

City of SeaTac
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting

December 8, 2020
6:00PM

Virtual Meeting

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

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

STAFF PRESENT (remotely): City Manager Carl Cole, City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Johnsen, Information Systems (IS) Manager Bart Perman, Deputy City Manager (DCM) Gwen Voelpel, Government Relations & Communications Manager Kyle Moore, Community & Economic Development (CED) Director Evan Maxim, Economic Development (ED) Manager Aleksandr Yeremeyev, Building Services Manager Mary Kate McGee, Parks, Community Programs and Services (PCPS) Director Lawrence Ellis, Human Services (HS) Coordinator Kim Cooper, Public Works (PW) Director William Appleton, Police Chief Jon Mattsen

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

AGENDA REVIEW:

- A. Virtual Meeting: live streamed on SeaTV Government Access Comcast Channel 21 and the City's website; conference line to listen to the meeting at 206.973.4555; and no one will be able to physically attend this meeting.
- B. Public Comments: remote oral and written public comments; speakers who signed-up prior to 4 p.m. today will be able to provide three minutes of comments; comments received at publiccomment@seatacwa.gov before 4 p.m. today will be mentioned by name and subject and then posted to the City's website.
- C. Public Hearing Comments: remote oral and written public comments; The City Council is providing remote oral and written public hearing comment opportunities.
 - Commenters who signed-up prior to 4 p.m. today will be able to provide five minutes of public comment.
 - Public hearing comments received at publichearingcomment@seatacwa.gov before 4 p.m. today will be read into the record.
- D. UW Evans School Community Outreach Plan was removed from the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Remote Public Comments

The following people spoke in favor of funding the Southwest Youth and Family Services (SWYFS)/New Futures: SWYFS Executive Director Steve Daschle, Ruel Samuel, Robe Yishak, and Nafyad Yishak.

Written Public Comments

- The following people submitted comments in support of SWYFS/New Futures funding: Maria Nora Perez Cruz, Nazmun Nahar, Kibru Ayele, Shawel Shibeshi, Veronica Mendoza, Munah Salim, Cecilia Perez, Paris Perez, Martha Rodriguez, Aberash Tuffa, Syed Ali, Rahel Ambachew, Tadelech Jelebo, Kris deLancey, Charlie Shih (on behalf of seven of her students and herself), Riley Todd, Lisa Conley, Zerine Hossain, Wendy Watanabe, Cinda Stenger, Stephen Norman, and Boots Winterstein.
- Eli Goss, OneAmerica Senior Policy Manager submitted a letter from OneAmerica detailing their funding request
- Bekele Sodiso – (email with name only)
- Michelle Gaither and Henry Pye – urged Council to not cut public/social services
- Earl Gipson – against funding OneAmerica

PRESENTATIONS:

Introduction of New City employee: Public Works Maintenance Administrative Assistant 2 Jonica Strongman. City Manager Cole introduced Ms. Strongman.

This item was removed from the agenda before the meeting:

UW Evans School Community Outreach Plan.

PRESENTATIONS (continued):

Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority (PSRFA) Update

Chief Brian Carson presented statistics for quarter 3 2019 versus 2020. Most numbers stayed consistent, however there was a sharp drop in FD CARES responses and Community Risk Reduction. These decreases are attributed to COVID.

He provided an update on new apparatus, COVID testing sites, recent noteworthy calls, and residential fires.

Council discussion ensued regarding COVID testing, personnel, cause of recent fires, and FD CARES.

Key City Issues and Requests for Direction

City Manager Cole commented on the following items:

- (1) referral: ESRI Licensing Contract to the Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee. Council concurred.
- (2) referral: part-time prosecutor position to the A&F Committee. Council concurred.
- (3) referral: Police Contract to the A&F Committee. Council concurred.
- (4) 73 small businesses received small business grants from the City through the CARES funding
- (5) Police and Postal Service did a sting with tracking packages being stolen.
- (6) Holiday Home Decorating event
- (7) Get Your Green On event
- (8) Calendar items, including cancellations / furlough

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

DM Kwon: no committee meetings; PW Department received millions in grant funding for the City of SeaTac

CM Fernald: Public Safety & Justice Committee meeting has been cancelled; December 17 – Sidewalk Advisory Committee meeting

CM Tombs: Planning & Economic Development (PED) Committee meeting – discussed two Council Request Forms (CRFs) for Lodging Tax Funding, (1) streetscape enhancement and (2) Sound Transit surplus property, and Comprehensive Plan (CP) Amendment docket

CM Hill: Parks & Recreation (P&R) Committee meeting cancelled for December 3 and scheduled a special meeting for December 16

Mayor Sitterley: Sound Cities Association (SCA) Public Issues Committee (PIC) meeting scheduled for December 15; A&F Committee meeting scheduled for December 16, 2020

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of claims vouchers (check no. 129287 - 129308) in the amount of \$125,226.04 for the period ended November 30, 2020.

