

City of SeaTac
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting

January 11, 2022
6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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

COUNCIL PRESENT (remotely): Mayor Jake Simpson, Deputy Mayor (DM) Senayet Negusse, Councilmembers (CM) Peter Kwon, Mohamed Egal, Iris Guzmán, and Erin Sitterley. Excused absent: Takele Gobena.

STAFF PRESENT (remotely): City Manager Carl Cole, City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Information Systems (IS) Manager Bart Perman, Deputy City Manager (DCM) Gwen Voelpel, Public Works (PW) Director William Appleton, City Engineer Florendo Cabudol, Civil Engineer II Grace Amundson Barnkow, SeaTac Municipal Court Judge Pauline Freund, Municipal Court Administrator Gail Cannon

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.
- B. Public comment opportunities to commenters who signed-up or provided written comments prior to 2 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS:

Public Swearing in of Jake Simpson, Mohamed Egal, and Iris Guzmán as newly elected Councilmembers. City Clerk Gregg swore in the newly elected CMs.

Selection of Mayor by the City Council

Outgoing Mayor Sitterley opened the nominations for Mayor to serve through 2023.

CM Kwon nominated himself as Mayor.

CM Guzman nominated CM Simpson as Mayor.

With no further nominations, outgoing Mayor Sitterley declared the nominations closed.

Outgoing Mayor Sitterley called for a roll call vote for CM Kwon as Mayor of the City of SeaTac through 2023.

Upon a roll call vote, Kwon and Sitterley voted yes, and Negusse, Simpson, Egal, and Guzman voted no. CM Kwon was not selected as Mayor.

Outgoing Mayor Sitterley called for a roll call vote for CM Simpson as Mayor of the City of SeaTac through 2023.

Upon a roll call vote, Negusse, Simpson, Egal, Kwon, and Guzman voted yes and Kwon and Sitterley voted no. CM Simpson was selected as Mayor.

RECESSED: Outgoing Mayor Sitterley recessed the meeting at 6:10 p.m. for 10 minutes to transition the meeting to the new Mayor.

City Clerk Gregg announced Mayor Simpson requested an additional 10 minutes.

RECONVENED: Mayor Simpson reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS (continued):

Selection of Deputy Mayor (DM) by the City Council

Mayor Simpson opened nominations for DM to serve through 2023.

CM Guzmán nominated CM Negusse as DM.

With no further nominations, Mayor Simpson declared the nominations closed.

Mayor Simpson called for a roll call vote for CM Negusse as DM of the City of SeaTac through 2023.

Upon a roll call vote, Negusse, Simpson, Kwon, Guzmán, and Egal voted yes and Sitterley voted no. CM Negusse was selected as DM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Due to technical difficulties, public comment was postponed.

PRESENTATIONS (continued):

Introduction of new City employee: Municipal Court Judge Pauline Freund.

City Manager Cole introduced Ms. Freund.

Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority (PSRFA) Update

Deputy Fire Chief Carson provided a review of 2021, including area call volume, top calls, responses by apparatus, and CARES responses. He also mentioned the following notable items: Hanover Apartments 3 alarm fire, multiple shooting calls, 50-deep Fire Resource Lists (FRLs) completed, Heavy Rescue Apparatus - Rescue 7, and vaccine mandate (18 of 350 employees requested exemptions).

Council discussion ensued regarding fire investigations and the CARES program.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Remote Public Comment

- Earl Gipson – commented on the passing of Jack Mayne, politics, and being kind to others.

PRESENTATIONS (continued):

Federal Way Light Rail Extension Project within SeaTac

PW Director Appleton introduced Civil Engineer II Amundson Barnkow who provided an update on the project.

Council discussion ensued regarding apartments east of construction, landscape reconstruction, and noise wall.

SR 509 Completion Project.

Civil Engineer II Amundson Barnkow provided an update on the project.

Council discussion ensued regarding traffic mitigation, bike lane, outreach in multiple languages, and funding.

Key City Issues and Requests for Direction

City Manager Cole commented on the following items:

- (1) Requested the Hearing Examiner appointment be referred to the January 25, 2022 Regular Council Meeting (RCM). Council concurred.
- (2) Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)
- (3) Requested the network infrastructure replacement be referred to the Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee. Council concurred.
- (4) Sound Cities Association (SCA) Public Issues Committee (PIC) – meets tomorrow, need voting delegate for tomorrow
- (5) Final rules for fiscal recovery funds (ARPA) take effect April 1, 2022
- (6) Most committee meetings have been cancelled between now and the next Council meeting
- (7) City facilities are closed for January 17, 2022 Martin Luther King Jr Day

Council discussion ensued regarding condition of roads after snow and ice and ARPA funds.

