

City of SeaTac

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2012
6:00 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: The SeaTac City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Anthony (Tony) Anderson at 6:03 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.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Todd Cutts, City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Assistant City Manager (ACM) Gwen Voelpel, Public Works (PW) Director Tom Gut, Parks & Recreation (P&R) Director Kit Ledbetter, Assistant P&R Director Lawrence Ellis, Recreation Supervisor Marlon Olson and Police Chief Jim Graddon.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

PRESENTATIONS:

•Fine Art Purchase Award Winners

Recreation Supervisor Olson introduced the winners: Gary Steel Bennett – “Black Walnut”, and Harold Johnson – “La Push”. Mayor A. Anderson presented the monetary award to the winners.

•SeaTac United Football Club

Recreation Supervisor Olson introduced SeaTac United Football Club Representative Michael Doughty.

Mr. Doughty shared the group’s mission statement: Provide affordable, top quality, soccer and developmental programs to the children of SeaTac, fostering cooperation between families, cultures, and local organizations.

Programs include Spring Soccer Academy (ages 6–12), Summer Street Soccer / Summer Sprout Soccer (ages 3–12), Fall Soccer Academy / Fall Sprouts Soccer (ages 3–12), and Associate coaches program. Future programs include Winter Futsal (ages 6-12) and SeaTac United Windmill, as well as adding programs for kids through high school.

Mr. Doughty stated that the group needs support through volunteering as programs are added, fundraising (grants and sponsors), and continued SeaTac P&R scholarship funding.

Council commended Mr. Doughty for his service. CM Bush stated that sponsoring a team is only \$135. He sponsored a team and encouraged businesses and residents to also sponsor a team.

Mr. Doughty introduced Mario Sanchez who works with him to make the club a success.

Mr. Sanchez stated that kids are treated like family and they don’t turn away any child interested in playing.

•Suburban Cities Association (SCA) Update

SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson stated that SCA was founded to give a voice to all of the cities of King County (KC). SCA appoints committees and staffs them, and provides training, education, and networking opportunities.

Membership in SCA ensures SeaTac is an active participant in regional issues. DM Gregerson, CM T. Anderson, CM Fernald, Mayor A. Anderson, and City Manager Cutts have all been active with SCA, past or present.

The Public Issues Committee (PIC) gives policy direction to the boards and committees. Each City has an equal voice on the PIC, no matter its size.

SCA strives for a balance on all regional boards and committees: large city/small city balance, and geographic diversity.

Ms. Dawson encouraged CMs to volunteer, and attend meetings and events.

The next networking dinner is scheduled for November 14 at Embassy Suites Tukwila.

CM Fernald and DM Gregerson shared their experience on SCA committees.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Approval of claims vouchers** (check nos. 100216 – 100447) in the amount of \$392,659.83 for the period ended October 19, 2012.
- **Approval of payroll vouchers** (check nos. 50994 – 51021) in the amount of \$185,051.66 for the period ended October 15, 2012.
- **Approval of payroll electronic fund transfers** (check nos. 74432 – 74612) in the amount of \$362,833.63 for the period ended October 15, 2012.
- **Approval of payroll wire transfer** (Medicare and Federal Withholding Tax) in the amount of \$73,574.56 for the period ended October 15, 2012.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

- **Council Study Session** held October 9, 2012
- **Regular Council Meeting** held October 9, 2012

Agenda Items reviewed at the October 9, 2012 Council Study Session and recommended for placement on this Consent Agenda:

Agenda Bill #3461; Motion authorizing the City Manager to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the Kent Regional Fire Authority for joint operation and administration of specific fire services

Agenda Bill #3464; Motion authorizing the City Manager to sign the 2nd floor City Hall lease space renewals for FAA and Guardsmark, Inc.

Agenda Bill #3449; Motion promoting the development of a Joint Use Agreement between Highline School District No. 401 and the cities of Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, and SeaTac, and between the said cities one with the other

MOVED BY FERNALD, SECONDED BY LADENBURG TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to the Consent Agenda): Earl Gipson urged Council to allow public comments during Action Items instead of Consent Agenda where decisions have already been made.

*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACTION ITEMS:

Agenda Bill #3463; Ordinance #12-1015 amending the 2012 Annual City Budget by increasing expenditures in the Des Moines Creek Basin Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Fund (Fund 111)

Summary: The City functions as the treasurer for the Des Moines Creek Basin Committee (DMCBC). The treasurer administers all contracts on behalf of the Committee.

During the course of the Technical Services Agreement (TSA) work, certain additional work item costs have been reviewed and approved by the DMCBC as necessary to ensure sufficient restoration. The work includes habitat plant management, control structure modifications, stream bank stabilization and a study of salmon mortality.

