

City of SeaTac

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2013
6:30 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: The SeaTac City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Anthony (Tony) Anderson at 6:29 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, Police Administrative Captain Annette Louie, Human Services (HS) Program Manager Colleen Brandt-Schluter, and Recreation Supervisor Marlon Olson.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Earl Gipson, representing a group, spoke regarding Proposition No. 1 and the votes in SeaTac.

Martha McGinnis, representing a group, spoke regarding closing of Odyssey High School. She shared success stories of kids that attended the school. She encouraged Council to attend the November 13 board meeting. She requested the Council help the parents help the kids and keep Odyssey open.

PRESENTATIONS (Continued):

•Farewell Address

King County (KC) CM Julia Patterson stated that she chose to not run for re-election and her current term ends December 31 after 10 elections. She was elected to the 1st SeaTac City Council. She reviewed improvements that have occurred in the City since its incorporation. She shared some of the work she was involved in during her term on the KC Council. She also discussed social equity.

Council thanked Ms. Patterson for her work over the years.

•Matt Griffin YMCA

Branch Executive Claudia Tanis shared the ways the YMCA uses the funding from the City of SeaTac. She detailed their summer meal program and community dinners. She thanked the City for its support.

•Update on Federal Way Link Extension and Sound Transit's Long Range Plan

Light Rail Development Manager Cathal Ridge reviewed the Federal Way Link Extension Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Alternatives. The scoping period was June 14 – July 17, 2013. He reviewed key comments from the stakeholders.

Mr. Ridge stated that Sound Transit hosted two public meetings with 163 participants and received comment letters. The highest-ranked additional stations are all on SR 99 alignment. Participants also commented that Sound Transit had selected the right station locations in the analysis.

Key concerns were whether Sound Transit had analyzed the traffic and transit implications during the environmental analysis and affects on land use and economic activity.

All information was presented to the board at their September 26 meeting. A couple of revisions were made based on the input: (1) modify 30th Avenue South alternative to transition just north of Kent Des Moines Road; and (2) modify I-5 median alternative to be an option that would utilize the median at the Midway Landfill.

He reviewed the alternatives along I-5, SR 99, I-5 to SR 99, and SR 99 to I-5.

The board opted to continue to look at baseline stations, but also continue to look at South 216th South and South 260th Street.

The draft EIS is to be published at the end of 2014 with the final EIS in 2015-2016, and Record of Decision in 2016.

Sound Transit will continue to coordinate with the City and come back in spring 2014 to discuss refinements, late 2014 to review draft EIS findings, and early 2015 to discussed the preferred alternative.

Discussion ensued regarding transportation section in EIS, community engagement, impacts of full SR 509 built out, and traffic parking impacts.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Approval of claims vouchers** (check nos. 105029 - 105034) in the amount of \$1,335.00 for the period ended October 21, 2013.
- **Approval of claims vouchers** (check nos. 105035 - 105276) in the amount of \$455,456.32 for the period ended November 5, 2013.
- **Approval of payroll vouchers** (check nos. 51837 – 51871) in the amount of \$468,128.45 for the period ended October 31, 2013.
- **Approval of payroll electronic fund transfers** (check nos. 79084 – 79272) in the amount of \$406,725.07 for the period ended October 31, 2013.
- **Approval of payroll wire transfer** (Medicare and Federal Withholding Tax) in the amount of \$83,074.18 for the period ended October 31, 2013.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

- **Regular Council Meeting** held July 9, 2013.
- **Regular Council Meeting** held September 10, 2013.

