

City of SeaTac

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2020
6:00 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Erin Sitterley called the SeaTac City Council Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Erin Sitterley, Deputy Mayor (DM) Peter Kwon, Councilmembers (CMs) Senayet Negusse, Joel Wachtel, Clyde Hill, and Takele Gobena. Excused absent: CM Pam Fernald.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Carl Cole, City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Johnsen, Deputy City Manager (DCM) Gwen Voelpel, Government Relations and Communications Manager Kyle Moore, Finance & Systems Director Gwen Pilo, Community & Economic Development (CED) Director Steve Pilcher, Economic Development (ED) Manager Aleksandr Yeremeyev, Public Works (PW) Director Will Appleton, Parks, Community Programs and Services (PCPS) Director Lawrence Ellis, Police Chief Jon Mattsen,

FLAG SALUTE: Stan Tombs led the Council, audience, and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW: Mayor Sitterley announced an Executive Session has been added to this agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Stan Tombs spoke regarding squatter camps on private property. He stated "No trespassing" signs were bought in bulk and are being made available to all City residents.

Roger Kadeg reviewed the Port Commission meeting he attended.

Earl Gipson spoke against media bias, only one side of the story, or changed stories.

PRESENTATIONS:

Council confirmation of Mayoral appointment of Barbara Brunetti to the Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee.

MOVED BY KWON, SECONDED BY HILL TO CONFIRM THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA BRUNETTI TO THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE.*

Mayor Sitterley introduced Wingate Hotel General Manager Ms. Brunetti.

Council discussion ensued in favor of Ms. Brunetti's appointment.

Ms. Brunetti stated she is honored to be appointed to this committee.

*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Sitterley presented the certificate of appointment to Ms. Brunetti.

Black History Month Proclamation

Mayor Sitterley read and presented the proclamation to Ramona Waller, NAACP member, Hughe Performing Arts member, and community activist leader.

Introduction of new City employees: Parks Operations Worker Jesse Cochran / Public Works Civil Engineer 1 Serena Y. Lee

City Manager Cole introduced the employees.

PRESENTATIONS (continued):

Presentation on relevant Police program updates, policies and statistics.

Police Chief Mattsen provided an overview of SeaTac Police for 2019:

- National Incident-based reporting system (NIBRS);
- SeaTac crime statistics – trends for most crime areas are either neutral or moving down;
- BERK Police Services Study had 13 recommendations, will review one recommendation per quarter:
Recommendation #10 – Explore opportunities to use technology to deter and solve crimes along high volume corridors. SeaTac began a voluntary registry of video cameras in high volume corridors, beginning with International Boulevard (IB);
- What is happening now: In Progress Violence (IPV) Training at the SeaTac Center; Traffic (Motors) / Parking Update since May 1, 2019 – Motor Officers have issued 1,847 citations/infractions, and parking compliance officers have issued 978 citations;
- Future undertakings: application for COPS Grant to add three positions (Street Crimes Detective, Investigations Detective, and Community Engagement Officer assigned to Storefront in L1 District)

Council discussion ensued regarding training for employees around hotels/motels regarding combatting human trafficking. Mr. Mattsen stated there is a program already in place and SeaTac hotels are aware and know what to look for and do a wonderful job; crime prevention regarding auto thefts – the Police Department is attempting to have three people available to reach out, currently only have one employee; gang related stats – currently have two members assigned to gang related matters, trying to create own set of experts; and crime statistics.

Key City Issues and Requests for Direction

City Manager Cole commented on the following items:

- (1) February 29 - noon, City's 30th Celebration at the SeaTac Community Center
- (2) March 7 – 9:00 a.m., Council Workshop at City Hall
- (3) Grant applications: \$100,000 to help develop a housing action plan; \$1.5 million for land acquisition for Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) properties adjacent to Des Moines Creek Park; \$50,000 to enhance urban forest within urban environments; \$65,000 for Human Trafficking prevention, and \$1.5 million for three positions in the Police Department
- (4) Council Information Request (CIR) update – developing a strategy to communicate to the prosecutor's office that we would like crime in the southern cities handled differently than crime handled in Seattle; had a productive meeting yesterday
- (5) CED Director Steve Pilcher intends to retire at the end of June

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose and plan for the Housing Action Plan.

Committee Updates (for items not included on the agenda) and review of proposed Council Information Requests

CM Gobena: DM Kwon and he attended the Bow Lake Family and Teacher meeting last week where he heard concerns regarding speeding. He questioned whether signage could be used to address this issue.

DM Kwon: Transportation & Public Works (T&PW) Committee – Safety Study and Plan for IB, next meeting March 5; South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd) – Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Regional Countywide Candidate funding, and road user charge pilot.

CM Senayet: submitted a CIR for holding a youth information session. Council discussion ensued regarding when this session could be held. March 24, 2020, prior to the Regular Council Meeting (RCM) was chosen.

CM Wachtel: Planning and Economic Development (PED) Committee meets February 27 at 6 p.m.

CM Hill: Sound Cities Association (SCA) Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC) – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded programs review, minor home repair, and 2020 prioritization preparation; Parks & Recreation (P&R) Committee – next meeting is March 5; Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) is meeting Monday, March 9; and Arts, Culture & Library Advisory Committee is meeting March 11.

PRESENTATIONS (continued):

Committee Updates (continued):

Mayor Sitterley: Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee next meeting is Thursday, February 27; Public Issues Committee (PIC) – House Bill (HB) 2907 failed but was resurrected as HB 2948 which is being amended.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of claims vouchers (check no. 127185-127388) in the amount of \$441,408.93 for the period ended February 20, 2020.

Approval of payroll vouchers (check no. 55483-55503) in the amount of \$115,730.45 for the period ended February 15, 2020.

Approval of payroll electronic fund transfer (check no. 100409-100558) in the amount of \$443,130.87 for the period ended February 15, 2020.

Approval of payroll wire transfer in the amount of \$70,090.98 for the period ended February 15, 2020.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Parks & Recreation Committee meeting held December 5, 2019

Transportation & Public Works Committee meeting held December 12, 2019

Regular Council Meeting held February 11, 2020

MOVED BY KWON, SECONDED BY HILL TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

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ACTION ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to Unfinished Business): None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS: CM Senayet commented on the following: February 29 30th Celebration, and Census 2020.

CM Wachtel commented on a great experience he had using See Click Fix.

CM Gobena commented on the SeaTac Quarterly magazine.

DM Kwon commented on the SeaTac Quarterly magazine, Saturday's 30th celebration, and March 7 Council Workshop.

Mayor Sitterley commented on Mardi Gras and See Click Fix. She also encouraged everyone to vote.

RECESSED: Mayor Sitterley recessed the meeting to an Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee at 7:39 p.m. for 10 minutes. She stated action may be taken after the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: To review the performance of a public employee RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

RECONVENED: Mayor Sitterley reconvened the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOVED BY KWON, SECONDED BY HILL TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER AND THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH CITY ATTORNEY MARY MIRANTE BARTOLO, AND INCREASE HER COMPENSATION TO TEN PERCENT ABOVE THAT OF THE HIGHEST PAID DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2020.*

Council discussion ensued regarding the reasons for this amendment.

Public comment: None

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ADJOURNED:

MAYOR SITTERLEY ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEATAC CITY COUNCIL AT 7:54 PM.


Erin Sitterley, Mayor


Kristina Gregg, City Clerk