Approval of claims vouchers (check no. 129309 - 129367) in the amount of \$490,101.43 for the period ended December 3, 2020.

Approval of payroll vouchers (check no. 55704 - 55715) in the amount of \$11,682.60 for the period ended November 30, 2020.

Approval of payroll electronic fund transfer (check no. 103143 - 103287) in the amount of \$621,832.57 for the period ended November 30, 2020.

Approval of payroll wire transfer in the amount of \$155,604.14 for the period ended November 30, 2020.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting held September 24, 2020, October 22, 2020, and November 18, 2020

Regular Council Meeting held November 24, 2020

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING (PH):

Moratorium passed on November 10, 2020 on the application for Overnight Shelters, Transitional Housing, and Similar Uses.

Mayor Sitterley opened the PH at 6:46 p.m.

CED Director Maxim stated this PH ensures compliance with RCW. Staff is not recommending any further action.

He reviewed the current situation with King County (KC) De-Intensification Shelter and House Bill (HB) 1590.

Council comments: None.

Public Comments:

Oral comments –

- In support of moratorium: Michael Kovacs and Earl Gipson
- Shared City of Renton experiences: Diane Dobson

Written comments –

- In support of the moratorium: Lisa Woessner, Michael West, Judy Kim (for Hye Kim and Keun Kim), Pat Holmes
- Against the moratorium: Rebekah Heeg
- Provided name only: Esgom Hannes

Mayor Sitterley closed the PH at 7:16 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING (PH) & ACTION ITEM:

Extending the current Interim FEMA Flood Plain regulations for 6 months.

Mayor Sitterley opened the PH at 7:16 p.m.

CED Director Maxim reviewed the agenda bill summary below.

Council Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Mayor Sitterley closed the PH at 7:22 p.m.

Agenda Bill #5572; An Ordinance #20-1027 extending the current Interim Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Plain regulations for 6 months.

Summary: On August 11, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 20-1013, establishing Interim FEMA Flood Plain regulations. The interim regulations will expire on December 31, 2020.

FEMA requires compliance with the NFIP Flood Damage Prevention ordinance. Compliance with the Flood Damage Prevention ordinance was required prior to the adoption of the Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Maps in August 2020.

The Interim FEMA Flood Plain regulations will be replaced with permanent regulations. The permanent regulations are scheduled to come before the Planning Commission (PC) and City Council in the first half of 2021, with adoption anticipated in June 2021.

On November 18, the PED Committee recommended approval of the ordinance extending the Interim FEMA Flood Plain regulations for 6 months.

MOVED BY TOMBS, SECONDED BY FERNALD TO PASS AGENDA BILL #5572 (ORDINANCE #20-1027).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTION ITEMS:

Agenda Bill #5602; A Motion confirming appointments to the Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority (SSRTA) Board of Directors.

Summary: The City Council passed Ordinance #14-1014 on October 14, 2014, chartering the SSRTA. The main purpose for creating the SSRTA was to allow hotels with 90 or more rooms to impose a special self-assessment of \$2.00 per room night, which would be used to expand tourism promotion services by Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority. When the SSRTA was formed, the SeaTac City Council was designated by the three participating cities (SeaTac, Tukwila, and Des Moines) as the Legislative Authority.

The SSRTA Charter provides that new appointments and re-appointments to the Board are to be made by the existing Board, subject to confirmation by the City Council. The Board is to be comprised primarily (but not exclusively) of ratepayer representatives of the lodging industry covering a variety of geographic locations, property sizes and price points of lodging businesses within the defined tourism promotion area. The Board approved nominations of re-appointments on November 13, 2020, as follows: Reappoint Maureen Huffman to Position #6 to three-year term ending December 31, 2023, Reappoint Josh Ewing to Position #7 to three-year term ending December 31, 2023, Reappoint Meredith Mara to Position #9 to three-year term ending December 31, 2023.

Approval of this Motion will confirm the above appointments to the SSRTA Board.

ED Manager Yeremeyev reviewed the agenda bill summary.

MOVED BY KWON, SECONDED BY HILL TO PASS AGENDA BILL #5602.*

Council discussion ensued regarding the appointments.

*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Bill #5450; An Ordinance #20-1028 amending certain chapters of Title 13 of the SeaTac Municipal Code (SMC) related to buildings and construction.

