

City of SeaTac

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2015
6:30PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: The SeaTac City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mia Gregerson at 6:30 p.m.

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

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Todd Cutts, City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, Deputy City Clerk Zenetta Young, Assistant City Manager (ACM)/Acting Public Works (PW) Director Gwen Voelpel, Community & Economic Development (CED) Director Joe Scorcio, Economic Development (ED) Manager Jeff Robinson, Parks & Recreation (P&R) Director Kit Ledbetter.

FLAG SALUTE: Mayor Gregerson led the Council, audience, and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roger Kadeg spoke against a tax increase, regarding heavy hauling and concerns regarding the pea patch and use of consultants, and encouraged everyone to remember Veteran's Day.

Doris Moe expressed concern regarding limo driver parking and if the old golf course could be used for limo parking. She is waiting to hear from someone regarding code compliance issues.

Vicki Lockwood spoke regarding an abatement process: requested the city set up a special abatement account that the public can track, consider fines for non-compliance, and also require property owners to register vacant properties.

Earl Gipson commented on political debates and untruths in campaigning.

Joel Wachtel spoke regarding property tax levy and utility tax.

PRESENTATIONS:

Council confirmation of Mayoral appointment of Frances Snowder as a member of the Library Advisory Committee

MOVED BY LADENBURG, SECONDED BY CAMPBELL TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF FRANCES SNOWDER TO THE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Gregerson read and presented the certificate to Ms. Snowder.

Catholic Community Services (CCS) Emergency Assistance

Program Manager James Tolbert stated the Emergency Assistance prevention program provides rental assistance, utilities assistance and motel vouchers. Mr. Tolbert thanked council on behalf of CCS, the 55 SeaTac residents and 21 households that were served by CCS. When comparing the last two census reports, homelessness and poverty levels in SeaTac has grown from 13.3% to 17.1%. 9.5% of those served in SeaTac had incomes at or below 50% of the area medium income, 38% were single family female head of household, 4.8% were single male head of household, 9.5% were two parent household, and 23.8% headed by a person with a disability.

PICH Grant Pea Patch Location Report

P&R Director Ledbetter stated the funding for this project will be conducted in two stages. The first stage is site location and the second stage will be design for construction and code review. The site location portion of this project will be funded solely by the PICH grant which is federally funded. There is no city money involved in this stage except for staff time. He will be coming back to council on November 24 with a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant the city received for approximately \$300,000 for the Riverton site.

Forterra Program Manager Becca Meredith gave background on Forterra as a regional non-profit that works to both conserve wild and working land and also to build healthy communities for residents. They have been working in collaboration with Cast Architecture, Global to Local, and GIS work was done by Mountains to Sound. The PICH grant is a collaboration with King County (KC), Seattle children's hospital, and Healthy KC Coalition. With a focus on improving nutrition, increasing physical activity and reducing health disparities in South Seattle and South KC. The city of SeaTac is part of the healthy food and active living component of that grant. There are two parts to this project: (1) to

build a community garden and, (2) systems change through city codes being reflective of access to healthy foods

CAST Architecture Representative Matt Hutchins explained what a community garden is and benefits to the community. A community garden is usually city owned land where the city designates small plots which are then leased to individuals for private gardening non-commercial. Most plots tend to be from 40 to 400 sq ft. One of the key components is sharing of resources, irrigation, soil building, compost, mulch, tools, and water are all part of the infrastructure of the community garden. The benefits are widespread and the fundamental benefit is allowing private citizens to grow their own food, allows interaction with nature, and seeing where food comes from. It reconnects us to the land, supplying food banks with fresh food and allocating portion of the land to food banks where it gets cultivated by the community, and it builds community spirit.

Ms. Meredith detailed the site selection process that was completed by Mountain to Sound. She reviewed the 5 top sites that met garden suitability; (1) Seattle Public Utilities site behind Glacier High School owned by City of Seattle, (2) The Riverton site next to Church by the Side of the Road owned by the City of SeaTac, (3) The Valley View Early Learning center owned by Highline Schools, (4) Glacier High School next to site #1 but have different ownership, and (5) North SeaTac, 2 sites grouped together owned by Port of Seattle. Information boards containing information for all 5 sites went out to the community at an open house on Sept. 28 at Bow Lake Elementary, was available on-line, went to Community Building Committee (CBC) and they were posted at the community center and city hall for voting. Residents were asked to pick their top 2 choices. A total of 81 surveys were received. The Riverton site came in as first choice and second the Valley View Early Learning Center. Forterra's recommendations would be first Riverton Site, the second Valley View Early Learning Center, and third the North SeaTac sites. Next steps come back in December before council asking for action, begin work around regulatory codes early next year, and if approved build garden early 1st quarter, invite community to start plotting by early spring.

