

April 13, 2010 Council Chat
 10AM – noon, SeaTac Community Center
 List of attendees on file with the City Manager’s Office

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Terry Anderson, Councilmembers Rick Forschler and Ralph Shape

NOTE: The table below is not intended to be comprehensive minutes of the meeting, but it primarily focuses on citizen requests for information or follow-up. Some of these items include additional information obtained while Councilmember Forschler contacted citizens after the meeting.

Item #	Requests for Follow-up	Assignment	Response
1.	The city should not use a lobbyist to work against property rights and open government. Would like to know if the city's lobbyist had anything to do with the failure of Attorney General Rob McKenna's reforms against using eminent domain for economic development?	City Council/City Manager	The City Council reviews and approves both the state and federal legislative agendas each year. The proposed eminent domain legislation in Olympia would have restricted a city’s ability to use the constitutional right of eminent domain for all types of purposes that may have been construed as economic development just by virtue of creating jobs and/or providing public infrastructure that could result in increased future tax revenues. The failure of the Attorney General’s proposals was based on widespread understanding of the restrictions that the legislation would have imposed on a local government’s ability to provide vital infrastructure such as roads and utilities. Our lobbyist provided information to Legislators regarding the potential impact that the legislation would potentially have, if passed. He did not actively engage in lobbying against the bills as there was no indication that there would be committee hearings scheduled in either house. The legislation was opposed by the Association of Washington Cities as well as by dozens of local governments.
2.	Citizens are concerned any time eminent domain is used. This was also mentioned at August Council Chat. Glad to know City is working with the Cassans now.	n/a	Comment only.
3.	Felt there were 5 issues related to prior	n/a	Issues are list below as #1 - #5.

	Council Chats that were not yet addressed. (Rick mentioned that <i>City Works</i> is planned for handling issue tracking in the future.)		
4.	#1: Lighted crosswalk signals needed on Military Rd. S. at 170th. (The type with push buttons.) Similar crosswalk lights and buttons are also needed at Safeway.	PW	The Military/170 th intersection will be evaluated for signal warrants based on standard traffic engineering criteria. Installing crossings at Safeway would be problematic due to traffic volumes, existing driveways and the existing signal at S. 164 th St.
5.	Additional comment on item 5 above....we have a window of opportunity, with McMicken Elementary closed (about a year and a half.) Can the city make both crosswalks a priority?	PW	Highline School District was contacted by staff and confirmed they do not have school bus stops on Military Rd. in this area and do not see need for crosswalks at this location.
6.	#2: Jake brakes are still being used. During weekdays he hears about 5 trucks between 5AM and 8AM, about 5 trucks between 10AM and 2PM, and about 3 to 4 trucks between 5PM and 8PM. (Hardly any trucks on weekends.) Signs are supposed posted somewhere that say "Don't use Jake Brakes" but trucks do it anyway... even trucks working on City projects. (Leonard can't find these signs...) SeaTac police used to sit at intersection and monitor this, but stopped about 3 years ago. He would like some action taken to address this again.	Police	<i>From October 17, 2009 Q&A Report: SeaTac Municipal Code 9.05.100 prohibits unmuffled compression brakes (Jake is a trade name) except in case of emergency. Signs are posted at the higher traffic volume roadways entering the City The brakes are allowed if they are properly muffled, and we have found that most fall under this category (although they may not sound as if they do). If you have a persistent issue with a specific vehicle or location and can supply the police with some information regarding it we have traffic officers that could look into the matter. You may call 206-973-4900 and our staff will either be able to take the information or refer you to the proper person to do so.</i>
7.	Confirmed he can hear Jake brakes from his house also. 51st street is a designated truck route. The Tukwila portion of 51st has sidewalks, but the SeaTac portion is unsafe without sidewalks. He would like to know when sidewalks are planned for 51st between Tukwila and 170th and also for 170th between 51st and Military.	PW	The City-wide Pedestrian Program map identifies new sidewalks on 51 st between S. 166 th (city limits) and S. 170 th . However, this segment has yet to be scheduled. SeaTac's annual Pedestrian Program is approximately \$1.5m, which is one of the largest residential sidewalk programs per capita in the state. The Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) identifies improvements to S. 170 th St., between Military Rd. S. and 51 st , as occurring after 2016.
8.	Issue #3: There are existing storm	PW	Public Works Maintenance staff visited

	<p>drainage problems around 172nd and Military Rd. One involves toys and debris blocking pipes in open ditches. He thinks some type of grate would be helpful to prevent blockages. Also blockages are causing flooding behind houses on 173rd. Rick will visit with citizen to see what the problem is. (Rick met with citizen: There are visible cracks in the roadway right above the culvert, which could indicate erosion and possible undermining of road. Rick has communicated these problems to Tom Gut.)</p>		<p>the site with the open ditch to discuss with the resident the need and feasibility for a grate. At this time, the location will be monitored.</p> <p>Public Works Maintenance staff contacted the home owner at the northeast corner of Military Rd and S. 172nd to investigate flooding concern. A single event was recalled due to significant storm and/or blockage. No significant problems since then. Resident will contact PW Maintenance if flooding reoccurs.</p> <p>Public Works Maintenance evaluated pipe crossing and pavement cracking and found no definitive signs of undermining.</p>
9.	<p>Citizen thanked the city for beautification projects, like the "McMicken Rock" on 172nd & Military Rd. (Ralph Shape said that money is available for communities who ask for it – neighborhood enhancement grant program). Would like this opportunity communicated to the citizens somehow. Citizen is willing to help the citizens himself also.</p>	PW	<p>As a cost saving measure due to declining revenue, funding for the Neighborhood Grant Program and support staff was suspended for 2010. It is not known at this time if a similar budget constraint will exist in future budgets.</p>
10.	<p>Would like an answer... Who she should call for road maintenance and speeding, etc. on her road--164th between Military and 51st? She lives in SeaTac, but road is owned by Tukwila.</p>	PW/Police	<p>Contact: City of Tukwila Public Works Maintenance Shops: (206) 433-1860</p>
11.	<p>Issue #4: When the Council gets information during Council Chats, he expects these issues to be addressed by council, rather than referred back to citizens to "bird dog" themselves through a city department. Can the Council follow up? (Rick agreed to follow-up on all issues.)</p>	City Council	<p>Councilmember Forschler will act as liaison between citizens and staff on follow-up.</p>
12.	<p>A) Issue #5: Wants a radar trailer for monitoring speed on Military Rd. He would like council to follow-up.</p> <p>B) Rick contacted him later and citizen thinks permanently mounted radar</p>	Police	<p><i>A)From August 15, 2009 Q&A: Yes – we would just need a citizen to request it so they can help monitor the equipment for us. The radar trailer is left at the location usually for a 2 week time span then moved. Call: Police</i></p>