Agenda Items reviewed at the October 22, 2013 Council Study Session and recommended for placement on this Consent Agenda:

Agenda Bill #3556; A Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into a lease extension with Reji Mathew, doing business as Hi-Tech Gadgets LLC, in the SeaTac Center

Agenda Bill #3544; A Resolution #13-014 confirming the appointment by the City Manager of Stephen K. Causseaux, Jr. as the City Hearing Examiner for appointment of a Hearing Examiner Pro-Tem and authorizing the City Manager to enter into contracts for Hearing Examiner Services

Agenda Bill #3554; A Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for Consultant Services to develop the Angle Lake Station Sub-Area Plan

MOVED BY T. ANDERSON, SECONDED BY LADENBURG TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (PHs):

- **Setting the City's 2014 Property Tax Levy**

Agenda Bill #3548; An Ordinance setting the City's 2014 Property Tax Levy

Summary: As of November 8, 2013, the KC Assessor's Office has not yet certified the City's assessed valuation (AV), nor are they able to provide an exact date that this information is to be released. Based on past experience, this action typically occurs in December after the date by which City's must file their request to the County, which is November 30.

Staff recommends no increase to the 2013 levy rate of \$3.10/\$1,000 AV for the 2014 levy period. The KC Assessor has given the City a preliminary estimate of the City's 2014 assessed value = \$3,937,459,452, which is a 0.37% increase over 2013. This is an estimated levy amount of \$12,206,124. This preliminary estimate excludes any refund levies, or increases in utility valuations and is the amount that is included in the 2013-2014 biennial budget modification.

Since the overall tax levy rate being proposed is the same in 2014 as was in place for 2013 (\$3.10/\$1,000 AV), the only change a homeowner would experience in the amount of tax that goes to pay for local city services would be related to any change the KC Assessor makes in assessing the value of their individual property. As an example for the owner of a \$250,000 home, experiencing a 0.37% increase in AV, applying the same \$3.10/\$1,000 AV rate in 2014 as was in place for 2013 would result in an additional City property tax amount of \$2.87/year (or \$0.24/month) compared with 2013. However, it should be noted that the actual increase or decrease in taxes is dependent upon the actual change in a particular property's assessed valuation.

This Ordinance provides for a 2014 property tax levy amount estimated to be \$12,206,124, based on a levy rate of \$3.10 per thousand AV. The actual levy amount cannot be determined until assessed valuations are certified. In 2013, the certified tax levy rate was also \$3.10 per thousand AV.

PHs (Continued):

Setting the City's 2014 Property Tax Levy (Continued):

Mayor A. Anderson opened the PH at 7:36 p.m.

City Manager Cutts commented that the presentation on the property tax levy (Agenda Bill #3548) will take place during this PH, however, Council action is scheduled for the November 26 Regular Council Meeting (RCM).

Finance & Systems Director Antin reviewed the agenda bill summary. The two options are: (1) approve the proposed 2014 property tax levy ordinance based on the statutory limit of \$3.10/\$1,000 AV; or (2) adopt a 2014 property tax levy Ordinance of a differing levy amount and rate. Staff is recommending option 1.

There were no public comments.

Mayor A. Anderson closed the PH at 7:41 p.m.

Council Consensus: Refer this to the 11/26/13 RCM as an Consent Agenda Item

PHs (Continued):

• Approving the 2013 – 2014 Budget Modification

Agenda Bill #3549; An Ordinance approving the 2013 – 2014 Biennial Budget Modification

Summary: This Ordinance modifies the original 2013-2014 Budget to incorporate an updated 2014 revenue forecast with more current projections and to provide expenditure appropriation adjustments that are consistent with City Council's intention to provide legal funding levels for all funds that have been appropriated in the 2013-2014 Budget for the purposes that such funds have been assigned. Consistent with the City Council's intent to review budget performance throughout 2013, and to consider a budget modification based upon that review at the mid-biennium, this budget modification request for 2014 is now being considered.

This modification request has been adjusted to include an additional \$6,500 decision card item that was directed for inclusion by City Council at the November 12, 2013 RCM. The overall net adjustment to the General Fund's 2014 ending fund balance is now anticipated to be a decrease of \$70,819. There has been no change for all other funds, whose expenditures are expected to increase approximately \$5.8 million. The major components of these other funds expenditure increases are \$5.4 million related to the 28th/24th transportation capital project and \$0.4 million related to the fire equipment capital fund.

