

SEATAC CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2007
6:00 PM

City Hall
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER: The SeaTac City Council Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gene Fisher at 6:04 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Gene Fisher, Deputy Mayor Ralph Shape, Councilmembers Anthony (Tony) Anderson, Chris Wythe, Terry Anderson, Joe Brennan, and Don DeHan.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: City Manager Craig Ward, Assistant City Manager (ACM) Tina Rogers, City Attorney Mary Mirante Bartolo, Senior Assistant City Attorney Mark Johnsen, City Clerk Judith Cary, Planning Director Steve Butler, Public Works (PW) Director Schroeder, Human Services Coordinator Colleen Brandt-Schluter, Parks & Recreation (P&R) Director Kit Ledbetter, Assistant P&R Director Lawrence Ellis, Fire Chief Bob Meyer, and Chief of Police Services Jim Graddon.

FLAG CEREMONY: Betty Brennan, SeaTac resident, led the Council, audience and staff in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

●SeaTac Fire Department Fill the Boot Day Proclamation

Mayor Fisher read the proclamation declaring Friday, June 15, 2007 as SeaTac Fire Department, Local 2919, Fill the Boot Day. The Firefighters (FFs) donate their time and energy to supporting the battle against Muscular Dystrophy by soliciting donations for this worthy cause.

●Council Consideration of Mayoral Selection of the Appointment of Cheryl Forbes as an Alternate Member to the Human Services Advisory Committee and the Re-appointment of Peter Kiewit IV to the Library Advisory Committee

Mayor Fisher requested Council approval of the two committee appointments to be confirmed on June 26, 2007.

Council consensus: Referred to the 06/26/07 RCM for Confirmation of Appointment

PUBLIC COMMENTS: John Thompson, long-time SeaTac resident, stated his appreciation of City Clerk Cary's 17 years of service to the City, adding she will be missed.

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) representative Susan Everett spoke on Agenda Bill No. 2809, thanking the City Council for their consideration of this agenda bill. The WSDOT is extremely grateful of this generous offer to contribute a portion of the sales taxes generated from the construction of the I-5 / SR-509 project to the actual construction. This project will reduce congestion on I-5, City streets and SR-167. It will provide a freight route from the Kent Valley to the Cities of SeaTac, Tacoma and Seattle. It will provide direct access to Sea-Tac International Airport from the south end and will enable future business park developments in SeaTac and Des Moines. Because it reduces trip time and distances, it will reduce air pollution and will work to improve the water quality in Des Moines Creek. SeaTac and WSDOT have been good partners on this project for many years and because of that partnership, the project has remained in the forefront in the region and is currently included on the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) list of projects for a total investment of \$1,051,000,000. The WSDOT considers the partnership on this project a model partnership among interagency and intergovernmental cooperation for the building of a major infrastructure. The City of SeaTac is a leader among the local Cities on this issue.

PRESENTATIONS (Continued):

●Auburn Youth Resources (AYR)

Human Services Coordinator Brandt-Schluter introduced AYR Executive Director James Blanchard.

Mr. Blanchard reported the agency's mission is as an outreach program to proactively locate and provide case management services to homeless and runaway youths, primarily along Highway 99 from SeaTac to Federal Way. Their target in SeaTac is to engage with 40 youths in the SeaTac area, which is 10-20% of the youths contacted by the agency with Federal funding from Seattle, SeaTac, Des Moines and Federal Way. There is no accurate way to count the number of youths in need in South King County (SKC). AYR recently applied for a Federal grant to increase their services and estimated at least 400-500 homeless youth. AYR is the only agency providing service of its kind in SKC. The agency has two staff members who find the youths in parks, clubs, malls and wherever else youths in need congregate. The staff distributes food and hygiene packs, and make medical and home referrals. AYR has a clothing bank provided for youths coming out of the foster care program and runaways who

PRESENTATIONS (Continued):

AYR (Continued): have no resources or services available to them. There are no homeless facilities for these youths in SKC. Most youths are referred to the Seattle area. Research has shown the closer to their natural environment a youth receives facility-based services, the more successful the youth is likely to be. AYR is part of a consortium that is researching this aspect of service to the youth. The City of SeaTac has been a supporter of the program of which Mr. Blanchard expressed appreciation of SeaTac's financial contribution as well as the City's willingness to demonstrate to the community that it has a concern for this segment of the local youth.

