

# City of SeaTac

## Council Study Session Minutes Synopsis

September 12, 2023  
4:00 PM

City Hall  
Council Chambers

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jake Simpson called the SeaTac City Council Study Session (CSS) to order at 4:00 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT (in-person):** Mayor Jake Simpson; Councilmembers (CM) Mohamed Egal and Iris Guzmán; **(remote):** Deputy Mayor (DM) Senayet Negusse, Councilmembers (CMs) Peter Kwon, and Erin Sitterley; **Unexcused absent:** CM Takele Gobena.

**STAFF PRESENT (in-person):** City Manager Carl Cole, Senior Assistant City Attorney Cindy Corsilles, Multimedia Video Specialist David Inman; **(remote):** City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Deputy City Manager (DCM) Gwen Voelpel, Government Relations & Communications Manager Kyle Moore, Community & Economic Development (CED) Director Evan Maxim, Police Chief Troy Smithmeyer

**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:** Earl Gipson – Legislative Agenda

### PRESENTATIONS:

#### **2023 2nd quarter SeaTac Police Department statistics.**

Police Chief Smithmeyer reviewed the statistics noting increases in response times and decreases in crimes against persons, homicides, crimes against property and catalytic converters thefts.

He also provided a community engagement officer update,

Council discussion ensued regarding public outreach, response times, increasing crime perception, and hate crimes.

**AGENDA BILLS: (These items are for discussion only. Most Agenda Bills will be referred to a future Council meeting for action.)**

#### **Agenda Bill #6279; A Motion approving the City's 2024 Legislative Agenda.**

**Summary:** The Legislative Agenda gives the Government Relations & Communications Manager and City Lobbyist, Gordon Thomas Honeywell (GTH), direction on which legislative issues to actively advocate for and which issues to react to during the legislative session.

The 2024 State Legislative Agenda consists of two documents: (1) 2024 Legislative Agenda that contains three to five top priorities for the City at the state level. GTH will proactively seek to accomplish these top priorities; and (2) 2024 Policy Document (formally referred to as the Internal Legislative Agenda). These are also called "back-page items" which give the City's lobbyist policy direction on issues that will occur during the session. GTH will react to these items when they appear during the legislative session. These documents are combined into one.

Continued discussion is scheduled at the October 10 CSS with final action scheduled for the November 14 Regular Council Meeting (RCM).

Government Relations & Communications Manager Moore introduced Gordon Thomas Honeywell Lobbyists Josh Weiss & Annika Vaughn. They reviewed the agenda bill summary and draft legislative agenda.

Council discussion ensued regarding the draft legislative agenda.

**Council consensus / direction:** Refer to the October 10, 2023 CSS for further discussion.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNED:** MAYOR SIMPSON ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 5:36 PM.