

City of SeaTac

Special Council Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2018
4:30PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: The SeaTac City Council Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael Siefkes at 4:30 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Michael J. Siefkes, Deputy Mayor Erin Sitterley, Councilmembers (CMs) Rick Forschler (*arrived at 4:32 p.m.*), Joel Wachtel, Peter Kwon, Clyde Hill, and Pam Fernald.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Joseph Scorcio, City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Finance & Systems Director Gwen Pilo, Parks, Community Programs and Services (PCPS) Director Lawrence Ellis, Public Works (PW) Director Will Appleton.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Roger Kadeg encouraged Council to explore ways to recover costs related to human services aid provided. The City can't afford to help everyone. He also encouraged more education instead of more housing as a solution.

CM Forschler arrived at this point in the meeting.

Debbie Myers read an email she sent to a CM regarding the assessment report which stated her sadness that Council was not accepting the report. She attended the workshop and felt heard.

Luis Escamilla spoke regarding the memorandum in the Council packet stating the Kone's report should be looked at closely and compared to the City's own demographics report. Spanish speaking community is not included in the memorandum. This gives the impression of a continuing trend against the Spanish speaking population in SeaTac.

PRESENTATIONS:

Council consideration and confirmation of Robert Akhtar to the Port of Seattle (POS) Stakeholder Advisory Roundtable (StART)

Mayor Siefkes stated he feels Mr. Akhtar will be a good representative of the City, however, most other CMs have never met him.

Mr. Akhtar introduced himself and spoke regarding his reasons for wanting to participate in this committee and responded to Council questions.

Mr. Scorcio stated the StART Committee is designed the POS to get a mix of input. There will be two community members chosen by the Council and two designated staff positions to make sure government is represented. The purpose is a sounding board for lots of issues, and includes FAA, airlines... The first meeting is scheduled for the end of February.

MOVED BY KWON, SECONDED BY WACHTEL TO APPOINT ROBERT AKHTAR TO THE PORT OF SEATTLE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY ROUNDTABLE.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Siefkes presented the certificate of appointment to Mr. Akhtar.

ACTION ITEM:

Agenda Bill #4839; A Motion setting the 2019-2020 Human Services funding priorities.

Summary: The City entered into a contract with Kone Consulting to complete an independent 3rd party Human Services Needs Assessment on September 15, 2017. The scope of services requested were:

- A. Identify the socio economic related demographics of the City and identify potential correlations and its impact on the needs of the citizens;

ACTION ITEM (continued):
Agenda Bill #4839 (continued):

- B. Review, source and synthesize data from a variety of sources;
- C. Review of existing funds and distributions and service priorities;
- D. Provide comparative cost analysis among other surrounding cities;
- E. Identify outreach and engagement strategies and implement a plan to provide input on the Needs Assessment;
- F. Update assessment that will identify the community's needs and challenges and inform the City's choices of desired outcome;
- G. Design a strategy to meet those needs and develop a framework for accountability;
- H. Present a final report to City Council and the Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC).

In addition to data collection and demographic analysis, Kone Consulting hosted community forums and interviewed key informants representing agencies, local school officials and city staff during October and November 2017. The consultants facilitated community meeting at 3 locations within the city (Madrona Elementary, Windsor Heights Apartments and the SeaTac Community Center). An objective of these meetings was to obtain perspectives on the current needs and challenges of the residents, and to help formulate a strategy to mesh those perspectives with the data and demographics in order to for the City to establish a funding strategy for 2019-2020.

Kone Consulting presented the Human Services Needs Assessment that included their methodology, data and options to consider (recommendations) at the December 11 CSAC and at Administration and Finance (A&F) Committee meetings held on January 4 and 17. The motion will provide direction to the staff and CSAC in recommending the allocation of human services funds in the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget.

The Human Services Needs Assessment was presented at the CSAC meeting on December 11, 2017 and the A&F Committee on January 4 and 17, 2018.

At the January 17 A&F Committee meeting, the Committee recommended that the entire City Council meet to discuss the Human Services Needs Assessment and to establish a funding strategy that will best serve the City's human services needs in 2019-2020.

Mayor Siefkes stated in 1999, Council adopted the Human Services Plan to address priorities for basic needs, primary care, domestic violence services, information and referral, independent living, and refugee and immigrant services. The purpose of tonight's meeting is for Council to decide whether these priorities have changed.

Mayor Siefkes spoke regarding the Human Services Needs Assessment report stating it is flawed and incomplete.

Mr. Scorcio stated staff is looking for guidance and direction in order to incorporate the direction in the grant application which will occur in a couple of months.

Mayor Siefkes lead an exercise to determine the priorities.

Council discussion ensued regarding the following priorities:

Emergency Situations	Long Term	2019-2020 Employment and Welfare Training	Metrics
Housing	Micro-loan	Education	
Safety	Minor home repair	Emergency Services	
Food		Basic Needs	

Mayor Siefkes stated the Council needs to determine the number of agencies to fund.

Mr. Scorcio clarified Council's priorities: (1) Basic and Urgent Services: (a) emergency and (b) long term basics; (2) Education, Training, and Workforce development (languages, appropriate training levels, dealing with skills and certifications); and (3) Supporting Businesses and employment creation (micro-loans, helping to get better paying jobs).

ACTION ITEM (continued):
Agenda Bill #4839 (continued)

Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) member Judith Williams responded to questions from the Council. She stated the current metrics are not helping.

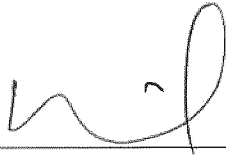
PCPS Director Ellis stated the committee could review the metrics.

Council concurred to refer this topic to the Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee and then to Council for action.

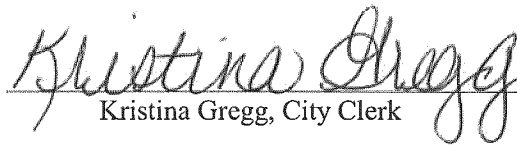
EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNED:

MAYOR SIEFKES ADJOURNED THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SEATAC CITY COUNCIL AT 6:11 P.M.



Michael J. Siefkes, Mayor



Kristina Gregg, City Clerk