



City of Bothell™

MINUTES City Council

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

BOTHELL CITY HALL 18415 101st AVE NE BOTHELL, WA 98011

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Thompson, Deputy Mayor Al-Kabra, Councilmember Zornes, Councilmember McNeal, Councilmember Alderks, Councilmember Mahnkey, and Councilmember Dodd

Absent:

1. Meeting Agenda Approval

City Manager Stannert requested to pull AB 23-001 from tonight's agenda and bring it back on January 17th. Council consented.

Councilmember Zornes requested to move the Public Comment up to the top of the agenda for a member of the community under a time constraint.

In the effort of being transparent Councilmember Mahnkey shared that he holds a remote interest in AB 23-002, with ownership of 35 shares (.0000028%) of T-Mobile US Inc.

MOTION: Councilmember McNeal moved to push up the Public Comment item to the beginning of the agenda. Councilmember Dodd seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

5. Visitor Comment

- A. Ezekiel Bambolo – spoke in opposition of the Reproductive Health Care Resolution
- Dennis Grode – wrote in opposition of the Reproductive Health Care Resolution (attached)
- Cindy Dahl - wrote in opposition of the Reproductive Health Care Resolution (attached)
- Kathleen Strunk – wrote in opposition of the Reproductive Health Care Resolution (attached)
- Dave Morgan - wrote in opposition of the Reproductive Health Care Resolution (attached)
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2. Presentations, Reports and Briefings

2.a. Public Engagement Opportunities

None.

2.b. Special Presentations

- 2.b.1 Sound Transit Stride Program and Real Property Overview: Sound Transit staff (Faith Roland and Rick Capka) will present information on the Stride (bus rapid transit) project, and upcoming right of way acquisition activities coming before the Board in the coming month.

Faith Roland, Rick Capka and Ariel Taylor of Sound Transit presented the item and entertained Council questions.

3. City Manager Report

City Manager Stannert thanked City and Sound Transit staff involved with the Stride BRT project. He also introduced new Finance Director Kwan Wong, thanking Maureen Schols, Ted Reijonen, Gretchen Zundel and Mat Pruitt for their work during the interim period. Finance Director Kwan Wong said a few words, thanking Council for the opportunity and also thanking the finance staff for their interim work.

4. Council Committee Reports

Councilmember Dodd attended the Sound City Association (SCA) meeting and reported casting her vote for two North Caucus Board members.

McNeal attended the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) and reported the Crisis Center Levy is moving forward to King County Council for vote. He asked for everyone's support.

Councilmember Alderks attended the Sound Cities Association (SCA) orientation meeting and reported looking forward to serving on this committee.

Councilmember Mahnkey attended the Public Safety Committee meeting and reported the Fire department is working on setting an open house date for Station 42, as well as they are moving CAD from Norcom to Tyler Technologies. He also reported the Police departments Advisory Council is currently being formed and the department is nearly fully staffed.

6. Projected Agenda Discussion

None.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2022
Recommended Action: Approve the December 13, 2022 meeting minutes.

- b. ~~PULLED AND MOVED TO THE NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 17, 2023:
Consideration of a Professional Services Agreement with K & L Gates, LLP, for Continued Legal Services in Connection with Downtown Revitalization Project
Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with K & L Gates, LLP, in the amount of \$175,000 and in substantially the same form as presented, for legal services related to City's downtown revitalization project.~~

- c. First Reading: Consideration of an Ordinance Granting a Small Wireless Facilities Franchise Agreement to T-Mobile West LLC
Recommended Action: No action is requested this evening. This item will be brought back at a future Council meeting for action.

MOTION: Councilmember Dodd moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, minus pulled Agenda Bill 23-001. Councilmember Zornes seconded. The motion carried 2-0.

8. Public Hearings

- a. Public Hearing regarding Amendments to Title 21: Impact Fees and General Fee Schedule

Community Development Deputy Director Ashley Winchell and Planner Nick Schmeck presented the item and entertained Council questions.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 PM

There were no public comments.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Al-Kabra moved to adopt the proposed code amendments to move the Northshore School District impact fees to the general fee schedule and adopt the proposed fee resolution with fees at the level requested by Northshore School District. Councilmember Zornes seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Council recessed at 7:24 PM and resumed at 7:30 PM.

