

City of SeaTac

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2023
6:00 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

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

COUNCIL PRESENT (in-person): Mayor Jake Simpson, Councilmembers (CMs) Mohamed Egal and Peter Kwon; **(remote):** Deputy Mayor (DM) Senayet Negusse, CMs Takele Gobena, Iris Guzmán and Erin Sitterley (*left at 6:56 p.m.*).

STAFF PRESENT (in-person): Deputy City Manager (DCM) Gwen Voelpel, City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Multimedia Video Specialist David Inman; **(remote):** Public Works (PW) Director William Appleton, Community & Economic Development (CED) Director Evan Maxim, Building Services Manager Mary Kate McGee

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

AGENDA REVIEW: Hybrid Meeting: Broadcast on SeaTV Government Access Comcast Channel 21, Live-streamed on the City's website <https://www.seatacwa.gov/seatvlive>, in-person and remote options for public participation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Jan Molinaro, Mayor of the City of Enumclaw - Sound Cities Association (SCA)

Written Public Comments

- Jessica Ulrich – public safety concerns
- Joe Vinson – Agenda Bill #6271, ANEW Agreement amendment

PRESENTATIONS:

Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Simpson read the proclamation.

Key City Issues and Requests for Direction

DCM Voelpel commented on the following items:

- Requested the following referrals to the Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee. Council concurred:
 - City hall carpet and cubicle upgrade
 - Partnership with African Community Housing & Development to create a SeaTac Farmers' Market
- Grants on the consent agenda:
 - Application:
 - King County (KC) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$110,000.
 - Acceptance:
 - Grant Acceptance for the Department of Commerce - \$125,000.
- Other items:
 - The SeaTac Finance Department received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) distinguished budget presentation award for its biennial budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023.
- Calendar

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

CM Kwon: Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee (HMAC), Transportation & Public Works (T&PW) Committee

CM Guzmán: Parks & Recreation (P&R) Committee

CM Egal: Planning & Economic Development (PED) Committee

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of claims vouchers (check no. 135947 – 136049) in the amount of \$790,378.37 for the period ended May 18, 2023.*Includes \$128,250.52 Void

Approval of payroll vouchers (check no. 56275 - 56281) in the amount of \$9,283.47 for the period ended May 15, 2023.

Approval of payroll electronic fund transfer (check no. 112145 - 112315) in the amount of \$519,628.22 for the period ended May 15, 2023

Approval of payroll wire transfer in the amount of \$176,124.11 for the period ended May 15, 2023.

Approval of Grant Application for King County / Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$110,000.

Approval of Grant Acceptance for Department of Commerce - \$125,000.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

Parks & Recreation Committee meeting held March 2, 2023

Transportation & Public Works Committee meeting held April 20, 2023

Regular Council Meeting held May 9, 2023

The following item was reviewed at the May 4, 2023 Administration & Finance Committee meeting and recommended for placement on this Consent Agenda:

Agenda Bill #6271; An Ordinance 23-1014 amending the agreement with ANEW to fund an Apprenticeship Program and amending the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget.

The following item was reviewed at the May 11, 2023 Transportation & Public Works Committee meeting and recommended for placement on this Consent Agenda:

Agenda Bill #6106; An Ordinance 23-1015 authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services contract with DKS Associates for the 2024 Transportation Master Plan and amend the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget.

MOVED BY GUZMÁN, SECONDED BY EGAL TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTION ITEMS:

Agenda Bill #6191; An Ordinance 23-1016 updating SeaTac Municipal Code (SMC) Title 13 to adopt the 2021 State Building Codes.

Summary: On July 1, 2023, the 2021 versions of the International Codes and the Uniform Plumbing Code as amended by the State, known as the WA State Building Code, become effective in Washington State. The local adoption and enforcement of the WA State Building Code is required by RCW 19.27.031 and RCW 19.27.050.

In addition, consistent with the ongoing City initiative to improve customer service and reduce paper waste by providing online, digital submittal of permit and land use applications, some of the administrative procedures found in SMC Chapter 13.100 are also being updated to remove outdate language and provide better clarity around the City's procedures for managing applications and permits.

The PED Committee reviewed this item at the April 19, 2023 meeting and recommended approval.

Building Services Manager McGee reviewed the agenda bill summary.

MOVED BY EGAL, SECONDED BY NEGUSSE TO PASS AGENDA BILL #6191 (ORDINANCE #23-1016).*

Council discussion ensued regarding the code revisions.

*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTION ITEMS (continued):

Agenda Bill #6272; A Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Settlement Agreement in Principle with Highline School District (HSD) for the undergrounding of overhead utilities as part of the redevelopment of Tyee High School and future redevelopment of Chinook Middle School.

Summary: The HSD is redeveloping Tyee High School located at 4424 South 188th Street within SeaTac. The project is subject to City of SeaTac development codes.

On March 20, 2023, the HSD submitted to the City a supplemental variance request to address Undergrounding Conditions for the Tyee High School redevelopment project (VAR23-0001). On April 10, 2023, the City denied the variance request in writing. Within the appropriate timeframe, the District appealed the City's denial of the variance request to the Hearing Examiner (HE) under SMC Chapter 1.20.

Recognizing the importance of the project and the need to maintain the Tyee High School redevelopment project schedule, the City and District desire to resolve the appeal with certain commitments.

Because the Tyee High School redevelopment project will be closely followed by the redevelopment of Chinook Middle School, which occupies the same parcel of land as the high school, the City and the District have agreed to phase the required frontage and undergrounding improvements such that all requirements are met upon the completion of both projects. Specifically, frontage improvements along South 188th Street will be completed as part of the Tyee High School project while undergrounding of overhead utilities along the entire frontage and the balance of frontage improvements along 42nd Ave South will be completed as part of the Chinook Middle School project.

Following the execution of the attached Agreement in Principle, the City and the District will develop and execute a final settlement agreement.

This item was not reviewed in Committee.

PW Director Appleton reviewed the agenda bill summary.

MOVED BY KWON, SECONDED BY EGAL TO PASS AGENDA BILL #6272.*

Council discussion ensued regarding the agreement.

*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

CM Sitterley: Memorial Day and related proclamations

CM Sitterley left at this point in the meeting.

DM Negusse: July 6 Public Safety & Justice (PS&J) Committee, water safety

Mayor Simpson: Mariners

CM Kwon: Music in the Park, Summer Night Market June 21

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNED: MAYOR SIMPSON ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEATAC CITY COUNCIL AT 6:59 PM.



Jake Simpson, Mayor



Kristina Gregg, City Clerk