scope has been narrowed, the landowner has become more comfortable. He emphasized that this is a back-and-forth process that naturally takes time, especially with seasonal delays like winter impacting progress.

(01:35:20 in video) Chris Johnson, Public Works Director, explained that the project began in September 2022 with engineering assessments and a selection process that resulted in hiring Merrick. While funding and bonding were secured, the City lacked a Public Works Director to serve as a liaison between the City, Merrick, and the landowner. Mr. Johnson explained that since he stepped into the role in January, he has been actively rebuilding communication, regularly updating the landowner, and coordinating with DEQ and Merrick. He said delays stemmed from leadership changes, coordination issues, and winter weather, but progress is now on track. Mr. Johnson concluded the MOU with the landowner is expected next week, surveying will begin shortly after, and the project is still expected to meet the required timeline barring unforeseen supply issues.

(01:38:23 in video) Jim Laski, attorney for Ee-da-ho Ranch, explained that over the past six months, the parties have made significant progress in narrowing the scope of the project. He said that initially, there were concerns about how broad the proposed survey was, but through meetings, discussions, and the involvement of attorney Chris Bromley, it became clear that the overall project scope is much smaller than originally thought. He noted that the extended discussions and debates about the scope were a major reason for delays in finalizing the MOU, which is now actively being worked on.

(01:39:34 in video) Council Member Bergin expressed that nothing in the meeting so far had raised serious concerns for him about meeting the December 31, 2026 construction deadline. He also asked for clarification on the point about not needing to expand the system's capacity and how that might positively impact the construction timeline. Greg Dye confirmed that the project now focuses on repairing existing deficiencies rather than expanding the system, which simplifies the work and supports staying on schedule.

(01:42:23 in video) Council Member Wrede asked if there will be a revised project plan and when it would appear in the timeline. Greg Dye responded that the current project milestones table is up to date, with key activities like the land survey set for Q2–Q3 2025. He further explained that once the survey is done, further studies will begin, followed by engineering work, then construction in summer 2026—still aligned with the original schedule.

(01:44:28 in video) Mayor Giordani opened the meeting to public comments and questions.

Tony Evans, from the Idaho Mountain Express asked if the current water project entailed moving the spring.

Chris Johnson explained that the source collection point remains the same, but the transmission line will be rerouted along a county road due to earlier agreements and design requirements. This shift adds only a small distance. Mr. Johnson added that projected costs were initially overestimated to avoid future funding shortfalls, and that recent clarifications and easement confirmations may lower overall costs. Greg Dye confirmed that updated cost estimates will be included in the Preliminary Engineering Report, expected in Q3–Q4 of 2025.

(01:53:33 in video) Werner Morawitz, Owner of Ee-Da-Ho Ranch asked if hydrogeologic studies were necessary if the of the spring collection areas don't need to be moved and which studies are required to be conducted and if so, would they be conducted within existing easements.

Greg Dye explained that due to confirmation that the current system delivers 3 cfs, they no longer need soil borings, only recommending the monitoring of wells to track seasonal spring level variations. He explained these will be placed near existing facilities. While the goal is to install them within existing easements, a land survey is needed to confirm easement boundaries, so he couldn't yet commit to exact locations.

(01:56:57 in video) Mayor Giordani addressed Council Member Wrede's public writings. She emphasized the importance of respectful communication, acknowledging Wrede's right to her opinions but urging her to seek information directly from staff before publishing. The Mayor reaffirmed the City's compliance with DEQ, defended staff efforts, and asked for a continued commitment to constructive dialogue and transparency.

Council Member Wrede responded by defending her actions and writings, questioning the project's management and transparency, and emphasizing that residents deserve timely and accurate information. She acknowledged the Mayor's points but reiterated concerns about communication and representation. Wrede agreed to continue supporting transparency efforts, including the City's website, but expressed frustration with limitations placed on her communication with DEQ and staff responses to public inquiries.

(02:16:50 in video) For the sake of time, Mayor Giordani requested to move Agenda item 9c above item 8 to ensure that it was covered during this meeting.

**Motion:** Council Member Davis moved amend the Agenda by moving item 9c above item 8. Council President Shay Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Bergin, Council Member Obenauf, Council Member Wrede, Council President Shay, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Davis. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

#### **New Business**

- a. Introduction of Ordinance No. 2025-XX, an Ordinance granting to Intermountain Gas Company a Ten-Year extension to its franchise to construct, maintain, and operate a gas transmission and distribution system in the City of Bellevue | Shelly Shoemaker, Treasurer and Rick Allington, City Legal Counsel

Rick Allington explained that this agenda item is an introduction of an ordinance to extend Intermountain Gas Company's franchise agreement with the City of Bellevue for another 10 years. The agreement remains unchanged, including the 3% franchise fee. Procedurally, it must be introduced, published in the newspaper, and cannot be passed until at least 30 days after introduction. He confirmed that no action is required at this meeting; the ordinance will return for approval at a future meeting in May.

#### **8. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Follow-up discussion and review of the City of Bellevue Comprehensive Plan | Brian Parker, Community Development Director

(02:20:00 in video) Community Development Director, Brian Parker explained that he wanted to ensure the Council became familiar with the Comprehensive Plan and asked what their impressions were.

