

City of SeaTac

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017
7:00PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: The SeaTac City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Siefkes at 7:06 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Michael J. Siefkes, Deputy Mayor (DM) Pam Fernald, Councilmembers (CMs) Rick Forscher, Kathryn Campbell, Peter Kwon, Tony Anderson, and Erin Sitterley.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Joseph Scorcio, Assistant City Attorney Cindy Corsilles, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Community & Economic Development (CED) Director Jeff Robinson, Planning Manager Steve Pilcher, Parks, Community Programs and Services Director Lawrence Ellis, Facilities Manager Brian Ruda, Police Chief Lisa Mulligan, City Engineer Florendo Cabudol, and Assistant City Engineer Janet Mayer.

FLAG SALUTE: City Manager Scorcio led the Council, audience, and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mike Condon spoke regarding food trucks at the airport cell phone parking lot. He questioned the requirements for these trucks.

Doug Hill stated it is difficult for the audience to determine Council votes when a voice vote is done. He requested Council raise their hand when voting.

Vicki Lockwood spoke on the proposed settlement agreement stating her disappointed that Council is coming from a position of guilty. She believes we should be coming from a place of strength.

Earl Gipson commented on the proposed settlement agreement stating he is ready to put this behind us and he trusts the Council's decision.

Police Chief Mulligan presented Eugenio Soracco and Jim Tannehill with Police Appreciation Awards for their bravery in assisting a SeaTac Deputy during an incident on September 28.

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation of Good Neighbor Recognition Certificate to Angela Hockley

City Manager Scorcio read the information related to the award and Mayor Siefkes presented the certificate to Ms. Hockley.

Key City Issues and Requests for Direction

City Manager Scorcio commented on the following:

- (1) overturned truck this morning on north I-5, vehicle had a slight spill which was contained,
- (2) the old fire station 45 has been demolished and removed,
- (3) relocation of Fire Station 47 to Fire Station 46 will be done next week, 47 will be prepared for demolition,
- (4) Council approved the contract for City Hall security access and modification, work will proceed soon and be done before the end of the year,
- (5) fall edition of SeaTac Report went out last week and included an article regarding the survey for new City Manager position,
- (6) Food Trucks at airport and in the City – requested topic be referred to Land Use & Parks (LUP) Committee. Mayor Siefkes stated the general topic of food trucks was previously referred to LUP. Council concurred.
- (7) SeaTac Quarterly Report options – requested topic be referred to Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee. Council concurred.
- (8) Lime Bikes (rental bikes) – requested topic be referred to Code Compliance Committee. Council concurred.
- (9) CIRs – will have an update soon and more recommendations for referrals
- (10) Grant application – Commute Trip Reduction (CTR)
- (11) Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event – thanked volunteers

PRESENTATIONS (continued):

Council Requests to Refer Items to Committees

CM Forschler requested parade event fees be referred to LUP. Council concurred.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of claims vouchers (check no. 119104 - 119235) in the amount of \$892,689.94 for the period ended October 5, 2017.

Approval of payroll vouchers (check no. 54101 - 54129) in the amount of \$144,788.21 for the period ended September 30, 2017.

Approval of payroll electronic fund transfer (check no. 92147 - 92282) in the amount of \$469,910.87 for the period ended September 30, 2017.

Approval of payroll wire transfer in the amount of \$54,093.85 for the period ended September 30, 2017.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Administration & Finance Committee Meetings held August 3, September 7 and September 21, 2017

Council Study Session held September 26, 2017

Regular Council Meeting held September 26, 2017

Land Use & Parks Committee Meeting held September 28, 2017

The following items were reviewed at the September 26, 2017 Council Study Session and recommended for placement on this Consent Agenda:

Agenda Bill #4720; A Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with KPG, Inc. for the design of the S. 200th St./ 26th Ave. S. Intersection Project.

Agenda Bill #4722; A Motion approving the Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority (SSRTA) 2018 Budget.

Agenda Bill #4728; A Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Aspect Consulting for the development of city-wide Low Impact Development infeasibility maps.

The following items were reviewed at the October 10, 2017 Council Study Session and recommended for placement on this Consent Agenda:

Agenda Bill #4742; A Motion authorizing the City to renew its membership in the South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd).

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to Agenda Bill #4679): There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS:

Agenda Bill #4679; A Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with American Traffic Solutions (ATS) to provide automated traffic enforcement.

Summary: Since 2006, the City of SeaTac has contracted with Redflex to provide automated traffic enforcement services, specifically photo-enforced red-light cameras. The contract was set to expire in July of 2017. At the May 23, 2017 Regular Council Meeting, Council expressed concern over Redflex corporate business practices/history, and asked staff to take the contract back through the RFP Process. To insure continuity of service, the City and Redflex extended the existing contract through December 31, 2017 to allow the City to maintain photo enforcement services during the RFP process. Staff completed the RFP process in August. After interviewing three well-established automated traffic enforcement vendors, staff agreed that all three companies were capable and qualified to provide the service, and has recommended American Traffic Solutions (ATS) for the following reasons:

ACTION ITEMS (continued):

Agenda Bill #4679 (continued):

1. Positive local history (Seattle, Des Moines, Renton, Kent, others)
2. Competitive Costing Model (\$11,250 p/m (\$3750 p/site)) plus \$10,000 marketing allowance; compared to current \$13,500 p/m (\$4,500 p/site))
3. No Criminal Litigation History (challenges to legality only, none pending in Washington)
4. Citation processing compatible with SeaTac Court, adjustable if desired in the future.
5. Technology Capabilities (loop-less detection, traffic studies, video and photo, etc.)
6. Data Collection Options (local staff or company prepared)
7. Customer Service (complaint mitigation, staff training, option for fee processing, etc.)
8. Contract Transition Plan (next-day operational)

Switching vendors to ATS will allow us to continue to provide automated traffic enforcement services, ensuring that this important public safety tool is seamlessly operational. If this Motion is approved, staff will finalize a contract (substantially similar to the one attached) with ATS, and the City Manager will be authorized to execute the contract in an amount not to exceed \$135,000 per year, plus an annual increase for CPI.

