

City of SeaTac

Council Study Session Minutes Synopsis

June 24, 2014
4:00 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: The SeaTac City Council Study Session (CSS) was called to order by Mayor Mia Gregerson at 4:01 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Mia Gregerson, Deputy Mayor (DM) Anthony (Tony) Anderson, Councilmembers (CMs) Barry Ladenburg (*arrived at 4:24 p.m.*), Kathryn Campbell, Terry Anderson, Dave Bush, and Pam Fernald.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Todd Cutts, Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Johnsen, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Assistant City Manager (ACM) Gwen Voelpel, Economic Development (ED) Manager Jeff Robinson, and Planning Manager Steve Pilcher.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to the agenda items listed below): There were no public comments.

Agenda Bill #3623; An Ordinance amending the SeaTac Municipal Code (SMC) related to the Advisory Tree Board

Summary: In 2009, the City Council created an Advisory Tree Board as part of the process for the City becoming recognized by the “Tree City U.S.A.” program. Currently the SMC provides that the Advisory Tree Board have five members made up of a combination of residents and qualified City staff. Since the Board’s inception, the membership has consisted of three staff members, one CM, and one resident. This Ordinance specifies the make-up of the Board to reflect the current practice. Additionally, this Ordinance specifies that the City staff positions are appointed by the City Manager and serve indefinitely until a new appointment is made. The other two positions will continue to be filled by Mayoral appointment subject to Council confirmation.

Senior Assistant City Attorney Johnsen reviewed the agenda bill summary.

Council consensus: Refer this to the 07/08/14 RCM Consent Agenda

PRESENTATIONS – INFORMATION ONLY:

●Sound Transit Long Range Plan Update

Sound Transit South Corridor Development Manager Cathal Ridge provided a project overview and stated that the conceptual design is currently being developed.

Four basic alignment alternatives are being considered. He briefed on the alternatives, parking along the corridor, and key parking considerations.

The following information will be available in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): conceptual design, cost and performance, environmental effects, and transit oriented development (TOD) potential.

The draft EIS will be presented to the public and, based on input, the board will identify the preferred alternative and prepare the final EIS.

Council discussion ensued regarding parking.

Sound Transit South Corridor Government & Community Relations Officer Chelsea Levy updated Council on Sound Transit’s long range plan. The process to update the plan includes the draft Supplemental EIS (SEIS) comment period June – July 2014, and Sound Transit discussions about whether to include other projects in the long range plan – late summer/early fall 2014.

During the comment process so far, Sound Transit has received some ideas that would be new to the plan if Sound Transit chooses to incorporate them, including new bus and rail corridors. Ms. Levy identified a few of those corridors.

CM Ladenburg arrived at this point in the meeting.

She detailed ways that Sound Transit is reaching out to the public and ways the public can provide feedback.

Next steps: June 26 – board briefing, July 8-17 – open house/public hearings (PHs), July 31 – board workshop, August-November 2014 – complete final SEIS, December 2014 – board considers changes to Long-Range Plan (LRP) and possible adoption by resolution, and 2015 - full stop after LRP update, Board considers whether to begin ST3 planning.

Additional Council discussion occurred regarding parking, public input, and suggested bus routes.

RECESSED: Mayor Gregerson recessed the CSS to an Executive Session to Review the Performance of a Public Employee at 4:38 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Review the Performance of a Public Employee (RCW 42.30.110[1][g]) (45 minutes)

Staff present in the Executive Session: Acting Human Resources (HR) Director Gwen Voelpel and City Manager Todd Cutts.

City Clerk Gregg announced that Council requested an additional 20 minutes at 5:23 p.m., and an additional 14 minutes at 5:43 p.m.

RECONVENED: Mayor Gregerson reconvened the CSS at 5:57 p.m.

ADJOURNED: Mayor Gregerson adjourned the CSS at 5:57 p.m.