



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES

April 23, 2012

6:15 pm - Special Meeting: Executive Session to discuss potential litigation

7:00 pm - Study Session

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Bennett called the Special Meeting of the Burien City Council to order at 6:20 p.m. for the purpose holding an Executive Session to discuss litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Present: Mayor Brian Bennett, Councilmembers Bob Edgar, Lucy Krakowiak, Joan McGilton and Gerald F. Robison. Deputy Mayor Rose Clark and Councilmember Jack Block, Jr. were excused.

Administrative staff present: Mike Martin, City Manager, Craig Knutson, City Attorney.

No action was taken.

The Special Meeting adjourned to the Study Session at 6:48 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bennett called the Meeting of the Burien City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bennett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Brian Bennett, Councilmembers Bob Edgar, Lucy Krakowiak, Joan McGilton and Gerald F. Robison. Deputy Mayor Rose Clark and Councilmember Jack Block, Jr. were excused.

Administrative staff present: Mike Martin, City Manager; Craig Knutson, City Attorney; Kim Krause, Finance Director; Nhan Nguyen, Management Analyst; Kathy Wetherbee, Department Assistant; and Monica Lusk, City Clerk.

State Representative Tina Orwell spoke to the Commercial Sex (child trafficking) and Suicide Prevention bills that may impact this area.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion on Results of Public Opinion Survey Related to Kids and Cops Initiative

Follow-up

Staff will provide a different version of the presentation that will have all the graphs in a different style, consider separating the issues on the ballot, specify the sunset clause, options for the schools to start before the cops portion; consult with the Highline School District; bring a proposal to Council in May; and, provide the date when the initiatives are due at King County Council and King County Elections.

Responding to Greg Anderson in the audience, Rebecca Ball, Associate with DHM Research, stated their best prediction for an all voter sample in the community was to survey about 20 percent in the 18 – 34 years of age category, 40 percent in the 35 – 54 category, 20 percent in the 55 – 64 category, and 20 percent in the 65 or older category.

Goodspaceguy, 10219 Ninth Avenue South, Seattle
Mr. Goodspaceguy suggested that the bar charts be clearer.

Discussion on Liquor and B&O Taxes

Discussion ensued regarding how the change in the liquor law will affect revenues and how the City can offset the decrease; if the State Legislature would allow the City to impose a B&O tax on liquor sales; eliminating B&O for small businesses and possibly increasing for large businesses; modifying the rates for different business types; streamlining the costs of processing B&O taxes for those businesses that do not pay said taxes; raising the minimum level of revenue to \$200,000 at the current tax rate; and informing prospective businesses that the City's B&O tax rate is lower than other cities.

Goodspaceguy, 10219 Ninth Avenue South, Seattle
Mr. Goodspaceguy stated his big concern is employment. He felt it would make the City more attractive to businesses if the B&O tax was abolished.

Discussion on 2012 Council Retreat Notes

Direction/Action

Councilmembers reached consensus to not schedule a Study Session in May and to select the future Study Session topic when the Council Proposed Agenda Schedule is reviewed.

Follow-up

Staff will provide an updated list of topics at each Study Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Direction/Action

MOTION was made by Councilmember McGilton, seconded by Councilmember Krakowiak and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

/s/ Brian Bennett, Mayor

/s/ Monica Lusk, City Clerk