

April 2, 2012
Special Session

The Bellevue City Council met in special session on April 2, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Christopher J. Roling presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Councilmembers Gary Feuerbach, Darla Lawson, Tim Roth and Allen Ernst. Also Present were Dan Schroeder, Gary Ploeger, Chuck Roling, Josh Klemme and Brandie Henfrey

ABSENT: Councilmember Dan Blitgen

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Roling approved the agenda with no changes or additions.

ROAD AND TRAFFIC ISSUES IN SOUTH BELLEVUE

Gary Ploeger, Dan Schroeder and Josh Klemme appeared before the Council to discuss traffic issues in south Bellevue near River Valley Energy and Schroeder Construction. The business owners indicated that access to the business continued to be difficult. Josh Klemme indicated that as a residence located next to Sarge O'Neill Park the traffic speeds were his concern for the safety of children in the area. River Valley Energy and Schroeder Construction indicated that the uncertainty on the possible reopening of Second Street was causing concerns for their businesses. They also were working on a possible real estate sale between them and it was hinging on what the future of Second Street would be. The Council discussed the possibility of reopening a street in south Bellevue would be Third Street if and when the traffic necessitated the improvements. Based on the fact that they had no desire to open Second Street the Council was willing to discuss the possible leasing of the Second Street right of way immediately east of Schroeder Construction and immediately east of River Valley Energy. The Council also discussed the possibility of trading ten feet of property immediately to the east and west of River Valley Energy. Considerable discussion was had on the benefits to both businesses and to the City.

It was moved by Feuerbach and seconded by Roth to approve the swap of ten feet of property immediately to the east and to the west of River Valley Energy. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved by Ernst and seconded by Lawson to enter into a lease agreement between Schroeder Construction and River Valley Energy that would lease to them the Second Street right of way immediately east of both of their businesses. Terms of the lease were to include a ten year lease with a provision for an automatic roll over and another additional ten years if not cancelled by either party. The lease will be nontransferable and the lease would be subject to cancellation if the status of the railroad or the status of the railroad crossings changed during the life of the lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Additional discussion was held on the speeds of traffic going through the alleys immediately adjacent to both businesses. In an effort to control the speeds it was agreed that stop signs would be erected at three locations in the allies and a dead end sign heading east on Church Street would be erected. Herrig is to work with Public Works Director Chuck Kueter on the installation of the signs. The Council also discussed the width of the alley between Church and Vine. Recently semi trucks had driven into the grass at Sarge O'Neill Park. It was discussed that every effort should be made to make the alley as wide as possible but not to extend behind the utility poles. Herrig will work with Kueter and meet with Dan Schroeder as soon as possible to address this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council it was moved by Ernst and seconded by Feuerbach to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator

Mayor