

**Special City Council Meeting
June 26, 2014 - 5:00 PM
Council Chambers
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nancy Backus called the special meeting of the City Council to order at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the special meeting was to receive a presentation from the Mayor of the City of SeaTac regarding their Council's transition from standing committees to study sessions.

Members of the Council present: Deputy Mayor Rich Wagner, Councilmember Bill Peloza, Councilmember Largo Wales, Councilmember Wayne Osborne, Councilmember Claude DaCorsi, Councilmember Trout. Councilmember Holman was excused.

Department Directors and staff members present included: City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Community Development and Public Works Director Kevin Snyder, Assistant Police Chief William Pierson, Economic Development Manager Doug Lein and Deputy City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

Also present was City of SeaTac Mayor Mia Gregerson.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

**A. Transition from Standing Committees to Study Sessions
Presentation by City of SeaTac Mayor Mia Gregerson.**

Mayor Backus thanked the SeaTac Mayor Mia Gregerson for attending the special City Council meeting.

Mayor Gregerson explained the City of SeaTac has transitioned from council subcommittees to conducting study sessions prior to each full Council Meeting. The study sessions are shorter than anticipated. Items move through the process faster with the new format.

Councilmember Wales asked if there had been misconceptions from citizens watching meetings on television regarding a discussion item opposed to an action item. Mayor Gregerson explained the agenda is set up to make it clear on what the expectation is for an item.

Deputy Mayor Wagner asked for the City of SeaTac's criteria to form an ad-hoc committee. Mayor Gregerson explained the ad-hoc

committee designation is reserved for items that will impact future policy, a concept is complicated or there is a range of options available. The number of ad-hoc committees vary depending on what is being considered by council. The ad-hoc committee members are typically selected on a volunteer basis. The claims and payroll vouchers are sent to all councilmembers via email. If a councilmember has a question regarding a claim, they can ask it at the study session.

Mayor Gregerson explained public comment is allowed at study sessions but within specific guidelines. Any item can be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the agenda at the request of a councilmember. An item moves from the study session to full Council by informal consent of the majority of the council.

Councilmember Osborne asked for clarification regarding placement of ordinances and resolutions on the agenda. City Attorney Heid explained an item is placed on the consent agenda that is routine and no discussion is expected. It is the City of Auburn's practice to place all ordinances and resolutions on the agenda for full Council discussion.

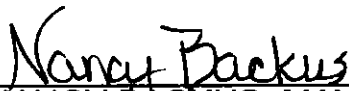
Councilmember Peloza asked who authorizes an item to be put on the study session agenda. Mayor Gregerson explained the city manager and mayor review the agenda, and the mayor authorizes each item. Mayor Gregerson explained the City of SeaTac only has presentations at study sessions. City staff will also give periodic updates on large projects at study sessions. Mayor Gregerson stated presenters are given a time limit for their presentation that is respectful to the Council and the presenter. Mayor Backus stated longer presentations may have to be presented at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mayor and Council thanked Mayor Gregerson for her time.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVED this 21st day of July, 2014.



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Shawn Campbell, Deputy City Clerk