

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND DECISION
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE

In the matter of:) C.F. 314341
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Council Conditional Use Application by King) FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS
County to allow a new combined sewer) AND DECISION
overflow treatment facility (Georgetown)
Wet Weather Treatment Station) at 6185)
4th Avenue South (Project 3021372, Type)
IV).

Introduction

This matter involves the Council Conditional Use application of King County Wastewater Division, to build a new combined sewer overflow (CSO) facility known as the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station (GWWTS) a sewage treatment facility, located at 6185 4th Avenue South (DPD Project No. 3021372, Type IV). The new CSO facility is proposed for installation by King County in order to comply with the terms of a 2013 Consent Decree between King County, the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Justice to achieve CSO control.

The proposed project would reduce the volume and frequency of untreated discharges of combined sewage (sanitary sewage and stormwater) to the Lower Duwamish Waterway from the existing CSO outfalls associated with the County's Brandon Street and South Michigan Street wastewater basins. When constructed the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station would treat up to 70 million gallons of combined rain and wastewater per day; these flows would otherwise discharge directly to the Lower Duwamish Waterway without treatment during storm events.

On March 11, 2016, King County Department of Natural Resources as State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Lead Agency for the project, issued a Determination of Non-Significance.

On May 19, 2016, the Director of the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) recommended conditional approval of the Council Conditional Use for the new CSO facility.

On, June 28, 2016, the City of Seattle's Hearing Examiner held an open record hearing on the petition. On July 5, 2016, the Hearing Examiner issued Findings and Recommendations recommending City Council approval of the requested Council Conditional Use with the following conditions:

Prior to Issuance of a Demolition, Grading or Building Permit

1. If the applicant intends to work outside of the limits of the hours of construction described in item #2 below, a Construction Noise Management Plan shall be required, subject to review and approval by Seattle DCI, and prior to a demolition, grading, or building permit, whichever is issued first.

During Construction

2. Construction activities (including but not limited to demolition, grading, deliveries, framing, roofing and painting) shall be limited to non-holiday weekdays from 7 am to 6 pm. Interior work that involves mechanical equipment, including compressors and generators, may be allowed on Saturdays between 9 am and 6 pm once the shell of the structure is completely enclosed, provided windows and doors remain closed. Non-noisy activities, such as site security, monitoring, and weather protection, shall not be limited by this condition. This condition may be modified through a Construction Noise Management Plan, required prior to issuance of the permits noted above in condition 1.

There was no appeal of the Hearing Examiner's recommendation to the City Council.

On August 16, 2016, the matter came before the Planning, Land Use, and Zoning Committee (PLUZ), which reviewed the Hearing Examiner's record and exhibits. At its August 16, 2016 committee

meeting, PLUZ voted to approve the Council Conditional Use with the conditions listed above and referred the matter to full Council for a vote.


Findings of Fact and Conclusions

The Council hereby adopts the Hearing Examiner's Findings and Recommendation for C.F. 314341, dated July 5, 2016. All conditions in the Hearing Examiner's recommendation are adopted.

Decision

The Council hereby APPROVES the Council Conditional Use for the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2016.



City Council President