

City of SeaTac

Council Study Session Minutes Synopsis

June 14, 2016
5:00 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: The SeaTac City Council Study Session (CSS) was called to order by Mayor Michael Siefkes at 5:02 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Michael J. Siefkes, Deputy Mayor (DM) Pam Fernald (*arrived at 5:04 p.m.*), Councilmembers (CMs) Rick Forschler, Kathryn Campbell (*arrived at 5:20 p.m.*), Peter Kwon, Tony Anderson, and Erin Sitterley.

STAFF PRESENT: Acting City Manager Joe Scorcio, City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Civil Engineer 1 Hien Nguyen, Information Systems (IS) Manager Bart Perman, Planning Manager Steve Pilcher, Senior Planner Anita Woodmass, Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Johnsen, Public Works (PW) Director Will Appleton, and Police Chief Lisa Mulligan.

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

PRESENTATIONS - INFORMATION ONLY:

Introduction of New/Promoted City Employee: Civil Engineer 1 Hien Nguyen

Acting City Manager Scorcio introduced promoted employee Mr. Nguyen.

AGENDA BILLS:

Agenda Bill #4315; A Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Presidio Systems for phone systems upgrade.

Summary: The City's phone and voicemail system is running on hardware and software that is past its support life and is in need of an upgrade to get the hardware and software up to current versions. We originally purchased the system when we move to our current City Hall location in 2002. We upgraded the system in 2009 to bring us to the then current version and to integrate our voicemail and email systems.

The benefits of proceeding with this upgrade include increased functionality and stability of our phone system, ensuring compatibility with our email system and the cost savings of a limited time migration cost from Cisco. The risks of delaying or not proceeding with this upgrade include relying on a system that is past its support life and additional costs related to upgrading the system in the future.

The total cost for this upgrade is estimated at \$51,163. This amount will be paid for through the computer hardware line item in the Municipal Capital Improvement Fund (Fund 301).

CM Fernald arrived at this point in the meeting.

IS Manager Perman reviewed the agenda bill summary. He responded to questions raised at the Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee meeting.

Council discussion ensued regarding the new system capabilities and the installation timeline.

Council consensus: Refer to the 06/28/16 RCM Consent Agenda

Agenda Bill #4361; An Ordinance adopting the Angle Lake Station Area Overlay District regulations

Summary: The expansion of light rail service to South 200th Street at 28th Avenue South, with an associated parking garage, plaza and retail space, is anticipated to open in fall 2016.

To optimize the community and economic opportunities presented by the construction of the Angle Lake Station, over an eighteen month period, staff worked extensively with members of the business and residential communities to prepare the Angle Lake District Station Area Plan. The plan was adopted by Council in July 2015. During this time it was

AGENDA BILLS (continued):

Agenda Bill #4361 (continued): deemed necessary to adopt interim standards for the Angle Lake District as a zoning overlay (first adopted January 2014). These standards were the minimum necessary to protect the area from uses that could potentially be at odds with future transit oriented development expected to occur within the station area. These interim standards were extended two additional times and will expire on June 30, 2016.

Since the adoption of the Angle Lake Plan, staff has worked to prepare proposed standards for the Angle Lake District. These standards will 'replace' the interim standards with new development regulations for the Station Area. The standards maintain the same district boundary and additionally define the Angle Lake District Center.

Staff has worked with the Planning Commission (PC) in developing the proposed standards at nine meetings. In addition, substantial developer outreach has occurred with over 16 stakeholders provided with a draft copy of the proposed code. A Public Hearing (PH) was held by the PC on May 31, 2016 at which the PC voted to unanimously approve the proposed code and recommended its adoption without changes.

The state required Department of Commerce review was completed on May 9, 2016 and SEPA addendum issued on May 17, 2016. No comments were received.

Planning Manager Pilcher and Senior Planner Woodmass reviewed the agenda bill summary.

CM Campbell arrived at this point in the meeting.

Council discussion ensued regarding parking structures.

Acting City Manager Scorcio stated that Council has the option to either extend the current standards, move the Ordinance as proposed to a future meeting, or propose amendments to the proposed Ordinance to be considered at a future meeting. Once the standards are in place, Council can also amend the code.

Council discussion ensued regarding addressing the Angle Lake Station Area parking as a separate issue. Acting City Manager Scorcio stated that be a separate amendment. He suggested Council leave the item as it is and discuss as a separate issue in the future. It was also mentioned that the other two station areas have restrictions and the Angle Lake Station doesn't and concerns are being heard from the community about potential development in the area. It was suggested that standards be adopted similar to other station areas.

Discussion also ensued regarding how pedestrians and safe streets were considered when developing these standards.

It was proposed to expand the district center park 'n fly restrictions to the Angle Lake Station Area District. Mr. Pilcher clarified that the suggestion is to eliminate public/private parking as a use anywhere within the Angle Lake District.

Mr. Scorcio stated staff will draft an amendment for Council to consider.

Council consensus: Refer to the 06/28/16 RCM Action Item

PRESENTATIONS - INFORMATION ONLY:

For-Hire Vehicle Regulations

Senior Assistant City Attorney Johnsen introduced King County (KC) Records and Licensing Services Acting Deputy Director Sean Bouffiou.

Mr. Johnsen reviewed definitions related to the regulations. What's not covered is limousines, shuttle services, and other vehicles licensed by the Washington Utilities Transportation Commission (WUTC).

SeaTac adopted for-hire regulations in 1990 which adopts the King County Code (KCC). The city entered into a 1997 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with KC.

PRESENTATIONS - INFORMATION ONLY (continued):

For-Hire Vehicle Regulations (continued):

He reviewed portions of the current ILA:

- City responsibilities - enact codes substantially similar to KCC 6.64 (needs to be updated), delegate to the county licensing and enforcement, and city also retains ability to issue violations.
- County responsibilities - perform the services for licensing of enforcement of regulations pertaining to taxicabs and for-hire vehicles.
- Compensation – county retains the licensing fees and fines collected. No other compensation paid to the county by the city.

Mr. Johnsen explained the reasons for entering into an ILA with KC: (1) uniform licensing throughout the county, (2) cities don't need to duplicate licensing services such as vehicle inspections and background checks, (3) single license = better compliance, and (4) lower cost

Currently, 17 cities and the Port of Seattle (POS) participate in the ILA with KC.

Mr. Bouffiou provided an overview of the KC licensing services and provided additional statistics. Fees are intended to cover costs related to providing services.

Council discussion ensued regarding the KC Taxicab Annual Report, wheelchair use surcharge, license fees, Seattle ILA, Taxi driver verses Uber driver regulations, and impacts and benefits to the City.

ADJOURNED: Mayor Siefkes adjourned the Council Study Session at 6:44 p.m.