

# City of SeaTac

## City Council Retreat Minutes Synopsis

January 9, 2015 (Friday)  
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

City Hall  
Council Chambers

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Mia Gregerson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Mia Gregerson, Deputy Mayor (DM) Tony Anderson, Councilmembers (CMs) Barry Ladenburg, Kathryn Campbell, Terry Anderson, Dave Bush, and Pam Fernald.

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:** City Manager Todd Cutts, City Attorney Mirante Bartolo, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Assistant City Manager (ACM) Voelpel, Executive Assistant Ellis, Court Administrator Gail Cannon, Community & Economic Development (CED) Director Joe Scorcio, Finance & Systems Director Aaron Antin, Economic Development (ED) Manager Jeff Robinson, Police Chief Lisa Mulligan, Public Works (PW) Director Tom Gut, Planning Manager Steve Pilcher, Senior Planner Mike Scarey, Parks & Recreation (P&R) Director Kit Ledbetter, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Wiwel, Human Resources (HR) Manager Vanessa Audett, and HS Manager Colleen Brandt-Schluter.

**2015 COUNCIL CALENDAR:** Mayor Gregerson reviewed specific calendar items including June retreat, conferences, and International Festival.

Executive Assistant Ellis requested response to attending the AWC Conference in February. CMs Campbell, T. Anderson, and Fernald all responded with interest.

### **RESIDENT ACADEMY UPDATE**

City Manager Cutts reviewed the purpose of proposing the resident academy, planning required, and proposed curriculum. The academy would take place in the spring or fall to avoid conflicts with vacations and holidays.

Council discussion ensued regarding the proposed academy with general support. Council concurred to opening the academy to the community versus residents.

Mayor Gregerson requested tentative dates be scheduled as soon as possible.

**CITY OF SEATAC/PORT OF SEATTLE (POS) INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (ILA) EDUCATIONAL PRIMER:** City Manager Cutts stated this presentation is being made due to the current ILA terminating. This is for information only due to the upcoming negotiations.

ACM Voelpel reviewed the purpose of the ILA which expires in 2016.

She reviewed the current ILA components: cover agreement, Exhibit A: Land Use, Exhibit B: Stormwater Management Fees/Water Quality, Exhibit C: Interagency Cooperation and Development Commitment, Exhibit D: Material Hauling, and other considerations (three amendments to the ILA).

Council questioned the specifics of the current ILA.

*DM A. Anderson left at this point in the meeting.*

Ms. Voelpel stated that staff will also review whether an extension of the current agreement can be entered into instead of negotiations for a new ILA.

Council discussion also ensued regarding the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) membership and attendance.

**RECESSED:** Council recessed for a break from 11:10 a.m. to 11:23 a.m.

*This item was moved forward on the agenda.*

### **UPDATE ON COUNCIL GOALS**

**Enhanced Code Enforcement:** City Manager Cutts stated that this is one of three Council goal updates for today.

CED Director Scorcio stated that most of the information presented today should not be a surprise. However, today's update is about the specifics of what staff is doing to implement the changes.

Mr. Scorcio stated that staff is working on enhancement of the program across the City. He stated that as part of the 2015-2016 budget process, Council agreed to staff changes to the program – moved from the Building Division to the Planning Division, removed Code Enforcement Officer, added second Code Compliance Program Coordinator Position and one .5 Administrative Assistant Position.

Program Focus: Outreach, education and community building; multi-department core team; rotating emphasis areas; cooperative resolution of issues; performance measuring/reporting; and City Code amendments.

**UPDATE ON COUNCIL GOALS (Continued):**

**Enhanced Code Enforcement (Continued):** Council discussion ensued regarding the Code Compliance Program.

*DM A. Anderson returned at this point in the meeting.*

Mr. Scorcio provided a recap of 2014 enforcement activities. When the previous Code Compliance Officer left, the City began responding to complaints only due to staffing. Staff hopes to hire the second person soon.

Planning Manager Pilcher reviewed the 2014 enforcement activities for 2014 and 2013: Cases Opened 284 in 2014 and 281 in 2013, and Cases Closed 234 in 2014 and 259 in 2013. He detailed the number of complaints received for specific types of issues: property maintenance, vehicle violations, Occupied RVs/Sheds, substandard living conditions, open dwellings, roosters, and assistance.