The Council had a discussion that focused on updating the plan to improve its usability, structure, and ability to track progress, rather than starting over from scratch.

There was a strong emphasis on implementing the outstanding parts of the plan and ensuring the City stays on task. Council Members expressed concern about how to involve working residents in the process and emphasized the importance of engaging a diverse group, especially through partnerships with community organizations that can help reach underrepresented populations, including the Hispanic community.

Mr. Parker explained that a resolution will be brought forward at the next meeting to establish an advisory committee, which will guide the update process. He further stated that Council will stay informed with regular check-ins, but won't be directly involved in the steering committee. There was also discussion about making the plan more accessible to the public by possibly creating a simplified version or "cheat sheet" to help residents understand what the comprehensive plan is and how it affects them.

b. Continuation of Public Works Request for Funds for Snow Plus Tires for Leased Loader: Chris Johnson, Public Works Director | **ACTION ITEM**

(02:34:03 in video) Public Works Director, Chris Johnson explained that he found a more affordable option for Snow Plus Tires from Les Schwab with the total cost being \$9,156.46, which also includes a better warranty. He appreciated the input that prompted him to explore alternatives, noting that it's beneficial to have found a local provider offering both a lower price and improved terms.

Council Member Mahoney asked how fast the City must buy the tires. Mr. Johnson explained it would be better to do it now than to wait until August.

(02:35:58 in video) Council Member Bergin asked if there was money allocated in the budget for the tires. Mr. Johnson explained that adjustments would have to be made, but there is money, and he will work with the City Treasurer to find the line item. Discussion was had about the difference in price between the original request versus this current price request.

**Motion:** Council Member Davis moved to approve the Public Works Request for Funds for Snow Plus Tires for Leased Loader in the amount of \$9,156.46. Council Member Mahoney Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Bergin, Council Member Obenauf, Council Member Wrede, Council President Shay, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Davis. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Public Works Request for Funds for a Motor Grader: Chris Johnson, Public Works Director | **ACTION ITEM**

(02:37:55 in video) Chris Johnson, Public Works Director, requested funds for a new road grader to replace the City's current machine, which was manufactured in 1988. He explained that key parts are no longer replaceable due to wear, and the equipment is essential for snow removal and road maintenance throughout the City, including access to critical infrastructure like the water treatment plant and springs. He highlighted the need to order now, rather than wait for the next budget cycle, because delivery will take at least six months—just in time for the next snow season. Of the three bids received, he recommended the John Deere option as the best value. He explained that the equipment will be shared across City departments and includes necessary implements like a wing and a plow for efficient snow management. Mr. Johnson also noted that leasing includes a service contract, which makes costs predictable and ensures reliability. He acknowledged the expense but framed it as a critical investment in the City's infrastructure and service capacity.

(02:42:39 in video) Council Member Obenauf asked if the City would be able to save on hiring contractors for snow removal if the purchase is made. Mr. Johnson replied that the lack of staff restricts the amount of work they can do and still needs Lunceford to plow certain areas of the City.

The council discussed whether the purchase required a formal bidding process under Idaho Code due to the cost of the grader. Mr. Johnson confirmed that bids were solicited from regional vendors for Cat and John Deere equipment, the only two manufacturers that make this kind of grader. He clarified that this was not an immediate action item but rather an informational discussion in preparation for budgeting the purchase in the 2025–2026 fiscal year. Council members requested more detailed budget information and asked Mr. Johnson to explore whether similar equipment had been competitively bid in other municipalities (e.g., Sun Valley), which could allow Bellevue to piggyback on their procurement. They also suggested exploring if other types of snow-removal equipment might be better suited or more cost-effective. The Public Works Director agreed to gather more information, re-check vendor options, and return with an updated proposal. The council agreed to revisit the discussion at the April 28th meeting.

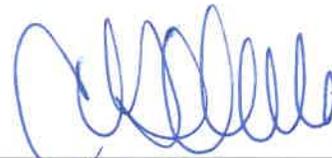
- b. Consideration of Resolution No. 25-12 Relating to Surplus Personal Property; declaring certain personal property of the City to be surplus; authorizing and directing the disposal of the surplus property: Amy Phelps, City Clerk | **ACTION ITEM**

(02:56:40 in video) Amy Phelps, City Clerk explained that there is an overflowing closet with old monitors and computers that need to be cleared out. She explained by statute; the Council must authorize the disposal of these items. Additionally, if any information is stored on the computers, it must be wiped or destroyed. Miss Phelps said she is considering options for donating the equipment and will coordinate with others to ensure proper disposal.

**Motion:** Council Member Bergin moved to approve Resolution No. 25-12 Relating to Surplus Personal Property; declaring certain personal property of the City to be surplus; authorizing and directing the disposal of the surplus property. Council Member Mahoney Seconded the Motion. **Council Members Voting Aye:** Council Member Bergin, Council Member Obenauf, Council Member Wrede, Council President Shay, Council Member Mahoney, Council Member Davis. **Council Members Voting Nay:** None. **The Motion Passed.**

**Adjournment:**

(02:59:07 in Video) With no further business coming before the Common Council at this time, Council Member Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Obenauf seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.



Christina Giordani, Mayor

Attest:



Amy Phelps, City Clerk

