

City of SeaTac

Council Workshop Minutes Synopsis

October 15, 2012
5:30 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: The SeaTac City Council Workshop was called to order by Mayor Anthony (Tony) Anderson at 5:37 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Anthony (Tony) Anderson, Deputy Mayor (DM) Mia Gregerson (*arrived at 6:00 p.m.*), Barry Ladenburg, Rick Forschler (*arrived at 5:39 p.m.*), Terry Anderson (*arrived at 5:58 p.m.*), Dave Bush (*arrived at 6:36 p.m.*), and Pam Fernald.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Todd Cutts, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, Assistant City Manager (ACM) Gwen Voelpel, Acting Community & Economic Development (CED) Director Gary Schenk, Senior Planner Kate Kaehny, Associate Planner Anita Woodmass, Public Works (PW) Director Tom Gut, Economic Development (ED) Manager Jeff Robinson, Police Chief Jim Graddon, and Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Johnsen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Earl Gipson spoke regarding the Legislative Agenda, specifically "Reform the Public Records Act".

CM Forschler arrived at this point in the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

•Proposed Priorities for the 2013-2015 Washington State Legislature

ACM Voelpel introduced Gordon Thomas Honeywell Senior Governmental Affairs Consultant Briahna Taylor. Ms. Voelpel stated that the City put out a request for proposals (RFP) for a State Lobbyist for this year. Gordon Thomas Honeywell was chosen as the City's Lobbyist.

Ms. Taylor introduced Governmental Affairs Consultant Meghan Howey. Ms. Taylor reviewed what to expect during the 2013 Legislative Session, including budgets, redistricting in effect, new Governor, and new legislature.

Council discussion ensued regarding the 2013 expectations.

Ms. Taylor discussed global recommendations for the City's legislative agenda: (1) two shorter documents – Legislative Biennium Priorities, and Internal Legislative Agenda; (2) biennium approach; and (3) proactive items only.

CM T. Anderson arrived and DM Gregerson arrived at this point in the meeting.

Staff and Council reviewed the 2013-2015 Legislative Biennium Priorities:

- Transportation funding - Council concurred to leave these items on the agenda with minor wording changes.
- Capital Funding - being held for possible request for retrofit of City Hall windows. Staff is researching alternatives. Council concurred to keep this item on the agenda.
- Infrastructure - Council concurred to keep this item on the agenda.

CM Bush arrived at this point in the meeting.

2013-2015 Legislative Biennium Priorities discussion (Continued):

- Reform the Public Records Act – Council concurred to keep this item on the agenda.
- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Permit - Ms. Voelpel noted that this has been removed from the legislative agenda because it is being handled in another way.

Staff and Council reviewed the 2013-2015 Internal Legislative Agenda. Ms. Taylor stated that all of the items on this agenda were carry-over items from previous agendas. Council concurred to maintain all items on the agenda with the noted changes below:

- Drug Take-back - support legislation regarding drug take-back and to monitor product stewardship legislation.
- Dangerous dogs - maintain local control.

Draft Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO) agendas were provided for Council review.

City Manager Cutts clarified with Council that staff will use the agendas presented tonight, with the few changes, without formal Council adoption.

Recessed: Council recessed from 7:26 to 7:37 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (Continued):

•Review proposed City Center Park-and-Fly Code Amendments

Senior Planner Kaehny stated that tonight's presentation is information only on the following topics: Background - How we got here, Understand Code Proposal, Understand Environmental Review Mitigation Issue, and Next Steps.

Ms. Kaehny provided the background on this topic that began in September 2010 with Council direction for an Ad Hoc Committee (AHC) to review the City Center Parking Program.

Associate Planner Woodmass stated that the AHC reached consensus on all 37 standards. The two key objectives were parking should look good and it should be economically feasible.

She reviewed how the parking program works using WallyPark and MasterPark as examples.

Ms. Woodmass reviewed the five biggest changes to the proposed code: (1) 300 base stalls increased to 1,000; (2) Parking Bonus Program is more generous = more stalls for additional amenities; (3) reduced open space; (4) various building design changes = so it looks good; and (5) there are three different building types that can be built along International Boulevard (IB).

Council discussion ensued regarding the building options.

Ms. Kaehny discussed the environmental review (State Environmental Policy Act [SEPA]) which was completed in September 2012. Two comment letters were received but no appeals were received.

SEPA findings were "no significant environmental impacts, but did not support one section of the proposed code."

The AHC proposed to remove existing City Center road standards and replace with SeaTac Municipal Code (SMC) Title 11 general SeaTac road standards. Environmental review found that the AHC's new proposed road standards would not implement the Comprehensive Plan (CP) and must be mitigated.

Council decision will be needed at a future Council meeting on the following: (1) follow SEPA mitigation = retain existing road standards (staff recommendation); or (2) follow AHC recommendation = Council must identify a way to minimize impacts (this will require policy change in the CP and City Center Plan).

Council discussion ensued regarding the mitigation options.

Next steps include: Planning Commission (PC) – briefing on October 16, Public Hearing (PH) on November 6, and PC recommendation on November 20; and City Council – Council Study Session (CSS) on December 4 with option to either move forward as an action item or consent item, or don't move forward.

Ms. Woodmass clarified that two decisions will be required by Council at a future meeting: (1) What action will Council take on the SEPA mitigation, and (2) What action will Council take on the proposed code.

Potential actions at the December 11, 2012 Regular Council Meeting (RCM): (1) adopt proposed code and keep existing City Center Road Standards, (2) adopt proposed code and follow AHC road standards (policy changes required ahead of code adoption), (3) adopt proposed code with other changes; or (4) not adopt code.

Council discussion ensued regarding the proposed schedule.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor A. Anderson adjourned the Council Workshop at 8:26 p.m.