Council discussion ensued with Mr. Blanchard as to the various situations of the homeless youths to which he answered in detail. Mr. Blanchard stated AYR's goal is to stabilize the youth in a safe environment. The State Legislature expanded the Foster Care program this year to youth staying in school through 21 years old. The Council stated their appreciation of the agency's efforts to end homelessness in the local youth population.

Mr. Blanchard added most of the youths AYR encounters have no home, are living with inappropriate friends or relatives or may be sleeping under a bridge.

● **Harborview Medical Center (HMC)**

HMC Director Scott Barnhard, MD and Community Relations Manager Susan Gregg-Hanson updated Council on HMC's services and expansion of facilities to treat and care for more patients as the population growth continues. The hospital works in conjunction with the University of Washington (UW) School of Medicine.

Dr. Bernhard stated HMC is the only Level 1 Trauma Center in the Washington, Alaska, Montana, Idaho (WAMI) region serving over 80,000 emergency visits a year, 6,000 trauma victims and transfer in approximately 5,000 patients a year. HMC coordinates with the other medical facilities in the State as well as Medic I to achieve the highest standard of care. Most patients are from within KC. The hospital has a number of centers of strong emphasis in trauma, burns, HIV/AIDS/STD, mental illness, both orthopedics and rehabilitation medicine, and neurosciences. Dr. Bernhard briefed on each of the centers functions. With a major event, Harborview works with the KC Public Health Department to coordinate care with a disaster medical team and an international medical surgical response team based at HMC. The hospital provides care to approximately one-fourth of all insured charity care in the State. Over the last seven years, there has been a dramatic cost increase in the needs for this care as it has grown from under \$30 million to over \$100 million. Through KC Council and voters, HMC receives bond money for construction of its buildings in order to provide a higher level of charity care in KC.

Dr. Bernhard stated HMC is almost always 95-98% full. In 2008-09, a 14-story building will be under construction at 9th Avenue and Jefferson to expand to meet the demands of the community, research, and training.

Council agreed HMC's work is an excellent service as a world-class facility. Councilmember (CM) Brennan mentioned the successful program "Give Burn the Boot" in which FFs solicit donations for HMC's Burn Center. Council thanked Dr. Bernhard for the excellent presentation.

● **SeaTac BMX**

P&R Director Ledbetter introduced BMX Track Operator Dean Bond and his wife, Michelle, who have been running the SeaTac BMX track for the last few years.

Mr. Bond stated BMX racing is a team sport and is open to young and old. SeaTac's track is a world-class training ground, the best in KC.

They are marketing kids and are recruiting through the schools and charity events. Radio Disney is promoting SeaTac's BMX track by sponsoring a race. Mr. Bond thanked Council for supporting this facility in the City.

● **Valley Ridge Park (VRP) Project Update**

P&R Director Ledbetter itemized the work costs and completed projects by subcontractor for \$3,645,117. With the department being the general contractor, it is a savings of about \$390,000. The project is scheduled to be completed on time.

Facilities Director Patterson recapped the progress since mid-March.

Mr. Ledbetter stated the dedication is planned for September 8 with the project completed mid to late August.

Mr. Ledbetter stated the Highline School District (HSD) may help with funding for improvements to the VRP.