Staff is working to engage and educate the community: educate the community regarding common violations and the compliance process, encourage complaint submittals, be present at community events, schedule review of identified areas/pre-notify, encourage voluntary compliance plans, “Thank you” when case is closed, and strictly enforce when a repeat violator.

Mr. Pilcher shared a few examples of code compliance successes.

Council discussion ensued regarding the current program, the strategies for the future, and other areas Council would like addressed.

Mr. Cutts stated that the next steps are: action team to meet to address today’s information, assemble a Council working group, and then bring back to the Council as a whole.

**RECESSED:** Council recessed for lunch from 12:12 p.m. to 1:04 p.m.

**KING COUNTY (KC) SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY PRESENTATION:**

KC Equity & Social Justice Manager and Public Health – Seattle & KC Community Engagement & Partnerships Manager Matias Valenzuela presented a video that addresses social conditions that lead to healthy life.

Council and staff talked about SeaTac and how the health of the residents is affected by life circumstances (airport noise, multiple jobs, parents unable to help kids with education, poverty, lack of adequate transportation,

Council and staff also discussed ways the City is working towards improving life in the City.

Mr. Valenzuela reviewed statistics for KC versus the United States. KC is highly educated, has lower unemployment, has strong household income, has good health, has high life expectancy, and is a diverse and global community. However, significant portions of KC are being left behind. He reviewed the same areas by race.

Mr. Valenzuela stated that this is not a separate project but an alignment to other projects.

Council concurred to continue the discussion about ways to improve the equity in the City.

**UPDATE ON COUNCIL GOALS (Continued):**

**Healthy Communities:**

City Manager Cutts stated that staff will review the Brookings report and then what the City has been doing and ideas for moving forward.

HS Manager Colleen Brandt-Schluter shared a presentation from the Brookings Institution about Promoting Economic Opportunity in South KC (SKC). The goal is to create an understanding of the changes and the challenges in the region to date.

Recommendations to consider: investing in cradle-to-career skill building, building better connections to opportunity elsewhere in the county, and attracting good jobs to SKC.

There are some initiatives already underway to achieve these goals.

ACM Voelpel presented high level objectives for the goal, focusing on new and ongoing items:

- Clean/Safe Environment: Urban Land Institute (ULI) recommendations for South 154<sup>th</sup> Street Station Area, Draft Angle Lake Station Area Plan, Code enforcement/compliance enhancement, and Problem locations working group
- Sustainable Ecosystem: Open space, parks & recreation element; stormwater asset management program, and waste reduction and hazardous waste information in multiple languages
- Involved Community: community liaisons, residents academy, and social media

**UPDATE ON COUNCIL GOALS (Continued):**

**Healthy Communities (Continued):**

- Accessible Basic Necessities: YMCA Afterschool and Kindergarten Plus, Auburn Youth Resources Street Outreach, and Global to Local
- Innovative Economy: ED Comprehensive Plan (CP) element, and SeaTac Center development
- Adequate Food/Health Options: Trail between Hughes and Angle Lake Park; Food innovation district/network, Valley Ridge Community Center project; and Edible landscaping/community gardens

Mr. Cutts stated that staff has been discussing how to handle these issues and ensure SeaTac is a healthy community. There are many groups in the City already doing some of the work. The City is working collaboratively with them to have them present to the Council about their efforts around the following topics: food security, health disparities/healthy eating and active living, affordable housing, homelessness, opportunity youth, and school readiness/achievement. The presentations should include data and current issue statement, collective impact/innovative approaches, preliminary/expected results, and how the issues/initiatives intersect.

He questioned what format the Council would like these presentations made. Council concurred to discuss these topics at workshops.

**RECESSED:** Council recessed for a break from 2:52 to 3:03 p.m.

**UPDATE ON COUNCIL GOALS (Continued):**

**SR 509/South Access/Transportation Plan Update:**

ACM Voelpel stated that although there wasn't a transportation revenue package adopted in 2014, the project had strong support of the entire legislative delegation. The City's Lobbyist has indicated that the house will wait for the senate to pass something first. A bill should be brought forward within the first few weeks of session.

