

# City of SeaTac

## Regular Council Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2024  
6:00 PM

City Hall  
Council Chambers

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

**COUNCIL PRESENT (in-person):** Mayor Mohamed Egal, Deputy Mayor (DM) Iris Guzmán, Councilmembers (CMs) Peter Kwon, James W. Lovell, and Joe Vinson; **(remote):** CMs Senayet Negusse and Jake Simpson

**STAFF PRESENT (in-person):** City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Multimedia Video Specialist David Inman, Finance Director Gwen Pilo, Government Relations & Communications Manager Kyle Moore, Human Resources (HR) Director Mei Barker, Executive Assistant Lesa Ellis, Community & Economic Development (CED) Director Evan Maxim; **(remote):** City Manager Carl Cole, Deputy City Manager (DCM) Gwen Voelpel, Police Chief Troy Smithmeyer, Parks & Recreation (P&R) Director Mary Tuttle

**FLAG SALUTE:** Mayor Egal 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.

Correction to the memo for Mayoral Appointments: Tree Board term ends December 31, 2026, not September.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Barbara McMichael – Defenders of Highline Forest, spoke regarding tree canopy, budget amendment related to P&R Department, Mayoral appointment to the Tree Board, and Port of Seattle (POS) land stewardship plan
- Chuck D'Arielli – density
- Alvin Simon – Seniors Serving Seniors, submitted petition regarding unfair management company practices for housing
- Tay Zack - immigration

**RECESSED:** Moved by Simpson, seconded by Lovell to recess the meeting from 6:18 p.m. until 6:34 p.m. due to disruptions.

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **Black History Month Proclamation.**

CM Vinson read the proclamation. The Council presented the proclamation to National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Seattle-King County Branch President L. Darrell Powell and Secretary Josette Wicker.

**Council Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment of Andrea Arellano to the Arts, Culture & Library Advisory Committee (ACLAC), James Morgese and Jamie Stenson to the Hotel/Motel Tax Advisory Committee (HMAT), Dee Abasute to the Planning Commission (PC), Pam Fernald to the Tree Board, and Roger Kadeg and Viet (Julie) Le to the StART Committee.**

MOVED BY GUZMÁN, SECONDED BY KWON TO CONFIRM THE MAYORAL APPOINTMENT OF ANDREA ARELLANO TO THE ARTS, CULTURE & LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, JAMES MORGESSE AND JAMIE STENSON TO THE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE, DEE ABASUTE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, PAM FERNALD TO THE TREE BOARD, AND ROGER KADEG AND VIET (JULIE) LE TO THE START COMMITTEE.\*

\*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Egal presented the certificates of appointment to the members in attendance in person: Jamie Stenson, Roger Kadeg, and Andrea Arellano.

James Morgese, Dee Abasute, and Pam Fernald were present remotely.

**PRESENTATIONS (continued):**

**FLOCK presentation for consideration**

Police Chief Smithmeyer presented the FLOCK program, which is included on the Consent Agenda as part of the budget amendment item. FLOCK is a new investigative tool.

There is an initial cost of \$197,500 for the first year. This includes: \$104,000 for initial installation, \$19,947.40 for tax, \$93,500 for the subscription. After the first year, the ongoing cost for the subscription is \$93,500. These costs can be paid for out of the existing police budget.

Council discussion ensued regarding protocols for data breaches, privacy, and PS&J Committee review.

**2023 4th quarter police stats.**

Police Chief Smithmeyer reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter police statistics with increases in crimes against persons, narcotic offenses, Dispatch Calls for Service (DCFS), and arrests and decrease in crimes against property, and hate crimes.

The Community Engagement Officer participated in four community events and is working to get the business watch program off the ground.

Council discussion ensued regarding the statistics.

**Key City Issues and Requests for Direction**

City Attorney Mirante Bartolo

- Requested the following referrals. Council concurred:
  - Referral to Council Study Session (CSS)
    - CRF 2023-17 – regarding street banners
  - Referral to Regular Council Meeting (RCM)
    - Gordon Thomas Honeywell’s (GTH) End of Session Legislative Wrap up to the March 26 RCM
    - 33<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Delegation Wrap up to a future RCM
- Grant Acceptance on Consent Agenda: King County (KC) 2023 Parks Levy Grant - \$258,196
- Calendar

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

CM Vinson: Public Safety & Justice (PS&J)

CM Negusse: Administration & Finance (A&F)

DM Guzmán: Parks & Recreation (P&R)

CM Lovell: Planning & Economic Development (PED)

CM Simpson: Transportation & Public Works (T&PW)

CM Kwon: Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation Committee, South County Area Transportation Board (SCATBd)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Approval of claims vouchers (check no. 137824 -137892) in the amount of \$342,978.55 for the period ended January 25, 2024. (including reissued check #137824)**

**Approval of claims vouchers EFTs in the amount of \$54,735.22 for the period ended January 29, 2024.**

**Approval of claims vouchers (check no. 137893 - 137988) in the amount of \$1,128,803.71 for the period ended February 8, 2024.**

**Approval of claims vouchers (check no. 137989 - 138084) in the amount of \$811,289.22 for the period ended February 22, 2024. (including void of \$155,429.52 and reissued checks #137989 and #137993)**

**Approval of payroll vouchers (check no. 56402 - 56409) in the amount of \$239,246.29 for the period ended January 31, 2024.**

**Approval of payroll electronic fund transfer (check no. 115130 - 115303) in the amount of \$600,264.72 for the period ended January 31, 2024.**

**Approval of payroll wire transfer in the amount of \$196,618.98 for the period ended January 31, 2024.**

**Approval of payroll vouchers (check no. 56410 - 56416) in the amount of \$8,029.98 for the period ended February 15, 2024.**

**CONSENT AGENDA (continued):**

**Approval of payroll electronic fund transfer (check no. 115304 - 115476) in the amount of \$617,697.44 for the period ended February 15, 2024.**

**Approval of payroll wire transfer in the amount of \$200,690.83 for the period ended February 15, 2024.**

**Approval of Summary of Grant Acceptance for the King County 2023 Parks Levy Grant - \$258,196 (23-G002/A).**

**Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**

**Public Safety & Justice Committee meetings held July 6 and October 5, 2023**

**Administration & Finance Committee meeting held November 2, 2023**

**Transportation & Public Works Committee meeting held January 11, 2024**

**Parks & Recreation Committee meeting held January 11, 2024**

**Regular Council Meeting held January 23, 2024**

The following items were reviewed at the February 1, 2024 Administration & Finance Committee meeting and recommended for placement on this Consent Agenda:

**Agenda Bill #6351; An Ordinance amending the City's 2023-2024 Biennial Budget.**

**Agenda Bill #6375; A Motion authorizing the City Manager to sign the contract with Hermanson through King County Directors Association (KCDA) to upgrade heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment at the SeaTac Community Center.**

The following items were reviewed at the February 15, 2024 Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting and recommended for placement on this Consent Agenda:

**Agenda Bill #6382; An Ordinance #24-1003 amending SeaTac Municipal Code Chapter 5.35.030 related to the application and permit process of the retail sale of consumer fireworks.**

MOVED BY LOVELL, SECONDED BY VINSON TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIED WITH SIMPSON VOTING NO.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Council apologized to the community for the hateful comments made tonight.

CM Kwon commented on the coffee with a cop event.

Mayor Egal stated he loves America, and he chooses love over hate.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNED:** MAYOR EGAL ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEATAC CITY COUNCIL AT 8:10 P.M.

  
Mohamed Egal, Mayor

  
Kristina Gregg, City Clerk