Since the City is the administrator of the contracts, the increased contract amount and budget amendment are necessary. The increased expenditure is spent from the Des Moines Creek Basin ILA Fund, which is a made up of contributions from Port of Seattle (POS) – 41%, SeaTac – 41%, and Des Moines 18%.

The additional work is estimated to be \$113,000 and is broken down as follows:

- Regional Detention Facility Maintenance & Operations, Monitoring BARS#: 111.000.11.531.90.48.057
Task 8.A Modification to Pond Structures \$80,000
After the completion of the Basin Improvement Projects, the DMCBC had the hydraulic design model compared to actual performance. Additional work is needed to implement the necessary modifications.
- Stream Bank Stabilization BARS#: 111.000.11.531.90.48.057
Task 9 \$8,000
Less material than anticipated could be salvaged in order to stabilize the creek bank in two locations.
- Pre-spawn Mortality Study BARS#: 111.000.11.531.90.41.103
New Task 10 \$25,000

In order to correlate the improvements implemented by the DMCBC to improvements in salmon survivability, the Committee approved a study of the pre-spawn mortality of salmon returning to Des Moines Creek.

ACTION ITEMS (Continued):

Agenda Bill #3463; Ordinance #12-1015 (Continued): The DMCBC reviewed and approved the items. Council approval is required to increase the authorized cost to a total not to exceed \$956,000. In addition, work that was anticipated to be completed in 2013 will actually be completed in 2012. Therefore, there is insufficient budget appropriation to cover these costs for 2012. Thus, this Ordinance increases expenditures in the Des Moines Creek Basin ILA fund by \$169,850.

This Ordinance increases the Fund 111 budget for expenditures from \$567,300 to \$737,150. The 2012 beginning Fund 111 balance is \$1,728,480.

PW Director Gut provided background and an update on the Des Moines Creek. The goals are to stabilize the stream channel, restore fish passage, enhance habitat, and reduce flooding. Proposed projects to achieve these goals include regional detention pond, high-flow bypass to Puget Sound, in-stream habitat enhancement, and Marine View Drive culvert replacement. The benefits of achieving these goals are reduced flow control development standard and ecological and flood control.

MOVED BY T. ANDERSON, SECONDED BY GREGERSON TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #12-1015.*

Council discussion ensued about the request to amend the budget, measuring fish returns, and achieved results.

*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Bill #3462; Resolution #12-010 supporting creation of a secure, convenient medicine return program in King County (KC) to reduce the public safety and environmental impacts of unwanted medicines

Summary: In response to concerns of prescription drug abuse, accidental medicine poisonings, and medicines found in the environment, the KC Board of Health (BOH) is exploring safe options for disposal of unused household medicines. This Resolution states support for the KC BOH to establish a convenient, safe, secure, and environmentally sound medicine return program through a pharmaceutical manufacturer financing mechanism that covers the cost of collection, transportation, and disposal, and does not rely on local government funding.

About one-third of medicines sold to Washington households go unused every year which amounts to about 33 million containers per year. Misuse and preventable poisonings from household medicines are the fastest growing cause of addiction and overdose.

- Medicines are consistently the top reason why people contact the Washington Poison Center.
- 70% of those who abused prescription pain relievers got them from friends or relatives, while approximately 5 percent got them from a drug dealer or over the internet.
- Fatal poisonings increased 395% from 1990 to 2006 in Washington; 85% of these deaths involved medicines.
- More people die from prescription medicines than from all illegal drugs combined.
- 32% of child poisoning deaths in Washington were caused by someone else's prescription medication and 26% were caused by over-the-counter medications.
- In KC, the Household Hazardous Waste Phone Line has experienced a 300% increase in resident inquiries since 2009 about where to return left-over or expired medicines.

Unused medicines not properly disposed can get into the environment when thrown in the garbage or toilet.

- Disposal of pharmaceuticals in the trash does not guarantee that active drugs will not end up in the environment. According to KC Solid Waste, the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill generates 100 million gallons a year of landfill leachate which is pumped to a sewage treatment facility. However, those facilities are not designed to remove complex chemicals prior to discharging effluent into Puget Sound.
- 20-33% of people flush medications.
- The U.S. Geological Society (USGS) detected a number of pharmaceutical compounds in the sediment of the lower Columbia Basin.
- Pharmaceuticals are also being detected in tissue of fish collected from streams.

Legislation to establish a sustainably financed statewide medicine take-back system has been introduced and considered by the Washington State Legislature for the past four sessions. In the 2011/2012 legislature, Senate Bill (SB) 5234/House Bill (HB) 1370 would have required drug producers selling medicines in Washington State to provide, finance, and promote a safe, convenient program for return and disposal of leftover and expired medicines. SeaTac supported this legislation in its legislative agenda adopted December 2011. While the secure medicine take-back legislation advanced through House and Senate committees, and garnered substantial support, the legislation did not pass due to the opposition of the pharmaceutical industry.