DM A. Anderson reviewed today's SR 509 Leadership Team conversation from today. The Governor's priorities has SR 509 and 167 separated with SR 167 being a higher priority. SeaTac will draft a letter opposing the separation of the two projects.

Council discussion ensued regarding federal funding and the gas tax.

PW Director Gut stated that the federal transportation funding during these last few years has been a band aid approach. There is some talk that gas tax change is needed.

Mr. Gut stated that the Council's SR 509 goal is intertwined with the work the PW and CED Departments are doing on the CP and specifically the transportation element and transportation master plan. Today's presentation is a review of major completions plus introductions of funding options to consider. Mr. Gut introduced Senior Planner Mike Scarey and Transpo Group Project Manager Larry Toedtli.

Mr. Toedtli reviewed the framework for the 2035 Transportation Element:

By 2025: Target funding and construction of SR 509 Phase I and Interim Airport South Access

By 2035: Work with Port and Regional Stakeholders to advance South Airport Expressway

By 2040: Continue working with Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Regional Stakeholders to advance Phase 2 of SR 509, consistent with Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) vision 2040.

Multimodal Transportation Improvement Projects include the City's existing 2015-1014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Complete Streets Plan, and additional projects.

Transportation Project Cost Range is \$430 to \$500 million while Transportation Revenue Forecast is \$168 million.

Even though the projected costs are more than double the projected revenues, a balanced plan is required. This happens with a mix of revenue options, project priorities, and land use.

Council discussed the proposed projects and revenue options.

Mr. Toedtli stated that this isn't about trying to keep up with the airport but about partnering with them. SR 509 and South Access are not City projects. Interim South Access is the only piece the City has control over and is doing something about.

If SR 509 and South Access don't happen, the City's growth will be lower. However, the regional economy will continue to grow the airport travel. If that keeps growing, the City has two ways of dealing with the growth: (1) negotiations with airport, and/or (2) SEPA process (difficult and time consuming).

**UPDATE ON COUNCIL GOALS (Continued):**

**SR 509/South Access/Transportation Plan Update (Continued):** Mr. Toedtli reviewed the next steps for the Transportation Element: finalize list of transportation improvements & programs, prepare project cost estimates, define level of service (LOS)/concurrency program strategy, complete funding analyses/impact fee update, assign project priorities, update transportation policies, prepare draft transportation element, prepare SEPA review, meet with Planning Commission (PC) and City Council in February, and ongoing public outreach as part of the CP update process.

Mr. Gut reviewed the draft 2015 Schedule for CP and Transportation Element: February 3 – PC review, February 10 - City Council review; April 21 - Public Hearing (PH); May 12 and 26 - City Council final review; and June 9 – City Council action.

Discussion ensued regarding the Council and PC future involvement. Mr. Scorcio stated that a joint meeting will be scheduled. Council also requested the Council Budget Working Group attend a PC meeting prior to the joint meeting.

**WRAP UP**

Mr. Cutts requested Council respond to a survey for retreat/budget meetings within the next week.

DM A. Anderson stated that there seems to be a big gap of time between the Council Study Session (CSS) and Regular Council Meeting (RCM). He proposed CSSs begin at 4:30 p.m. permanently.

Ms. Mirante Bartolo stated the Legal Department can draft a Resolution amending the City Council Administration Procedures for new business at the January 13 RCM. The new start time could then be effective for the January 27, 2015 CSS.

CM Ladenburg commented on the following: (1) marijuana issue; and (2) use of cameras (park, police, International Boulevard).

Mayor Gregerson requested a standing update on the Military Road project during RCMs. She also stated that the Council doesn't have a strategic way to connect with the National Night Out (NNO) Captains throughout the year. She questioned whether there is a way for the City to help the Council figure out when the monthly block watch meetings are happening.

CM Fernald stated that she is passionate about the City's code enforcement and public safety.

Mayor Gregerson requested an update from the Hotel/Motel (H/M) Tax Advisory Committee.

**ADJOURNED:** Mayor Gregerson adjourned the retreat at 5:03 p.m.