PRESENTATIONS (Continued):

VRP Project Update (Continued): Upon a question posed by Deputy Mayor (DM) Shape, Mr. Ledbetter stated the copper wiring is improved to prevent thievery and there is potential for placing cameras in the future.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

•Summary of \$5,000 - \$25,000 Purchase Requests for the period ended June 8, 2007

City Manager Ward reported on the purchase requests as follows:

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Amended Budget</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
Engineering Work for Angle Lake Band Shell Canopy	P&R	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$16,608
Replacement Fire Hose	Fire	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$6,355

Council consensus: Referred to the 06/12/07 RCM Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL PRESENTATIONS:

Agenda Bill #2806 – A Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with King County (KC) Metro for the purpose of implementing the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Efficiency Act

Summary: The purpose of this agreement is to assign certain tasks to be performed by Metro on behalf of the City in implementing the CTR Efficiency Act for a two-year period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009.

The Legislature passed the CTR Efficiency Act (ESSB 6566) during the 2006 session. SeaTac will be implementing the new requirements of the legislation, working with the 17 major employers to develop and implement plans to reduce vehicle miles traveled per employee and single occupant vehicle commute trips. The City can achieve cost efficiencies and administrative consistency by contracting with Metro for CTR implementation. The City and KC have entered into similar agreements since 1993.

The total cost of this contract will be \$27,000. This cost is a pass-through cost, as the City will receive \$34,274.40 per year for the same period from WSDOT.

PW Director Schroeder briefed on the above summary, adding \$7,000 is for staff time.

Council consensus: Referred to the 06/12/07 RCM Consent Agenda

Agenda Bill #2813 – A Motion approving the Low Bidder for Demolition of Fire Station No. 46

Summary: This Motion authorizes the City Manager to enter into a contract with 3 Kings Environmental, Inc. for demolition of the four houses and existing fire station for construction of new Fire Station 46.

On May 24, an advertisement for bids for demolition of Fire Station 46 was placed in the Seattle Times. The bids were opened on June 6. The three bidders are as follows:

3 Kings Environmental, Inc.	\$ 49,370
Royal Construction of Auburn	\$107,100
Puget Sound Earthworks	No bid

The engineer's estimate for the cost of this work is \$60,000. The low bid with contingency and tax is \$59,140.32.

The 2007 Budget has \$3,200,000 for construction of Fire Station 46.

Facilities Director Patterson briefed on the above summary.

CM A. Anderson stated this agenda bill went before the Public Safety & Justice (PS&J) Committee and was recommended for Council approval.

Council consensus: Referred to the 06/12/07 RCM Consent Agenda

Agenda Bill #2807 – A Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a Restrictive Covenant in favor of the Highline Water District (HWD) at McMicken Heights Park

Summary: The HWD will be installing a new well on their property adjacent to McMicken Heights Park. The Washington State Department of Health (WSDH) requires the HWD to ensure the area within a 100-foot (ft) radius of the new well site will be free from potential contamination. A small portion of this 100-ft radius is located in McMicken Heights Park, which requires the HWD to obtain a restrictive covenant for the portion of the 100-ft area located within the park.

AGENDA BILL PRESENTATIONS (Continued):

Agenda Bill #2807 (Continued): The covenant will restrict the City from constructing or maintaining potential sources of contamination (such as storage of chemicals) within the area subject to the restrictive covenant. A letter from the HWD dated April 11, 2007 clarifies the restrictions. The City and the HWD have negotiated compensation of \$1,000 to the City of SeaTac for the future restrictions to our land.

P&R Director Ledbetter briefed on the above summary.

Council consensus: Referred to the 06/12/07 RCM Consent Agenda

Agenda Bill #2805 – A Motion rescinding Agenda Bill No. 2783 and authorizing the City Manager to contact the City of Tukwila, and if the City of Tukwila is willing, to jointly select a Consultant for the purpose of determining the advisability of a Consolidated Fire Service

Summary: A regional approach to the delivery of public safety has long been considered an effective and efficient alternative to the parochial approach provided by small municipalities. Where adopted, this approach has worked well in both fire safety and police services.

Of the cities surrounding SeaTac, only Tukwila has its own fire service. For the Cities of Burien, Normandy Park, and/or Des Moines to enter into this study, they would need to first annex their respective fire districts. This may be a future consideration, but is premature at this time.

