

City of SeaTac

Council Study Session Minutes Synopsis

October 8, 2013
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 4:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Anthony (Tony) Anderson, Deputy Mayor (DM) Mia Gregerson (*arrived at 4:12 p.m.*), Councilmembers (CMs) Barry Ladenburg, Rick Forschler (*arrived at 4:02 p.m.*), Terry Anderson, Dave Bush, and Pam Fernald.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Todd Cutts, Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Johnsen, City Clerk Kristina Gregg, Assistant City Manager (ACM) Gwen Voelpel, Human Resources (HR) Director Anh Hoang, Stormwater Compliance Manager Don Robinett, Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Trudy Olson, Community & Economic Development (CED) Director Joe Scorcio, Assistant Fire Chief Brian Wiwel, and Police Chief Lisa Mulligan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to the agenda items listed below): There were no public comments.

Agenda Bill #3546; A Resolution adopting an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Benefit Trust to provide self-insured health benefits to Participating Employees, their covered dependents and other beneficiaries, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City

Summary: The AWC Benefit Trust Board of Trustees instructed AWC staff and consultants to proceed with a self-insurance application to the State Risk Manager for its insurance programs through Regence, Group Health, Washington Dental Service and Vision Service Plan. The State Risk Manager approved the Trust's application for self-insurance to be effective January 1, 2014.

SeaTac is a member of the AWC Benefit Trust, wherefrom we purchase health insurance, including medical, dental, and vision insurance, for eligible employees and their family members. In order for the City to continue purchasing health insurance from AWC, the City must approve, by resolution, an ILA authorizing participation in the self-insured program. The Resolution must be signed and returned to AWC no later than November 15, 2013 for SeaTac to be insured through the AWC Trust for 2014.

This change will have minimal impact to employees and the City, as the employer, as the provider networks, the claims processors and the due date for premiums will not change. One possible impact is that insured members may receive a new ID card in January 2014.

As a result of AWC's transition to self-insurance, their adopted 2014 rates for medical, dental and vision insurance will have 0% increase.

HR Director Hoang reviewed the agenda bill summary.

Council consensus: Refer this to the 10/22/13 RCM Consent Agenda

PRESENTATIONS:

This presentation was postponed to a future meeting date to be determined.

●Let's Move City Town and Counties Initiative

CM Forschler arrived at this point in the meeting.

●Discussion of Legislative Priorities

ACM Voelpel introduced Gordon Thomas Honeywell Senior governmental Affairs Consultant Briahna Taylor. This presentation is to provide a progress update on the City's legislative agenda.

Ms. Taylor detailed what to expect during the 2014 Legislative Session: party politics, and budgets – operating budget, capital budget, and transportation budget. She also provided a synopsis of the efforts put towards SR 509 and the plans for the future.

CM Gregerson arrived at this point in the meeting.

Ms. Taylor stated that because of the amount of effort put towards the SR 509 funding package, many of the other legislative items were not focused on as much.

PRESENTATIONS (Continued):

Discussion of Legislative Priorities (Continued): Council discussion ensued regarding the budget provision for the Public Disclosure Request (PDR) mediation study, and the proposed legislative reform.

Ms. Taylor reviewed a document titled "Developing a Successful Legislative Funding Request."

Mr. Cutts stated that the City's contract with Gordon Thomas Honeywell ended September 30, 2013. Staff has been happy with their performance and is negotiating a renewal to that contract that will end December 31, 2014. He detailed the proposed changes to the agreement.

Council discussion ensued regarding the PDR mediation study, and transportation funding.

•Surface Water Utility Rate Study

Stormwater Compliance Manager Robinett introduced FCS Group Principal John Ghilarducci and Herrera Environmental Matt Fontaine.

Mr. Robinett provided a background on the drivers for the rate study: Surface Water Plan (SWP) - new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements, new Asset Management Program, Stormwater Capital Improvement Program (SWCIP), and rates for City roads.

He provided examples of stormwater failures that the City is trying to avoid and compared the City's current approach (reactive) to the proposed Asset Management Program (proactive).

He reviewed planned process efficiencies, including NPDES inspections, asset management inspections, and combined processes.

Mr. Ghilarducci reviewed the existing rates, and rate scenarios. The recommended scenario is a Limited SWP Implementation. He detailed the recommendation.

Mr. Robinett stated staff is proposing a phased approach for rate increases.

Mr. Ghilarducci provided a comparison of rates with other jurisdictions.

Next steps: October 22 CSS – integrate Council feedback; November 12 CSS – present Ordinance and agenda bill; and November 26 Regular Council Meeting (RCM) - action on Ordinance and agenda bill. The deadline for rate changes is December 2.

Discussion ensued regarding the rates, proactive versus reactive, comparison to other cities, and other funding sources.

•Neighborhood Grant Program

PW Director Gut stated that staff was asked to provide ideas around bringing back the Neighborhood Grant Program. Tonight's presentation is to provide that information.

Resource Conservation/Neighborhood Programs Coordinator Olson detailed the original program which ran 2006-2010. The initial budget was \$30,000 for 2006-2008, then reduced to \$10,000 for 2009 and suspended in 2010. The program provided up to \$5,000 of City match and a minimum 50/50 match neighborhood to City. She reviewed the projects that were completed from 2006 – 2010.

Mr. Gut detailed the proposed pilot re-ignition program: annual program - \$5,000 maximum, City match per project - \$5,000 maximum and neighborhood/City Match – 4/1 minimum. Eligible projects include neighborhood identity signs, community gardens, play areas, neighborhood events (blockwatch, map your neighborhood), and street lights.

He reviewed the proposed selection criteria and provided an example.

Proposed implementation would include Council approving a budget modification and authorizing the pilot re-ignition, application, review, selection, award, complete project, City reimburse, and close-out.

Council discussion ensued regarding the proposed program, specifically the project versus annual maximums.

Council will email suggested criteria for staff to integrate into their proposal. Council concurred with the \$5,000 annual maximum.

PRESENTATIONS (Continued):

● **Public Safety Statistics**

Assistant Fire Chief Wiwel presented the September 2013 statistics. He stated that the Fire Department participated in the pancake breakfast at the Bow Lake Mobile Home Park. Two public education events are scheduled for October: October 6-12 – Fire Prevention Week and October 31 – hand out emergency flashers.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor A. Anderson adjourn the CSS at 6:22 p.m.