ACTION ITEMS (Continued):

Agenda Bill #3462; Resolution #12-010 (Continued): A limited number of voluntary take-back programs in KC are collecting large amounts of medicines and have demonstrated secure protocols. However, there are not enough available locations to adequately serve all KC residents. Currently, medicine take-back programs are operating at nine police stations and at twenty four pharmacies, but none are located in SeaTac. Due to the tremendous need for drug take-back, the Drug Enforcement Administration has been offering limited assistance to local law enforcement to provide semi-annual National Pharmaceutical Take-Back one-day events. SeaTac has participated in these events and netted thirty three pounds at the April event. This federal involvement is short-term until the Drug Enforcement Administration issues new regulations for collection of controlled substances without the involvement of law enforcement. Convenient and permanent drop-off locations and disposal options are needed to help solve the problem, but developing a sustainable financing model is one of the barriers.

Early this year, the KC BOH began exploring ways to protect public health by reducing the amount of unused medicines in people's homes and ensuring convenient and safe options for disposal of unused medicines.

There is no direct fiscal impact to the City if this Resolution is passed. This Resolution supports a medicine return program funded by a pharmaceutical manufacturer financing mechanism and that would not rely on local government funding.

MOVED BY FERNALD, SECONDED BY GREGERSON TO PASS RESOLUTION #12-010.*

Council discussion ensued regarding the potential, if any, for prescription costs to increase and safety.

Mr. Gut stated that this has been on the City's legislative agenda for the last couple of years. He clarified that the proposal is that the pharmaceutical companies fund this program, not the cities.

*MOTION CARRIED WITH FORSCHLER VOTING NO.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: City Manager Cutts commented on the following: (1) last week a split tree was found on South 201st Street and Des Moines Memorial Drive that was posing danger to the adjacent house. There were significant expenses that the City incurred in removing this tree due to the proximity to the road and power lines. Normally, the City would go out to bid for a project like this. However, due to the emergency nature, that did not occur. SeaTac Municipal Code (SMC) 3.31.110 gives authority for emergency purchases as long as the City Manager notifies the Council within 20 days of the purchases. This serves as the notification to the Council; (2) November 3 – 9 a.m., Senior Holiday Bazaar at the SeaTac Community Center; (3) November 7 – 5 p.m., Open House for the South 168th Street Sidewalk project at City Hall; and (4) November 12, City Hall will be closed in celebration of Veteran's Day.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: CM Ladenburg commented on the following: (1) appreciation of the City's police and fire services; and (2) October 28 – 6 p.m., Global Connections Band Fundraiser at Cedarbrook.

CM Forschler encouraged residents to invite displaced airport employees into their homes for the holidays. By becoming a better neighbor/friend to businesses located here, maybe later the same businesses will be willing to support events that their employees participate in. He suggested residents contact him if they are interested.

CM T. Anderson referenced a letter Council received about comments made at the October 15 Council Workshop regarding the PC review of the parking bonus program. She also stated that she interviewed the applicants for the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee and recommended to the Mayor that the incumbent be re-appointed and two other applicants serve as alternates.

CM Fernald commented on the following: (1) she would like to talk more with CM Forschler about his idea to invite displaced workers into their homes for the holidays; (2) attended the Volunteer Appreciation lunch on October 15; (3) used ClickNRequest to get an answer for a resident and received notification within two days that it was completed; and (4) City Council meetings will now air sooner on SeaTV.

CM Bush challenged everyone to support a soccer team.

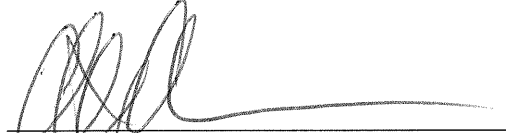
DM Gregerson agreed to sponsor a soccer team and also to work with CM Forschler on his idea for displaced employees during the holidays.

COUNCIL COMMENTS (Continued): Mayor A. Anderson commented on the following: (1) four successful budget workshops; (2) attended the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon; (3) also challenged each CM to sponsor a soccer team; (4) Global Connections had a fundraiser in Normandy Park and raised thousands of dollars, some of which will go towards the band attending the President's Inauguration; and (5) Police Officers and Fire Fighters get involved in the community on their own time. Police Officers support the Special Olympics and Fire Fighters participate in "Fill the Boot".

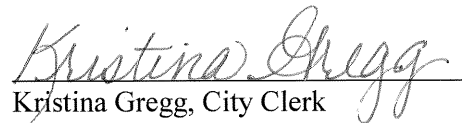
ADJOURNED:

MOVED BY GREGERSON, SECONDED BY LADENBURG TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEATAC CITY COUNCIL AT 7:54 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Tony Anderson, Mayor



Kristina Gregg, City Clerk