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3 KING COUNTY PUBLIC HEARING
4 BRIGHTWATER PROJECT
5 PROPOSED LAND TRANSFER FOR SR 9 WIDENING
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9 October 11, 2005

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1 MS. PETERSON: I'm going to bring the
2 hearing to order. We will now be opening the
3 hearing. I just want to thank you all for coming
4 out tonight. I'm Erika Peterson with King
5 County, and I'm the facilitator tonight. This is
6 Pam Elardo, who's also with King County and is
7 going to give us some information about the
8 property transfer, which is the issue tonight.

9 I'll just go over the rules of this meeting.
10 If you decide to come and speak, we have a sign-
11 up sheet here and we'll call people in the order
12 that they're signed up. Clearly state your name
13 and address so the court reporter has the
14 information for the record, and please keep your
15 comments relatively short. Typically we give a
16 three-minute time limit -- if we don't have a lot
17 of people ready to speak. We'll let you know
18 when your three minutes is up and maybe that will
19 be a good time to finish up.

20 The listening panel, which is Pam, won't be
21 responding to comments during the public comment
22 period. This is a formal time to hear from you.
23 We can answer questions after the hearing closes.
24 And you don't have to make a formal comment if
25 you're uncomfortable doing this in front of a

1 group. We do have a written comment form, so
2 you're welcome to do that; but leave it with us
3 tonight because the record from this meeting is
4 going immediately to the King County Council
5 tomorrow because they are going to be making a
6 decision about this on Monday.

7 So that's basically the rules. Any
8 questions about what we're up to today? We
9 actually -- Debra has these red, yellow, green
10 cards, so when she puts up the red card, that
11 will be your signal that your three minutes is
12 up.

13 Okay. That took us to 6:00. Pam, you're
14 on.

15 ~~ENOLA~~ ^{ELADO} MS. ENOLA: Great. Again, thank you for
16 coming to this public hearing. And I wanted to
17 explain a little about the purpose of the hearing
18 itself because we're pretty narrowly focused on
19 the property transfer from King County to
20 Washington State Department of Transportation and
21 Snohomish County Public Utility District.

22 Washington State Department of
23 Transportation Department transfer is under
24 ordinance No. 2005-0321, and that specifically is
25 for the transfer of property to WSDOT for the

1 Route 9 widening project. So we've been working
2 closely with WSDOT over the last several months
3 to document what pieces of property will go to
4 them and the purpose of it to complete their
5 larger Route 9 property.

6 The second ordinance is 2005-0342, which is
7 for the transfer of property to easement rights
8 to Snohomish County Public Utility District,
9 specifically to serve the Brightwater Project.
10 You noticed the utility poles out front as well
11 as to serve some other customers in the local
12 region.

13 The reason why we're having this hearing is,
14 typically when we transfer property from King
15 County to another entity, that happens in King
16 County. But the state law for Washington State
17 requires that if you are transferring property,
18 the county in which the property is being
19 transferred is the place where the hearing needs
20 to occur. So in this case, even though we're
21 King County, we're transferring the property
22 outside of King County, so we needed to have this
23 hearing here in Snohomish County. Typically it
24 happens in the King County Council as part of the
25 transfer process.

1 Maltby -- Washington 98072. And we'll get that
2 zip code changed as soon as we incorporate
3 Maltby.

4 I come before you tonight as a local
5 property owner like many of you that I recognize
6 here in the audience. This is the near
7 culmination of a long process that we've all been
8 involved in, in my case over five years now, I
9 think, and counting. And I expect to be involved
10 in this for some time, until we get all of the
11 things that I think this facility can bring to
12 our community.

13 Long ago when I saw that it appeared to me
14 to be the place that it was going to go, I
15 decided to get involved with the process in order
16 to help make sure that our community got what we
17 needed out of that process and having seen other
18 wastewater treatment plants in the western part
19 of the United States from San Diego, San
20 Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, to here -- and
21 Vancouver.

22 I decided that some of the amenities that
23 can go with the mitigation package for a large
24 regional public facility would be to our benefit
25 in our neighborhood that we could not get from

1 Snohomish County probably in my lifetime, given
2 the tax rates that we already bare and the fact
3 that the county is nearly broke most of the time.

4 I think this facility can give us mitigation
5 that will buy us parks for our community. It
6 will buy us open space. I think it will buy us
7 some habitat for salmon so that they can continue
8 in our neighborhood long after I'm gone. And I
9 think that's something that we need to leave for
10 our children and our grandchildren. These are
11 trite sayings to some people but they aren't to
12 me. It's what I live for.

13 I've become a candidate for the Snohomish
14 County Council because of this process, and I
15 intend to fight for our community to get our just
16 amount of parks and mitigation dollars for the
17 Maltby community. That's why I'm here tonight,
18 that's why I will be here long after tonight.
19 And I invite the rest of the neighbors to join
20 with me, now that this process is near
21 completion, to get what our community needs to
22 have to go forward in the future and unite
23 together for that future and put aside a lot of
24 the things that have gone on before now.

25 It's time to pull together, I think, in the

1 rest of the country and here as well. It's time
2 to unite. Thank you, very much.

3 MS. ELARDO: I don't think we have other
4 people signed up.

5 MS. PETERSON: There's nobody else signed
6 up. Would anybody like to speak or like an
7 opportunity to speak? Okay.

8 What we'll do is close the hearing for now.
9 We'll have a chance to ask questions and answer
10 them. And then if anybody should decide they
11 want to speak before 6:30, we'll reopen the
12 hearing. So the hearing is now closed.

13 [Pause in proceedings.]

14 MS. PETERSON: Okay. We are going to reopen
15 the hearing just very briefly so that we can
16 formally close it on time. So it is 6:27, and
17 I'm reopening the hearing, and I'd like to invite
18 anybody who'd like to to sign up to speak if you
19 would like. Seeing no hands, I will formally
20 close the hearing. Thank you, very much, for
21 coming tonight.

22 [Hearing ended at 6:27 p.m.]

