

# City of SeaTac

## Council Study Session Minutes Synopsis

February 28, 2012  
4:00 PM

City Hall  
Council Chambers

**CALL TO ORDER:** The SeaTac City Council Study Session (CSS) was called to order by Mayor Anthony (Tony) Anderson at 4:01 p.m.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Anthony (Tony) Anderson, Deputy Mayor (DM) Mia Gregerson, Councilmembers (CMs) Barry Ladenburg, Rick Forschler, Terry Anderson, Dave Bush, and Pam Fernald.

*This presentation was moved forward on the agenda to accommodate the presenter:*

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **•Reclassification of Medical Cannabis as a Schedule II Controlled Substance**

Auburn City CM John Partridge stated that he is presenting a report that was presented to the Regional Law, Safety & Justice Committee from the City of Seattle. He reviewed how the City of Seattle has handled this issue, a recent situation in Clark County, and some additional information to further explain the issue.

Currently, marijuana use is illegal by the Federal Government. The Governor's initiative is to take Medical Marijuana from a schedule I drug (illegal) to schedule II (allows medical marijuana to be dispensed through pharmaceutical operations).

The petition is the first step in a many step process.

Marijuana comes in different forms and uses. A synthetic form is already available as a schedule II drug. This petition targets the botanical version.

The Council has two choices: (1) support the petition and the ongoing work to see this change happen, or (2) work to reverse what the state has already done. Doing nothing is supporting the petition.

Council discussion ensued regarding the petition. Mayor A. Anderson clarified that the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) Public Issues Committee (PIC) is looking for guidance on this issue.

Council majority expressed support of the Resolution for the SCA knowing that this is just the first step to change legislation.

**Council consensus:** Express support for the Resolution at the SCA PIC Meeting

#### **Agenda Bill #3405 – A Motion authorizing the City Manager to request a two-year extension of the contract with Redflex Traffic Systems to continue providing automated traffic safety camera enforcement services to the City**

**Summary:** In October 2006, the City contracted with Redflex Traffic Systems to provide automated traffic safety camera enforcement services to the City. Pursuant to the terms of the contract, the City has the right, but not the obligation, to extend the term of the agreement for up to two additional consecutive and automatic two-year periods following the expiration of the initial term. In order to exercise the extension, the City must request the extension in writing. The City agreed to a two-year extension on March 23, 2010 that ends on March 16, 2012. This Motion authorizes the City Manager to request a two-year extension of the contract with Redflex commencing on March 17, 2012 and expiring on March 16, 2014.

The contract with Redflex Traffic Systems specifies that the City will pay a fee of \$4,964.46 per month for each designated intersection for photo red light enforcement. Currently, the City has three designated intersections for photo red light enforcement. Therefore, each month the City pays \$14,893.38 to Redflex.

Administrative Captain Annette Louie reviewed the agenda bill summary. 2011 revenue totaled \$217,377 and expenditures for the cameras totaled \$178,721.

Council discussion ensued regarding the program and the proposed agreement extension.

Chief Graddon stated that the purpose of the cameras was traffic safety. The number of accidents weren't that statistically high, but found over time that ticket numbers dropped showing a greater compliance with red lights.

**Council consensus:** Refer to the 03/13/12 RCM Consent Agenda

**Agenda Bill #3403 – A Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with GreenRubino to implement the Economic Development (ED) Marketing Action and Public Relations Plan for 2012**

**Summary:** This Motion facilitates execution of the marketing action plan that was jointly created by the City's ED staff and GreenRubino to further the City's ED branding strategy – "everywhere's possible". This comprehensive marketing plan will primarily target the recruitment of new business and industry, development and new private sector investment in the community. The plan was endorsed by the Hotel/Motel (H/M) Tax Advisory Committee as part of the 2012 budget process. The following components are included in the 2012 scope of services: Public / Media Relations, Management of annual advertising calendar, Media Placement / Vendor Costs / Media Contingencies, Creative Services, Website Creative and Development Services, and Development and Dissemination of Media Releases and Photo Opportunities as warranted.

It is anticipated the majority of the funding will come from the H/M Tax Fund (Fund 107). However, GreenRubino may also provide minimal public relations services that are not related to tourism promotion, which is a requirement for the use of H/M funds. Therefore, any expenses in which H/M funds cannot be used will come from the General Fund.