Under the current contract, the City pays \$162,000 per year (\$13,500 per month) for photo enforcement services. The proposed contract fee, with ATS is \$135,000 per year (\$11,250 per month). This is \$27,000 savings reflected in the General Fund.

2016 Operating Costs for the service was reflected as \$206,469 (includes fee for the service, police time and court time)

Projected operating costs for the service with ATS are \$180,000 broken down as follows: Yearly

Payment to ATS \$135,000 (plus CPI each year); Estimated Police time per year \$10,000; Estimated Court time per year \$35,000

2016 Net Revenue \$156,608

Projected Revenue: Similar; possibly higher because operating cost will be less (under the current 3-installation model).

- May 4, 2017 Public Safety and Justice Committee - Discussed the matter of contract renewal with Redflex. Committee recommended that staff bring the matter before full Council to determine authority to enter into new contract negotiations with Redflex.
- May 9, 2017 Council Study Session - Staff presented justification and benefit of photo enforcement as well as operating costs and revenues. Council referred the topic to the next Regular Council Meeting as an action item.
- May 23, 2017 Regular Council Meeting - Council expressed concern over historical criminal allegations brought against Redflex employees; directed staff to implement the RFP process to examine other potential vendors.
- July 7, 2017 Public Safety and Justice Committee - Staff presented RFP Timeline.
- September 7, 2017 Public Safety and Justice Committee - Staff presented recommendation that the City enter into contract negotiations with American Traffic Solutions (ATS) to provide automatic traffic enforcement for the City of SeaTac. The Committee recommended that staff take this recommendation to the full Council and also recommended that Council authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute the contract.

Police Chief Mulligan reviewed changes since the September 26, Council Study Session.

MOVED BY ANDERSON, SECONDED BY FERNALD TO PASS AGENDA BILL #4679.*

Council discussion ensued regarding whether to continue with Redlight cameras, statistics, benefits and cons of the cameras.

*UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION FAILED WITH FORSCHLER, KWON, SITTERLEY AND SIEFKES VOTING NO, AND CAMPBELL, ANDERSON, AND FERNALD VOTING YES.

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda at the CSS.

Agenda Bill #4742; A Motion authorizing the City to renew its membership in the South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd).

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to Ordinance for settlement agreements): There were no public comments.

An Ordinance #17-1017 authorizing the City Manager to execute settlement agreements with K&S Developments, LLC, and insurance carriers: St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, Travelers, The Charter Oaks Fire Insurance Company (collectively “Travelers”), and Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW) amending the City’s 2017-2018 Biennial Budget, and directing additional fiscal actions

MOVED BY KWON, SECONDED BY SITTERLEY TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE (#17-1017) AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH K&S DEVELOPMENTS, LLC, AND INSURANCE CARRIERS: ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, TRAVELERS, THE CHARTER OAKS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (COLLECTIVELY “TRAVELERS”), AND CITIES INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON (CIAW) AMENDING THE CITY’S 2017-2018 BIENNIAL BUDGET, AND DIRECTING ADDITIONAL FISCAL ACTIONS.*

City Manager Scorcio responded to a question asked during the CSS by stating the activities began in 2005 – 2012 that led to the original lawsuit. He summarized the Staff Report and Ordinance.

Mr. Scorcio also reiterated the “quit talking about it” provision in the settlement agreement.

Discussion ensued regarding whether to approve the settlement or continue to appeal.

*UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED WITH FORSCHLER, KWON, ANDERSON, SITTERLEY, FERNALD, AND SIEFKES VOTING YES AND CAMPBELL AND ANDERSON VOTING NO.

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 Scorcio commented on the following calendar items: October 23 – 6 p.m., Valley Ridge Playfield Improvements, and October 25 – 6:30 p.m., South 166th Street Sidewalk Project Open House

COMMITTEE UPDATES: CMs provided the following updates:
CM Campbell – Sidewalk Advisory Committee still needs members

CM Forschler – October 11 - Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee Meeting, October 26 – LUP Committee meeting

CM Sitterley – October 19 - A&F, October 12 – King County (KC) Accountable Communities of Health session, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority (PSRFA) still needs volunteers from SeaTac to represent the City on the Citizen Advisory Committee

DM Fernald – October 5 – Public Safety & Justice (PS&J) Committee met and had a mostly informational meeting

Mayor Siefkes – October 16 - Airport Advisory Committee, requested Council schedule a budget retreat to discuss mid-biennium budget modification.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

CM Campbell read Section 9 of the Administrative Procedures related to voting in response to a public comment.

CM Kwon commented on the Volunteer Appreciation Event, informal coffee chat hosted by him every Sunday at Mike's Community Cup at 9 a.m., and stated he has an unofficial locking mailboxes program.

CM Sitterley stated she is thankful to live in a place that doesn't have as horrible weather as other places.

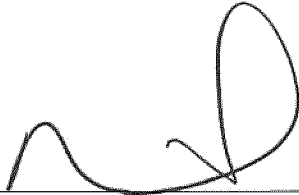
DM Fernald commented on the Volunteer Appreciation Event and stated the City is need of more volunteers.

Mayor Siefkes commented on the Volunteer Appreciation Lunch. He stated the best thing that can be done to better the City is to know and love our neighbors even more.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNED:

MAYOR SIEFKES ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEATAC CITY COUNCIL AT 8:51 P.M.



Michael J. Siefkes, Mayor



Kristina Gregg, City Clerk