Council discussion ensued.

2016 Washington State Legislative Priorities

Gordon Thomas Honeywell Vice President of Governmental Affairs Briahna Murray gave a brief overview of where the City ended at the last legislative session with city priorities. The city had a very successful 2015 with the vast majority of the items the City asked the legislature to act upon or fund, were moved forward or funded. Still need to work on infrastructure funding, public records reform, and defense funding. The 2016 legislature is scheduled to start January 11, to last only 60 days. It is the second year of the biennium budget. The biggest issue the legislature is dealing with is education funding.

Assistant City Manager Voelpel and Ms. Murray reviewed the City's internal and external legislative agendas in alignment with council goals, with the following recommendations from council: Unfunded mandate moved to the external agenda, Reform of Public Records Act moved to the internal agenda, supporting of state funding for public schools to be considered by the next council, Product stewardship (privately funded pharmaceuticals disposal program and paint recycling stewardship) moved to external agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of claims vouchers (check no. 112695 - 112850) in the amount of \$480,498.82 for the period ended November 5, 2015.

Approval of payroll vouchers (check no. 53033 - 53053) in the amount of \$236,272.41 for the period ended October 31, 2015.

Approval of payroll electronic fund transfer (check no. 86082 - 86223) in the amount of \$321,439.72 for the period ended October 31, 2015.

Approval of payroll wire transfer in the amount of \$53,500.15 for the period ended October 31, 2015.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Council Study Session held October 27, 2015

The following items were reviewed at the October 27, 2015 Council Study Session and recommended for placement on this Consent Agenda:

Agenda Bill #4134; A Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Construction Agreement with Puget Sound Energy for the Connecting 28th/24th Avenue South project.

MOVED BY FERNALD, SECONDED BY LADENBURG TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to Unfinished Business): There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: City Manager Cutts commented on the following: (1) City Hall closed for Veteran's Day, (2) Valley Ridge teen center and playground dedication November 17 at 2:30 pm, (3) 32nd Avenue South sidewalk project review November 18 from 5 to 7 pm, (4) coordinated prevention grant program the city received \$21,850 for 4 special recycling programs (5) code compliance update – property at South 216th Street removing rubbish, another home demolished, and (6) development of proposed abatement program.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

CM Campbell reported: (1) attended Food Innovation Network subcommittee meeting in process of organizing data from community survey regarding food based businesses, (2) attended SCORE meeting on October 28 and they still have job openings, information can be found at scorejail.org.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

CM Fernald commented on the following: (1) asked if staff would contact Mrs. Moe to inform her the POS is coming to city hall regarding for-hire-vehicles, (2) represented the city at the WA Council of the Blind, (3) offered gratitude to all veterans.

CM Bush commented on the following: (1) attended State of Schools presentation by Highline Schools Superintendent Susan Enfield - graduating students up by 10%, (2) today is Marine Corps birthday, and (3) my birthday this November 15, will be 73.

CM Ladenburg thanked the veterans

Mayor Gregerson also thanked the veterans and reviewed topics from the NLC conference, which included vacant and abandoned properties, Ohio's 60 day foreclosure ordinance, lead poisoning of children due to poor housing. Airbnbs were discussed as being one of the biggest international businesses and cities don't know what to do with the industry regarding codes. Washington State has opted in to be the pilot state to help with codes and provide structure for cities and counties regarding Airbnb businesses.

She announced the City has vacancies open until filled on the Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee as well as. There is also a vacancy on the Community Building Committee with applications due November 30, 2015.

RECESSED: Mayor Gregerson recessed the meeting to an Executive Session on Potential Litigation at 8:23 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Potential Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) (10 Minutes)


Council requested an additional 5 minutes at 8:33, and 8:40 pm.

RECONVENED: Mayor Gregerson reconvened the RCM at 8:46 pm

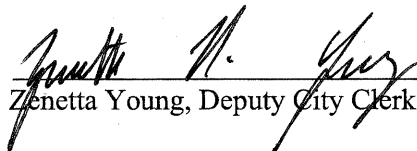
ADJOURNED:

MAYOR GREGERSON ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEATAC CITY COUNCIL AT 8:46 P.M.





Mia Gregerson, Mayor



Zenetta Young, Deputy City Clerk

OPMA EXEMPT MEETING: At the end of the RCM, Council and staff went into a meeting exempt from the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) per Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 42.30.140(4)(a).