This study should be jointly funded by SeaTac and Tukwila, and the consultant, the cost, and the scope of work needs to be approved by both City Councils prior to implementation. The scope of the study should include station location that will not exceed SeaTac's current response time using past and projected dispatch data; projected compared to existing costs, growth management considerations regarding projected residential and business densities, existing and recommended assets, existing and recommended staffing levels, funding options, governance options, and such other items as may be deemed necessary for successful implementation of a regional fire service.

CM DeHan briefed on the above summary.

CM Brennan stated there is no restriction on the City Manager contacting the City of Tukwila about whether this is something the cities want to jointly do. He reiterated his opinion that this action does not need an agenda bill.

DM Shape stated SeaTac's Fire Service is the best in the area. The primary concern should be public safety. No further studies are needed.

City Attorney Mirante Bartolo clarified that passing Agenda Bill #2805 deletes Agenda Bill #2783.

Council consensus: Referred to the 06/12/07 RCM New Business

Upon a question posed by CM Brennan, Fire Chief Meyer stated SeaTac gives about three times more mutual aid than it receives. SeaTac gives about nine times more to Tukwila than Tukwila gives to SeaTac.

Agenda Bill #2809 – A Resolution stating the City Council's intent to reinvest the City's share of Sales Tax Revenue generated from the I-5/SR 509 Road Project back into the Project

Summary: In November 2007, the electorate may have the opportunity to vote on the roads package put forth by the RTID, pending the County Council's approval. One component of the RTID roads package is the I-5/SR-509 Corridor Project which is estimated to cost approximately \$1 billion, including design, right-of-way (ROW) and construction. The I-5/SR509 road project has been an important project for many years, and the lack of adequate funding has resulted in it not being completed.

In order to ensure that the project will have adequate funding and formally express the City's support and commitment to the project, this Resolution states the City Council's intent to reinvest the City's share of sales tax revenue generated by the I-5/SR509 project construction back into the project. When the I-5/SR509 is constructed, the City Council would need to formally implement this intent through the budget process and a subsequent Resolution approved by the Council.

The amount of sales tax revenue the City would receive from this project is approximately \$4 million during the anticipated five to six year construction phase. This money has not been included in the City's revenue forecast and should have no fiscal impact.

AGENDA BILL PRESENTATIONS (Continued):

Agenda Bill #2809 (Continued): CM DeHan briefed on the above summary. Since this is a regional transportation project, SeaTac's effort will be the catalyst for other cities to join in.

CM T. Anderson, Administration & Finance (A&F) Committee Chair, stated the committee recommended this item be considered for Council approval.

CM Brennan mentioned that former CM Frank Hansen and CM DeHan have diligently worked on this project for 16 years. This is an important project for the State.

CM DeHan thanked WSDOT representative Susan Everett and PW employees for their efforts.

CM T. Anderson added thanks to Tom Dantzler and Roy Moore for their efforts.

Upon a question posed by CM, CM DeHan stated it is the desire that each of the cities that will have one of these RTID projects in it will follow SeaTac's lead. Estimates are that the City will reinvest \$4-6 million back into the project.

Mayor Fisher stated his appreciation of CM DeHan's work on this.

Council consensus: Referred to the 06/12/07 RCM Consent Agenda

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **Approval of claims vouchers** (check nos. 75747 - 75930) in the amount of \$3,347,716.68 for the period ended May 21, 2007.
- **Approval of claims vouchers** (check nos. 75931 - 76168) in the amount of \$3,544,395.46 for the period ended June 5, 2007.
- **Approval of payroll vouchers** (check nos. 45848 - 45888) in the amount of \$332,646.94 for the period ended May 31, 2007.
- **Approval of payroll electronic fund transfers** (check nos. 51059 - 51233) in the amount of \$285,039.46 for the period ended May 31, 2007.
- **Approval of payroll wire transfer** (Medicare and Federal Withholding Tax) in the amount of \$55,334.38 for the period ended May 31, 2007.
- **Summary of \$5,000 - \$25,000 Purchase Requests** for the period ended June 8, 2007.