Summary: Effective February 1, 2021, all jurisdictions in the State of Washington are required by RCW 19.27.031 to adopt and enforce the following construction code editions as adopted and amended by the State: 2018 International Building Code (IBC), 2018 International Residential Code (IRC), 2018 International Mechanical Code (IMC), 2018 International Fire Code (IFC), 2018 International Existing Building Code (IEBC), 2018 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) and Uniform Plumbing Code Standards, 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

Generally, the State amends and adopts the most current edition of the above referenced base codes every three years. However, State adoption for this cycle was originally delayed from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the State implementation of the Building Code was further delayed to February 1, 2021. This proposed Ordinance updates certain sections of SMC Title 13, Buildings and Construction Codes, by adopting the current State Building Code, as mandated by the State.

Local amendments to the State Building Code is limited to changes that are editorial, address a local condition, and those that are more strict. The IRC is an exception in as much as the State adoption of the IRC is a mini/maxi adoption. Any changes to the IRC, other than local weather related conditions, require State approval by the State Building Code Council. Generally, the proposed changes update the dates of the most recent versions of the publications and rennumbers some sections. Some sections of the local amendment of the IFC have been adopted into base code and are no longer necessary as local amendments.

The Electrical Code, Section 13.180, will continue to read that the most current version adopted by the State be adopted automatically since it is on a different code revision cycle than the International Codes.

The PED committee reviewed and recommended approval of the Ordinance on November 18, 2020.

Building Services Manager McGee and Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority (PSRFA) Deputy Chief Jon Napier reviewed the agenda bill summary.

ACTION ITEMS (continued):

Agenda Bill #5450; Ordinance #20-1028 (continued):

MOVED BY TOMBS, SECONDED BY FERNALD TO PASS AGENDA BILL #5450 (ORDINANCE #20-1028).*

Council discussion ensued regarding the code revisions and review.

*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECESSED: MAYOR SITTERLEY RECESSED THE MEETING FROM 7:41 – 7:51 P.M.

Agenda Bill #5565; A Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into contracts with selected human service (HS) agencies for 2021 and 2022, as recommended by the Community Services Advisory (CSAC) and the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Committees.

Summary: Every two years, the City of SeaTac, along with 17 other cities from south, north and east KC, releases a Request for Application (RFA) for HS agencies. The City of SeaTac allocates 1.5% of the General Fund (GF) each biennium to fund those HS agencies to provide services to SeaTac residents.

The City received 59 applications requesting a total of \$581,626. The CSAC reviewed the applications on 7/20/20, 8/10/20, 9/14/20, 9/21/20, 9/28/20, 10/5/20, 10/12/20, 10/19/20, 10/26/20, and 11/9/20.

Based on the ranking tools used to score these applications, the CSAC recommended funding 33 out of the 59 applications for a total of \$386,436 per year for a total of \$772,872 for the biennium. The general program funding categories and recommended allocations are:

Basic Needs – Urgent	\$160,861
Basic Needs - Long Term	\$129,120
Education, Training & Workforce Development	\$91,455
Supporting Businesses	\$5,000
TOTAL \$386,436	\$386,436

The HS funding strategy adopted in 2018 created four funding categories to identify the type of services being provided. The City Council adopted the funding percentages for each category as shown in the "Target %" column below. Below is a comparison of those targets and the recommended amount of funding for each category for 2021.

CATEGORY	TARGET %	TARGET 2021 \$	RECOMMENDED 2021 \$
Basic Needs – Urgent	27%	\$168,263	\$160,861
Basic Needs – Long Term	35%	\$218,118	\$129,120
Education, Training & Workforce Development	22%	\$137,103	\$91,455
Supporting Businesses	16%	\$99,711	\$5,000

The P&R Committee reviewed the CSAC's recommendations on 11/5/20 and recommended approval by the City Council. Agency funding for 2022 is contingent upon reaching a minimum of 90% of the deliverables as documented in the individual agency contracts.

The 2021-2022 Biennial Budget appropriates \$1,261,685 (\$623,195 in 2021 and \$638,490 in 2022) for HS contract funding. If approved, this Motion allocates \$772,872 for the biennium (\$386,436 for each year) to fund those selected agencies and leaves a balance of \$488,813 for the biennium (\$236,759 in 2021 and \$252,054 in 2022) of unallocated funds. Future discussions will propose a process to allocate additional funds as needs arise.

This item was presented at the November 5, 2020, P&R Committee meeting and recommended for approval.

PCPS Director Ellis introduced HS Coordinator Cooper and CSAC Chair Judith Williams.

He reviewed the agenda bill summary.

ACTION ITEMS (continued):

Agenda Bill #5565 (continued):

MOVED BY HILL, SECONDED BY FERNALD TO PASS AGENDA BILL #5565.*

Council and staff discussion ensued regarding the recommendations and process to develop the recommendations.

Council discussed the following amendments with staff and CSAC Chair responding to questions.

MOVED BY KWON, SECONDED BY FERNALD TO ELIMINATE ONEAMERICA FROM FUNDING CONSIDERATION.