PRESENTATIONS (continued):

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

CM Kwon: Transportation & Public Works (T&PW) Committee – adoption of 2021 King County (KC) Surface Water Design Manual

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of claims vouchers (check no. 132403 - 132534) in the amount of \$3,149,479.74 for the period ended December 23, 2021.

Approval of claims vouchers (check no. 132535 - 132548 and EFTs for November 20 - December 27, 2021) in the amount of \$161,603.94 for the period ended December 30, 2021.

Approval of claims vouchers (check no. 132549 - 132614) in the amount of \$2,990,177.42 for the period ended January 6, 2022.

Approval of payroll vouchers (check no. 55977 - 55990) in the amount of \$18,923.49 for the period ended December 15, 2021.

Approval of payroll electronic fund transfer (check no. 106774 - 106918) in the amount of \$433,545.80 for the period ended December 15, 2021.

Approval of payroll wire transfer in the amount of \$151,333.27 for the period ended December 15, 2021.

Approval of payroll vouchers (check no. 55991 - 56006) in the amount of \$278,372.88 for the period ended December 31, 2021.

Approval of payroll electronic fund transfer (check no. 106919 - 107066) in the amount of \$449,922.65 for the period ended December 31, 2021.

Approval of payroll wire transfer in the amount of \$156,843.46 for the period ended December 31, 2021.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Administration & Finance Committee meeting held November 3, 2021

Transportation & Public Works Committee meeting held November 4, 2021

Regular Council Meeting held December 14, 2021

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTION ITEMS:

Agenda Bill #5868; A Resolution #22-001 setting the date and time for a public hearing (PH) on the proposed vacation of right-of-way (ROW) near the intersection of 13th Avenue South and South 200th Street.

Summary: This street vacation is being sought by Bridge Acquisition LLC, who is petitioning for this ROW for a planned development. State law requires that Council take formal action to set the date and time for a public hearing (PH) to allow for comment on the proposed vacation prior to final action. A final legal description and map is being prepared and will be included with an Ordinance for Council consideration following the PH. The Resolution sets the date and time of the PH for this street vacation request as required by RCW 35.79.020. Consideration of this Resolution is not meant to be a discussion on the merits of the street vacation, as that will be addressed on the date of the PH. State law provides that the PH must be held not more than 60 days nor less than 20 days after the date of passage of a Resolution setting the date for the PH; the March 8, 2022 RCM meets this requirement.

This Resolution has not been before a committee as it only sets the date and time for a PH. Staff will bring the petition for vacation and final documents to the T&PW Committee for review and recommendation prior to the PH and Council consideration. Staff recommend that the Resolution be passed.

City Engineer Cabudol reviewed the agenda bill summary.

MOVED BY KWON, SECONDED BY NEGUSSE TO PASS AGENDA BILL #5868 (RESOLUTION #22-001).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

CM Kwon commented on the City's snow response, and SeaTac Blog.

CM Egal thanked CM Sitterley for her service as the SeaTac Mayor.

CM Guzmán thanked everyone for a first great meeting. She also promoted the adopt-a-street program.

CM Sitterley commented on the following items: thanked PW department for their snow response and recent hydraulic fluid spill cleanup response, May 12, 2022 – Hero cart send off, Alexander Hamilton's birthday, and encouraged everyone to be kind.

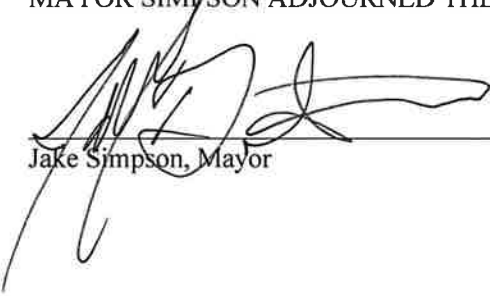
DM Negusse commented on the adopt a street program and encouraged everyone to continue to be safe. She welcomed the new Councilmembers.

Mayor Simpson commented on the Human Trafficking Awareness campaign the City participated in last year, read a quote and encouraged everyone to do what is right.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNED:

MAYOR SIMPSON ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEATAC CITY COUNCIL AT 8:33 P.M.



Jake Simpson, Mayor



Kristina Gregg, City Clerk