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

- **Transportation & Public Works Committee Meeting** held May 22, 2007.
- **Council Workshop** held May 22, 2007.
- **Regular Council Meeting** held May 22, 2007.

Agenda Items reviewed under Agenda Bill Presentations recommended for placement on this Consent Agenda.

Agenda Bill #2806; Motion authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with King County Metro for the purpose of implementing the Commute Trip Reduction Efficiency Act

Agenda Bill #2813; Motion approving the Low Bidder for Demolition of Fire Station No. 46

Agenda Bill #2807; Motion authorizing the City Manager to execute a Restrictive Covenant in favor of the Highline Water District at McMicken Heights Park

Agenda Bill #2809; Resolution #07-009 stating the City Council's intent to reinvest the City's share of Sales Tax Revenue generated from the I-5/SR 509 Road Project back into the Project

MOVED BY BRENNAN, SECONDED BY DEHAN TO ACCEPT THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCLUSION OF AGENDA BILL NO. 2805.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to the Consent Agenda): There were no public comments.

*MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (related to the following Unfinished and New Business): There were no public comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda Bill #2805; Motion rescinding Agenda Bill No. 2783 and authorizing the City Manager to contact the City of Tukwila, and if the City of Tukwila is willing, to jointly select a Consultant for the purpose of determining the advisability of a Consolidated Fire Service

Mayor Fisher stated the Levy Lid Lift failed. This was the citizens saying they did not want the City to move forward in the same pattern. SeaTac has the best fire department but there is more to it than that, and all the more reason to share services or combine them in order to act like a team and work together. He wants to see combined services as the way of the future.

CM Brennan stated that Tukwila's services to SeaTac need to be examined as to the equity between the cities. Fire Chief Meyer earlier stated that SeaTac responds to Tukwila nine times more than Tukwila responds to SeaTac. SeaTac will always provide mutual aid but he does not want additional money to be spent on this issue.

DM Shape requested this item be postponed for two weeks.

MOVED BY DEHAN, SECONDED BY FISHER TO RESCIND AGENDA BILL NO. 2783.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS: City Manager Ward had the following business items: (1) Des Moines Creek Trail will be closed from June to October; (2) Military Road will be closed from South 176th to 188th Streets during the summer; (3) International Parade and Festival - June 22- 24; (4) Volks March - June 24; and (5) Rely for Life – June 23.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: CM A. Anderson had the following items: (1) received emails from Aviation High School students. He encouraged the Council to respond to them; and (2) read an article in Time Magazine about Green Cities and what can be done for the environment. He stated he would be researching this issue further to see if there is something that the City can do.

CM Wythe stated the filing period has closed and therefore he wanted to congratulate Mayor Fisher, Deputy Mayor Shape, CM T. Anderson, and Mia Gregerson (who will replace CM DeHan after his long and productive tenure on the City Council).

CM T. Anderson thanked the public for not supporting opponents for the Council positions.

DM Shape stated the Council received a letter from a government representative from Mongolia, inviting the Council to visit.

CM Brennan mentioned the letter the City received from a District in Mongolia that would like to be a Sister City with SeaTac.

CM DeHan stated he sent the Council his summary of the May Council Retreat for Council review. Secondly, he added at the A&F Committee Meeting this afternoon the Position Vacancy Review Board (PVRB) reported their recommendation to replace the Plans Examiner position.

RECESSED: Mayor Fisher recessed the Regular Council Meeting to an Executive Session on a Potential Lease Agreement at 8:18 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Potential Lease Agreement (15 minutes) (RCW 42.30.110[1] [c])

RECONVENED: Mayor Fisher reconvened the Regular Council Meeting 8:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

MAYOR FISHER ADJOURNED THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SEATAC CITY COUNCIL AT 8:33 P.M.

Gene Fisher, Mayor

Judith L. Cary, City Clerk