Mayor A. Anderson opened the PH at 7:41 p.m.

Mayor A. Anderson announced that the presentation on the biennial budget modification (Agenda Bill #3549) will take place during this PH, however, Council action is scheduled for the November 26 RCM.

Vicki Lockwood requested that if Proposition No. 1 passes, the Council review the budget to reduce the amount of the HS budget.

Earl Gipson questioned how these budget modifications affect the 2017 projection of a \$5 million deficit.

Finance & Systems Director Antin reviewed the agenda bill summary. He also reviewed the two decisions cards proposed during this modification: (1) Community & Economic Development (CED) Department - \$6,500 for ongoing costs related to maintenance of the licensing fee for a software module; and (2) City Clerk - \$42,000 annually to increase part-time Records Management (RM) Coordinator position to full-time.

Mr. Cutts clarified that the decision cards are not included in the budget estimates. He is recommending Council fund the software module costs; however, he did not recommend funding the full-time position due to funding.

Council discussion ensued regarding the two decision cards with concurrence to include the CED software.

Council discussion ensued regarding the other funds.

Mr. Antin reviewed the 2015-2016 Biennial Budget Planning Calendar.

Mayor A. Anderson closed the PH at 8:12 p.m.

Council Consensus: Refer this to the 11/26/13 RCM as an Action Item with CED decision card included

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to Unfinished Business): There were no public comments.

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) Angle Lake Station Area interim standards were presented at the last meeting and were due to come to Council for action at this meeting, unfortunately, the paper of record did not print the notice for the PH so it will come before Council at the next RCM; (2) November 13 – 5 p.m., South 179th Street Sidewalk open house; (3) November 22 – noon; Senior Thanksgiving Lunch; and (4) grant applications – Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) Grant for impaired driving and seatbelt traffic enforcement emphasis patrols - \$7,800, WTSC Grant for DUI emphasis patrols - \$3,200, and Public Health Emergency Medical Services Division for regional approach to public/municipal AED registry and training – amount to be determined.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: CM Ladenburg commented on the following; (1) National League of Cities (NLC) is being held this week in Seattle, (2) School Resource Officer (SRO), (3) election season is over and most signs are down and Proposition 1 is a close race, (4) holiday season – volunteer at food bank if possible, and (5) Ms. Lockwood's comments about abusing the human services funding.

CM Forschler expressed his concerns about Proposition 1.

CM Fernald thanked the voters for voting for her. She encouraged residents to participate in the government and suggested opportunities.

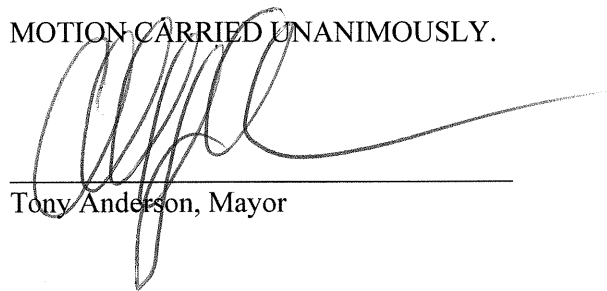
CM Bush commented on the following: (1) December 7 - Tyee Bazaar; and (2) attended the senior bazaar at SeaTac Community Center.

Mayor A. Anderson stated his appreciation for the following: (1) Captain Annette Louie for obtaining grants; (2) Firefighters for blinking lights for kids on Halloween; and (3) Firefighters for school coats. He also stated that a resident commented to him that Angle Lake Park is short of garbage and recycling cans.

ADJOURNED:

MOVED BY T. ANDERSON TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEATAC CITY COUNCIL AT 8:27 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



Tony Anderson, Mayor



Kristina Gregg, City Clerk