9. Ordinances & Resolutions

- a. Consideration of Reproductive Health Care Resolution

City Manager Stannert presented the item and with Assistant City Manager Becky Range entertained Council questions.
Council Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Councilmember Alderks moved to adopt the resolution as written. Councilmember Dodd seconded.

AMENDING MOTION AND VOTE: Councilmember Mahnkey moved an amending motion to table the resolution indefinitely. Councilmember Zornes seconded. The motion failed 3-4 (opposed: Mayor Thompson, Deputy Mayor Al-Kabra, Councilmember Alderks, and Councilmember Dodd).

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: The main motion carried 4-2-1 (opposed: Councilmember Zornes and Councilmember Mahnkey, abstained: Councilmember McNeal).

10. Study Session

a. Consideration of Citywide Bike Plan

City Manager Stannert introduced the item. Public Works Capital Projects Manager Steve Morikawa and Transportation Planner Sherman Goong presented the item and entertained Council questions.

No action is requested from the Council at this time. Staff is requesting feedback from the Council to inform action at a subsequent meeting. Staff will return for consideration of approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Bike Plan adoption at a Public Hearing scheduled for the February 21, 2023, City Council meeting.

11. Council Conversations

Councilmember Zornes spoke about the Save Our Salmon murals and National Law Enforcement Appreciation day.

Councilmember Mahnkey spoke about the paving on Hollywood Hills Drive and thanked staff. Councilmember Alderks spoke about Martin Luther King Jr Day and native planting with Whale Scouts.

12. Adjourn

Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 9:07 PM.



PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

PC-23-
006

City of Bothell™

Meeting: January 10, 2023
Submitted by: Ezechiel Bambolo
Address: 8271 154th Ave NE, #100
I would like to: Speak at the meeting (directions will be emailed to you)

AGENDA BILL or SUBJECT:

Consideration of Reproductive Health Care Resolution (AB #23-004)

COMMENT OR QUESTION:

In addition to being a long time Bothell resident, my organization (thru multiple partnerships) presents a plethora of solutions around this topic. I am surprise out organization, as well as multiple partners who serve Bothell were not invited to provide additional context to this resolution. I seek to bring some of that convesation in context during my testimony this evening. https://youtu.be/AM_nbccSIQQ



PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

PC-23-
001

City of Bothell™

Meeting: January 10, 2023
Submitted by: Dennis Grode
Address: 22027 17th Ave SE Bothell WA 98021 United States
I would like to: Submit written comment (below)

AGENDA BILL or SUBJECT:

Resolution on marriage equality and abortion

COMMENT OR QUESTION:

Dear Bothell Council, Please refrain from passing a resolution on marriage equality and abortion. First of all it is meaningless as legislation as the Supreme Court has ruled this must be decided at the state level. Secondly this is nothing more than a political action to endear the city of Bothell to certain constituents who are by the way are most likely the minority in the city. The city of Bothell nor any city for that matter has jurisdiction for either abortion or marriage so it is a waste of tax payer time and resources. Lastly though most important why would you want to exalt/agree with something that is immoral by God's standards as well as by many of the people in Bothell you represent? The reason I am writing you is that I am a leader at a large church in Bothell whose members reside in Bothell so for their sake and for the benefit of the city as a whole I would ask you not to pass the resolution listed below for the afore mentions reasons. Council Request Referral Form: Resolution around marriage equality and abortion/health care, proposed by Mayor Thompson Council Referral Request Att-1 City of Kirkland Resolution 5550 Best Regards, Dennis Dennis J Grode Washington Prays Director 206-714-8666



PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

PC-23-
002

City of Bothell™

Meeting: January 10, 2023
Submitted by: Cindy Dahl
Address: 213240Meridian Dr SE
I would like to: Submit written comment (below)

AGENDA BILL or SUBJECT:

Consideration of Reproductive Health Care resolution

COMMENT OR QUESTION:

Washington already has very abortion through all nine months and access to taxpayer funding. It is a false narrative to say that you need to protect access when the state of Washington has such easy access already. This is being framed as something that needs to be done to protect women, but I would argue that abortion harms women. The need to take care of an issue many women are not ready to address feels like a real need. However, I have helped many, many women who have struggled with and regretted their decision. I recognize that abortion is often used as a political issue that divides people, but I wish it wasn't. I wish we would take time to see how it has brought so much pain and regret to women and that we took more time to help her with resources and support. Most women say that if one person had supported her, she would have made a different decision. I love living in Bothell. I love the people and agree that we want everyone who comes and lives here to feel safe and that it is a wonderful place to raise a family. I love the care the City Council has taken to create wonderful environments for this idea to thrive. But this seems like a grandstanding moment. What if instead, Bothell did the wise thing and continued to make Bothell safe for all women and children. I ask you to reject this action.



