



Special SeaTac Airport Committee Summary Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2017

6:00 PM

City Hall - Council Chambers

Committee members present:

Michael J. Siefkes, Chair; Peter Kwon, Erin Sitterley, Joel Wachtel, Craig Baker, Doris Cassan, Douglas Hill, Tom Dantzler, Roger McCracken, Craig Baker (arrived 6:25 PM)

Absent: Mark Johnsen, Sr. Asst. City Attorney

Staff: Acting City Manager Joseph Scorcio (arrived late), Acting CED Director Jeff Robinson, Exec. Assistant Lesa Ellis

Councilmembers in the Audience: Rick Forschler (6:44 PM)

TOPIC	ACTION
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM.
Public Comment	Earl Gibson; Would like to suggest \$20 mil "signing bonus" in the framework for the ILA for the lost parking tax revenue. Chair Siefkes stated that major topics have been identified for the ILA and staff is working on it weekly. Mr. Gibson also suggested an outside, third-party review the ILA.
Approval of the January 9, 2017 Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes as written by Doug Hill and seconded by Erin Sitterley.
Mayor's Topics	Near the end of the tonight's meeting, would like to know from the committee "where you'd like this committee to go"?
Update on Mayors' Roundtable	<p>The first meeting of the Roundtable (formerly named the turbulence council) was held January 30. The purpose is to coordinate information and support each other. Each city has unique airport-related issues.</p> <p>Mr. Wachtel stated that the FAA didn't respond to the City of Burien or QuietSkies Friday. Thus, they are going to file a lawsuit against the FAA. According to Mr. Wachtel, Burien will file on Wednesday. Burien officials have agreed to let QuietSkies have a place at the table during meetings with the attorneys.</p>
FAA Meeting Summary Notes	<p>Mr. Robinson reminded the Committee that Chair Siefkes and Mr. Scorcio briefed the Committee at the last meeting. Attached in tonight's packet are the written notes from the meeting. The key topics discussed included: 1) NextGen, 2) role, scope and authority of the FAA, and 3) ongoing communications with the FAA.</p> <p>Councilmember Kwon stated he asked specific questions of the FAA at the meeting and has not yet received a response.</p>
Updates on Requests to the Port	Acting City Manager Scorcio sent an email to Lance Lyttle in regard to access from the south via the tunnel (copy included in the packet).

<p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Agencies/Officials to future meetings • Comparative list of City authorities and Port/Airport authorities • New topics 	<p>Invitation letter sent to Alaska Airlines on February 10, 2017.</p>
<p>Round Robin Comment/Question Opportunity</p>	<p>Mr. McCracken: We need to work together with the Port. We both need each other. Would like to have more one on one meetings with the Port and City to discuss issues, especially roads. Need a mechanism for the local businesses to meet with airport planners. Can the City help with that? Local businesses touch about 20% of the Port's travelling public outside the fence line.</p>
	<p>Mr. Dantzer: The Port doesn't need us since they have permitting, SEPA authority, and are self-sustaining. Businesses are providing feedback at open houses, but not receiving any responses back from the Port. We need a tool, perhaps the ILA or PSRC Growth Management Act on Transportation.</p>
	<p>Chair Siefkes: Agrees with statements from the business owners at previous meetings that the Port should have the business community and the City involved earlier in the process. Currently, the Port presents a fully-formed plan.</p>
	<p>Ms. Cassan: Port and City hires expensive consultants, and the community has to live with whatever they come up with. Community should have input in process.</p>
	<p>Mr. Gipson (audience): the Port has the resources to outgun the City with attorneys and consultants.</p>
	<p>Mr. Wachtel: Historically, nothing has worked. Thinks the City should just let the ILA expire and negotiate after the City takes back permitting authority.</p>
	<p>Mr. McCracken: Doesn't want to wait for the ILA to expire. We did see a response during Christmas when the Port changed the routes based on comments from the City on S. 160th.</p>
	<p>Mr. Robinson: The City has several ILA negotiating teams that meet regularly. They cannot discuss ongoing negotiations in public at this time. Teams include addressing issues of: traffic, land use, permitting, master document, and community/neighborhood mitigation. The City cannot be disingenuous when looking for a win/win with the Port. Both sides have attorneys; an agreement is in the best interest of both parties, not litigation. He cautioned the members not to jump to conclusions. Staff is working toward an ILA that will be presented to Council for approval.</p>
	<p>Mr. Robinson continued his comments that SAMP is a different issue than the ILA. They work with Port Planners Tom Hopper and Elizabeth Leavitt.</p>

	Mr. Scorcio arrived from an out of town trip and joined the meeting. He reiterated that the teams working on the ILA are making headway in crafting language. Some sections of the ILA are more complex than others. Details of the negotiations cannot be discussed in public, but citizens and business owners can relay their issues via city staff.
Where do we want this Committee to go?	Ms. Sitterley: Focus on SeaTac and our needs; arguing with the FAA is not beneficial; avoid hysteria regarding flight plans. Wants: Fairness from the Port, realize the Airport was here first, wants to coexist with the Port, develop a work plan and smart goals, businesses to do well, population to thrive, let staff negotiate the ILA, and make the city better by working with the Port.
	Mr. Kwon: Wants ongoing dialogue with the Port (City officials, residents and businesses want real-time dialogue); the airport to be successful with the city along with it (seems out of balance in growth and financially); and good avenue to move forward to finding mutually beneficial solutions to problems.
	Chair Siefkes: Commented that he saw Commissioner Albro at the Tree Safety Flight Corridor Meeting. No official wants to see a line of people signed up to complain. Although unpleasant, wonders if they might consider holding public meetings more often as many other issues were raised by the public.
	Mr. Hill: Thanked the airport related businesses for being here and wants them to succeed, concerns include: property values, crime, safety (an perception of safety); need resources to transform the community, with the infuse of money comes higher property values and vibrancy.
	Mr. Wachtel: Wants a better understanding and more information coming back to the committee from the negotiations, find an effective way for business owners to provide input to the Port for perspective beyond the fence line.
	Mr. Baker: Trees are dying due to the airport, feels sure that when the ILA was adopted years ago the Port knew it wouldn't be updated, a small wins list would be: co-exist and grow with the Port, identify the big issues to businesses, residents and the environment.
	Ms. Cassan: Appreciates the Council and staff for listening to their issues. Need resources to focus on crime. Port and City both experience crime.
	Mr. Dantzler: Wants to see caution in negotiating the ILA – who will control it? The City should have more control over how the mitigation dollars are spent.
	Mr. McCracken: Agrees with Ms. Sitterley on focus; parking lots sometimes get a bad rap and we need to get this right with the Port, vision of a world-class Port and City.
	Mr. Scorcio: The Committee formed a year ago. It has been a great learning experience with lots of questions and answers and will continue to be a forum for discussion.
	Chair Siefkes: Agreed that he has learned something new at each meeting, energizing, agrees with Roger's vision of the City

	and Port working together. Airport needs to see our vision and help make it happen.
Next meeting	March 20, 2017 – staff will work on bringing in a guest from the Alaska Airlines or the Port.
Adjourn	7:52 PM

Information e-mailed after the meeting:

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