	posts with solar power would be even better. Would like city to consider adding 2 posts when Military road is improved in near future. One post just past 164th southbound and one at 173rd PL northbound.		Services at 206.973.4900 B) Solar powered radar posts are one of the solutions that can be considered on future road construction projects where speeding issues exist. Improvements to safety and operations are taken into consideration on all road projects.
13.	Would like to get ORCA cards for light rail and bus at City Hall. Currently only available in Seattle. Would like city to talk with Metro about issuing ORCA cards at City Hall? (John Ancell and Mayor Anderson said they are available by phone and mail.) Citizen would like City to check on getting these at City Hall and details about how to obtain cards added to SeaTac quarterly newsletter.	PW/City Clerk's Office/City Manager's Office	Since the ORCA card is the result of financial arrangements between seven different transit agencies, unfortunately, it is not feasible for ORCA cards to be sold by the city. However, cards can be bought online and over the phone (1-888-988-6722). Visit the ORCA web site for details: http://www.orcacard.com/ERG-Seattle/p3_001.do?m=34#buying-a-card
14.	Has been promised a "Dead End" or "No Turn Around" sign for his street. Lives on 29th and doesn't want trespassing or people "casing" his home. It is a private road, but he will install himself if city provides. Can we give him one?	PW	Resident was contacted by staff and agreed to pay for sign on private road and thanked staff for making arrangements.
15.	At 146th & 24th there is an existing NB left turn lane but not SB. He would like a SB left turn lane added.	PW	Resident was contacted by staff to explain concerns. Public Works Engineering to design turn pocket and assess the impacts. It may impact existing parking on 24 th Ave. S. Staff will keep the resident informed.
16.	Would like to know if the city is being sued over property acquisition at 154th and International Boulevard?	Legal	No, the City has not been sued nor has a claim for damages been filed.
17.	Wants to know if there an ordinance against messy yards? (Rick called citizen to follow-up, and left a message.)	Code Enforcement	The SeaTac Municipal Code addresses exterior property maintenance: http://www.codepublishing.com/wa/seatac/ 7.15.020 Duty to maintain property
18.	Called Code Enforcement about trashy condition of yards on alley, but they haven't called back. Called on February 16th, no action yet. Alley is located between 166th & 168th and 34th and 35th. Code Enforcement sent a letter but trash is still there, including	Code Enforcement	Earlier this year, letters were sent to neighbors to keep the area clean. Code Enforcement cases are in progress with properties that exhibited no improvement. As of 4/28/10, the mattress is removed

	<p>an old mattress. (Rick called citizen later for more information. The two worst properties are 16649 35th Ave S and 16654 34th Ave S Google maps link is http://maps.google.com/maps?ie=UTF8&ll=47.453869,-122.288121&spn=0.00238,0.00398&t=h&z=18 and the aerial photo visibly shows trash in yard.)</p>		and disposed properly.
19.	<p>S. 167th and 32nd Ave. - Trashy neighborhood. A tow truck is used to tow old cars into the yard. Hesitates to report again. Code Enforcement addressed basketball hoop, but not cars yet.</p>	Code Enforcement	<p>Specific address is needed to respond to Code Enforcement complaint. Visit the Code Enforcement web page for information to submit a complaint: http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/index.aspx?page=199</p> <p>Old cars are permissible on approved surfaces. Junk vehicles are defined in RCW 46.55.010</p> <p>Complainant was contacted to initiate Code Enforcement process on the property of concern.</p>
20.	<p>Chickens and roosters all around the neighborhood. What restrictions are there? (Rick will contact her.)</p>	Planning	<p><i>From October 17, 2009 Q&A Report: SeaTac has regulations for “domestic animals” that may be found in the City’s Zoning Code (SMC 15.12.015). These regulations would allow up to five chickens/roosters per residential lot, if certain conditions are met.</i></p> <p><i>Code Enforcement can monitor how many they have and if they are contained. We can provide information regarding what attracts rats and what you can do on your property to not attract them. Feeding animals outside and creating open compost bins containing food scraps should be done carefully to discourage vermin.</i></p>
21.	<p>How aggressive is SeaTac at addressing businesses conducted on residential property? He reported to Code Enforcement, and chickens were addressed, but not businesses. Problem exists at 148th and 29th.</p>	Code Enforcement	<p>Code Enforcement is primarily complaint driven.</p> <p>Specific address is needed to respond to Code Enforcement complaint. Visit the Code Enforcement web page for</p>

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