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003

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Meeting: January 10, 2023
Submitted by: Kathleen Strunk
Address: 22930 7th Ave W
I would like to: Submit written comment (below)

AGENDA BILL or SUBJECT:

Consideration of Reproductive Healthcare Resolution.

COMMENT OR QUESTION:

I do not believe this is an issue in Bothell. There is already a law that allows abortion until birth that tax payers fund. The focus should be on women of all economic status in Bothell especially the poorer on how to give help to those who want to keep their children. Find ways to support their medical care, their financial needs and their desire to receive education and skills all while being a mother. It's not impossible they just need support like the women who choose to to not go through with the birth.



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004

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Meeting: January 10, 2023
Submitted by: Dave Morgan
Address: 19818 3rd Ave. S.E. - Bothell
I would like to: Submit written comment (below)

AGENDA BILL or SUBJECT:

Resolution of the Bothell City Council in support of access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare, including abortion services, and urging federal and state elected official to codify these rights

COMMENT OR QUESTION:

I urge the Bothell City Council to NOT pass the resolution to comprehensive reproductive healthcare, including abortion services. Such a resolution is offensive to many Bothell residents, including myself whose faith is in stark contrast to such a resolution. To pass it would be to endorse murder for everyone's whose religious convictions believes that life begins at conception. I urge the Bothell City Council to be sensitive to the many faith's represented in our city and not have the Council's decision on this issue to interfere with and offend the people of faith in our city. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

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005

City of Bothell™

Meeting: January 10, 2023
Submitted by: Brad Payne
Address: Olympia, WA
I would like to: Submit written comment (below)

AGENDA BILL or SUBJECT:

Reproductive Health Care Resolution

COMMENT OR QUESTION:

My name is Brad Payne, I am the Policy & Government Affairs Director for the Family Policy Institute of Washington. We represent thousands of Christians, churches and faith-based businesses across the state. Regarding your 'Reproductive Healthcare Resolution' please be honest with the title. It is an abortion, or pro-death resolution. The killing of a fetus has nothing to do with healthcare. In fact, abortion and assisted suicide are the only two procedures in medicine designed to snuff out life, not preserve it. You state in your documents your objective is to: "Affirm commitment to ensuring Bothell remains welcoming, inclusive and safe for everyone". Does this include babies? Does this include all those in Bothell who are pro-life? Science has inarguably demonstrated that life begins at conception so how does the killing of a human being "ensure a welcoming and safe environment for everyone"? Are you providing a resolution to support pregnancy resource centers and pro-life churches in Bothell? If you want to be "inclusive" you most certainly should. You also desire to "acknowledge the historical safety issue of illegal abortions and often disproportionate impact on people of color or the poor." Surely you are aware that the vast majority of Planned Parenthood operations are in African American and/or poor neighborhoods ... a plan set in place long ago by Margaret Sanger to wipe out African Americans via her eugenics program. Is the City Council planning to support the placement of any pregnancy resource centers in these Bothell neighborhoods? Are you actively developing or endorsing or any tax credits for young, poor mothers in Bothell? Are you supporting and endorsing adoption agencies in Bothell? How so? Please share those efforts with your audience tonight. I have certainly not been made aware of any resolutions in support of these alternative options to abortion. Make no mistake, Washington state is considered a 'sanctuary state' for the killing of babies. Does the City of Bothell need to utilize staff time and City Council energy to address an issue that is consuming a significant amount of the democratic parties time, money and energy in Olympia. As a suggestion, please consider focusing on issues related to rampant drug abuse, homelessness, out-of-control crime, run-away inflation, ever-increasing taxes, the high cost of homes, ineffective learning in your public schools and transportation concerns. Your city is part of a state that spends billions to protect whales, fish, birds, trees and recreational areas but not babies. Members of the Bothell City Council, you are much better than this and tonight you have a chance to prove it. Please choose to forego adoption of this wicked resolution.