MOTION CARRIED WITH TOMBS, HILL, FERNALD, KWON, AND SITTERLEY VOTING YES.

MOVED BY KWON, SECONDED BY NEGUSSE TO INCREASE FUNDING TO PARTNERS IN EMPLOYMENT TO \$110,000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY NEGUSSE, SECONDED BY GOBENA TO FUND BRIDGE DISABILITY MINISTRIES – GUARDIANSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.

MOTION FAILED WITH TOMBS, HILL, FERNALD, KWON, AND SITTERLEY VOTING NO.

MOVED BY NEGUSSE, SECONDED BY FERNALD TO FUND BRIDGE DISABILITY MINISTRIES – MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.

MOTION FAILED WITH TOMBS, HILL, FERNALD, KWON, AND SITTERLEY VOTING NO.

MOVED BY NEGUSSE, SECONDED BY GOBENA TO FUND GLOBAL TO LOCAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,200.

MOTION FAILED WITH TOMBS, HILL, FERNALD, KWON, AND SITTERLEY VOTING NO.

MOVED BY GOBENA, SECONDED BY NEGUSSE TO FUND DAWN PREVENTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.

MOTION FAILED WITH NEGUSSE, TOMBS, HILL, FERNALD, KWON, AND SITTERLEY VOTING NO.

MOVED BY NEGUSSE, SECONDED BY GOBENA TO FUND ETHIOPIAN COMMUNITY IN SEATTLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,555.

MOTION FAILED WITH TOMBS, HILL, FERNALD, KWON, AND SITTERLEY VOTING NO.

MOVED BY NEGUSSE, SECONDED BY FERNALD TO FUND NAVOS CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000.

MOTION FAILED WITH TOMBS, HILL, FERNALD, KWON, AND SITTERLEY VOTING NO.

MOVED BY NEGUSSE, SECONDED BY GOBENA TO FUND REFUGEE WOMEN’S ALLIANCE (REWA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.

MOTION FAILED WITH TOMBS, HILL, FERNALD, KWON, AND SITTERLEY VOTING NO.

ACTION ITEMS (continued):

Agenda Bill #5565 (continued):

MOVED BY GOBENA, SECONDED BY FERNALD TO FUND VILLA COMMUNITARIAN ANALIA BERTONI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000.

MOTION FAILED WITH TOMBS, HILL, FERNALD, KWON, AND SITTERLEY VOTING NO.

MOVED BY GOBENA, SECONDED BY FERNALD TO FUND YMCA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000. (It was clarified that this motion is related to The YMCA of Greater Seattle Arcadia: Outreach, Case Management and Drop In Center.)

MOTION FAILED WITH TOMBS, HILL, FERNALD, KWON, AND SITTERLEY VOTING NO.

MOVED BY GOBENA, SECONDED BY FERNALD TO FUND INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT YOUTH SCHOOL SUCCESS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000.

MOTION FAILED WITH TOMBS, HILL, FERNALD, KWON, AND SITTERLEY VOTING NO.

*ORIGINAL MOTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED WITH TOMBS, HILL, FERNALD, KWON, AND SITTERLEY VOTING YES.

The HS funding strategy adopted in 2018 created four funding categories to identify the type of services provided. The City Council adopted the funding percentages for each category. Due to the approved amendments, the target percentages need to be revised by Council.

MOVED BY SITTERLEY, SECONDED BY FERNALD TO AMEND THE TARGET PERCENTAGE FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FROM 22% TO 25% WITH A BUDGET OF \$155,798.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY SITTERLEY, SECONDED BY FERNALD TO AMEND THE TARGET PERCENTAGE FOR SUPPORTING BUSINESSES FROM 16% to 13% WITH A BUDGET OF \$81,015.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Council wished everyone Happy Holidays and urged everyone to stay safe and healthy.

CM Negusse commented on the following: (1) public comments from youth community members; (2) thanked the staff and CSAC Committee for the work they put into the recommendations; (3) COVID

CM Tombs thanked the CSAC for their work on the HS agency funding and stated his support of the committee process.

DM Kwon commented on the following: (1) being prepared by attending committee meetings; (2) COVID; and (3) Holiday home decorating event.

CM Hill commented on the following: (1) December 9 – Arts, Culture & Library Advisory Committee (ACLAC) meeting; and (2) December 14 – CSAC meeting.

CM Gobena stated his concerns with the HS agency funding metrics and process.

CM Fernald stated her support of the CSAC process.

COUNCIL COMMENTS (continued):

Mayor Sitterley commented on the following: (1) the meaning of community; and (2) Second anniversary of CM Amina Ahmed's passing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNED:

MAYOR SITTERLEY ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEATAC CITY COUNCIL AT 11:19 PM.


Erin Sitterley, Mayor


Kristina Gregg, City Clerk