



Planning and Economic Development Committee Minutes

Thursday, October 4, 2018

5:30 PM

SeaTac City Hall – Riverton Room

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Commence:	5:33 P.M.
			Adjourn:	7:10 P.M.
Rick Forschler, Chair	X			
Peter Kwon	X			

Other Councilmembers: Clyde Hill

Staff Present: Steve Pilcher, CED Director; Mark Johnsen, Senior Assistant City Attorney; Tim Ramsaur, Senior Management Analyst

1. Public Comment	None
2. Minutes of 9/6/18, 9/20/18 Meetings	Moved and seconded to approve. Approved 2-0.

<p>3. Fiber Optics & Capacity Analysis</p>	<p><u>X</u> Direction</p> <p>Senior Management Analyst Tim Ramsaur provided an update regarding the analysis process. He reviewed a study by the Port of Walla Walla. He also highlighted government services provider and open access provider options.</p> <p>Mr. Ramsauer had contacted NoaNet. Citystaff is supportive of entering into a contract with this 3rd party, non-profit group. He reviewed different options if going to residential vs. commercial properties, noting it is difficult to get information on location of fiber from current franchisees.</p> <p>Mr. Ramsaur reviewed proposed funding, noting there is a decision card proposed as part of the 2019-20 budget process. \$50k is in the budget for this year, request for another \$50k next year.</p> <p>The Committee agreed the process should proceed as quickly as possible.</p>
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4. Foreign Trade Zones

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Sr. Asst. Attorney Mark Johnsen presented the results of his research into the issue, which included speaking with an FTZ board member for west coast.

He explained the process for designating FTZs; final designation of zones is made by the FTZ board.

SeaTac is located within FTZ #5, which includes all of King County and parts of Snohomish County. Individual businesses can request to become an FTZ site. The Port of Seattle would formally submit the proposed site to the FTZ board in their role as administrator.

A FTZ designation would be specific to a business on a particular site; sites cannot be proactively designated. There currently are 4 active sites within King County. Some former sites no longer have the designation.

Mr. Johnsen concluded there isn't much the city can do in its capacity. individual demand will drive the FTZ site designation.

The Committee expressed its desire for further information on the mechanics of FTZs.

<p>5. Economic Master Plan</p>	<p><u> x </u> Discussion</p> <p>CED Director Steve Pilcher noted materials were provided in the packet. Staff is seeking direction on what a master plan would provide versus the existing Comprehensive Plan's Economic Vitality Element.</p> <p>Chair Forschler stated that the City hasn't had the best vision of economic development. He believes the focus of light rail shouldn't be transit oriented development and that a convention center here in SeaTac would be a boon.</p> <p>Mr. Pilcher noted that since the Comprehensive Plan is based upon the concept of focusing growth around the light rail stations, the concepts being discussed would amount to a major revision to the vision plan.</p> <p>The Committee discussed whether the City could fund and build a convention center. That might be dependent upon recapturing lodging tax funds.</p> <p>Committee member Kwon stated his belief that the low incomes of the area contributes to the current economic situation.</p> <p>The Committee discussed different types of TOD and how the City could be a catalyst for development. There was also discussion about siting a convention center at the Dantzler site, perhaps as a public-private partnership.</p>
<p>6. Future topics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive plan amendments for multifamily development along Military Road • Branding • Annexation along orillia
<p>7. Adjourn</p>	<p><i>The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.</i></p>