

City of SeaTac
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Community Conversations with Council
Virtual Meeting

September 1, 2020
5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Mayor (DM) Peter Kwon called the SeaTac City Council Special Meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT (remotely): DM Peter Kwon, Councilmembers (CM) Senayet Negusse, Stanley Tombs, Clyde Hill and Pam Fernald. Excused absent: Mayor Erin Sitterley and CM Takele Gobena

STAFF PRESENT (remotely): City Manager Carl Cole, City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Deputy City Manager Gwen Voelpel, Police Chief Jon Mattsen

DISCUSSION: Public Safety

Deputy Mayor Kwon read the ground rules for meeting participation.

City Manager Cole and DCM Voelpel facilitated the conversation between the City Council and attendees.

Discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- defunding police – for and against
- reallocation of police budget to services such as health, youth, family, and community-oriented organizations and healthcare services
- parking restrictions
- displacement of immigrants
- budget process
- Youth Voices for Justice
- Diversity
- City processes that invite youth to participate
- what is being done differently in the Police Department now?
- community events with the officers to build relationships
- how has light rail affected services
- task force on policing and civil rights
- safety issues at The Reserve
- Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Communities

Staff and Council stated not everything could be solved or addressed at this meeting but they hope to continue the conversation and have more meetings like this one in the future.

ADJOURNED: Deputy Mayor Kwon adjourned the Council Workshop at 6:35 p.m.