- Total Contract: Maximum of \$104,000, depending on final Scope of Work
- \$100,000 from H/M Tax Fund
- \$4,000 from Non-Departmental General Fund

ED Manager Jeff Robinson reviewed the agenda bill summary.

Council discussion ensued regarding the City's vision and the responsiveness of the company to the current contract.

**Council consensus:** Refer to the 03/13/12 RCM Consent Agenda

**Agenda Bill #3408 – A Motion approving leasing space on the second floor to the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW Local 2202)**

**Summary:** The Aerospace Machinists Union is interested in leasing 1,486 square feet (sq. ft.) on the second floor of City Hall. The space is in the middle of the floor on the East side of the building. The term of the lease is July 31, 2017 with a five-year option to renew. The rate will start at \$16.00 per sq. ft. the first year and increase by \$.50 per sq. ft. every year subsequently. The lease also allows for one free month per year with all 5 months taken up front. This is a common practice in today's commercial real estate market in order to entice prospective tenants. The City will remove two small offices in the space and replace the worn carpet in half of the space.

The cost for these tenant improvements is approximately \$3,500. Over the term of the lease the City will collect \$116,403 in rent. The Andover Company Inc. will collect \$5,820.15 in commissions out of that amount. Utilities and services are expected to cost \$43,600 during that period. The net amount to the City after costs is approximately \$63,483.

Facilities Manager Pat Patterson reviewed the agenda bill summary.

CM Ladenburg recused himself from this item due to being a member of the union.

**Council consensus:** Refer to the 03/13/12 RCM Action item

**PRESENTATIONS (Continued):**

**•Animal Services**

Program Manager Soraya Lowry compared the options: (1) SeaTac; (2) SeaTac-Other City; (3) CARES; and (4) King County (KC).

The next step is to seek Council direction to narrow the options. If a non-County option is preferred, a decision will be needed soon in order to identify a project manager (1 full-time employee for 6-9 months), and present a budget amendment for truck/equipment (\$30,000 - \$60,000).

Council discussion ensued regarding the four options with Council concurring to narrow it to the KC option only.

Police Chief Jim Graddon stated that no contract language is available yet. Staff will bring this back to the March 13 CSS to discuss the status of the contract.

**Council consensus:** Refer this to the 03/13/12 RCM Presentations

**PRESENTATIONS (Continued):**

**•Department of Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) – Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking**

Administrative Captain Annette Louie stated that staff is requesting approval to apply for a JAG grant for an enhanced collaborative model to combat human trafficking. The City can apply for a cooperative agreement of up to \$500,000 to be shared with law enforcement and a victim service provider to be awarded as a task force. This model is specifically addressing sex and labor trafficking of foreign nationals and United States citizens. The grant does request a 25% match grant in cash or in kind services. Staff feels the match may be covered with in kind services because there are already detectives working on this issue. This is a two year grant.

Council discussion ensued regarding the grant and the model.

**Council consensus:** Staff to apply for the grant.

**•Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) Update: Continued Discussion on Access to Corner Stores**

Community & Economic Development (CED) Director Cindy Baker stated that this is the last presentation on the Access to Corner Stores.

Senior Planner Kate Kaehny presented the following proposed policies and asked, in concept, if the Council is supportive of moving each proposal forward for consideration at the March 13 Regular Council Meeting (RCM):

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Council interest</b>
<b>Establish Community Gardens Policy Language</b>	
Glossary Definition	Yes, with term “pea patch”
Land Use Element	Yes
Parks, Recreation and Open Space Element	No
Revise Existing Policy 9.3B Discussion to add “community gardens”	Yes
<b>Farmers’ Markets</b>	
Zoning Code-Proposed Definition	Yes
Zoning Code-Proposed New Use in Use Chart	Yes, with further consideration of potential conditions regarding proximity to existing stores
<b>Healthy School Food Zone</b>	
Zoning Code	No
<b>Continued Support of Healthy Food Access</b>	
Land Use Element	Yes

Ms. Kaehny reviewed the next steps: March 13 RCM with request for endorsement of proposed policies. The CPPW grant end date is March 19, 2012.

Ms. Baker clarified that these are the policies. When the City begins addressing the codes, that’s when the discussion about what it looks like will take place.

**Council consensus:** Refer this to the 03/13/12 RCM Action item

**ADJOURNED:** Mayor A. Anderson adjourned the Council Study Session at 6:09 p.m.