

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION

Monday, February 7, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

PRESENT: Mayor McGlashan, Deputy Mayor Hall, Councilmember Eggen, Councilmember McConnell, Councilmember Roberts, Councilmember Scott, and Councilmember Winstead

ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Mayor McGlashan, who presided.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

Mayor McGlashan led the flag salute. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present.

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND FUTURE AGENDAS

Bob Olander, City Manager, provided reports and updates on various City meetings, projects, and events.

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Eggen discussed the WRIA-8 meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one wishing to provide public comment.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Councilmember Winstead, seconded by Councilmember McConnell and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved.

7. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Trail Corridor Study Group Final Report

Dick Deal, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director, provided the final report of the Trail Corridor Study Group, noting that the committee was tasked with evaluating the existing trails system in City parks. He reviewed reviewed the public park properties, the best routes for the Interurban Trail-to-Burke Gilman Trail connectors, the Interurban pedestrian stairs, the future Kruckeberg ADA path, and the Park at Town Center. He noted that the committee is responsible for way-finding signage and identifying preferred routes/alternatives for walking and hiking throughout the City. He thanked the committee for their tremendous work.

Councilmember Eggen said that there have definitely been improvements. However, he noted that residents who live near Paramount Park are frustrated because the trail washes out at the 148th Avenue North right-of-way to 12th Avenue NE and it is joined by a trail that comes from upper Paramount Field to lower Paramount open space. He stated that the community would love to see a remedy there, and he also commented on the graffiti problem. Mr. Deal agreed and stated that the City has improved a third of the City parks with the bond. He noted that projects have been prioritized and that the water issue at that site is significant. He noted that staff is working on a strategy for that particular site. He summarized that there are many people who are asking for projects and there needs to be a concerted community effort spanning several years. Mr. Deal concluded that the Parks and Recreation Open Space (PROS) plan will be brought to the Council on April 4.

Councilmember Winstead thanked the Trail Corridor Study Group and said they have done a lot of great work, especially since the City doesn't have all the money and time to do everything. She also thanked the Parks Board for their assistance in passing the bond.

Mayor McGlashan confirmed with Mr. Deal that the Innis Arden Reserve M is located on the north end and that concrete installed by the wastewater utility needs to be corrected because it is on a steep slope. He also confirmed that the Kruckeberg ADA pathway is part of the Kruckeberg Master Plan. Mr. Deal also mentioned that the eagle scouts can present to the Council in the future regarding their projects. Councilmember Winstead confirmed that the Kruckeberg ADA pathway fund is a part of the Trail Corridor fund.

(b) Thornton Creek FEMA Floodplain Map Revision

Mark Relph, Public Works Director, introduced Jesus Sanchez, Public Works Operations Manager and Brian Landau, Surface Water & Environmental Services Supervisor, who provided the staff report on the Thornton Creek FEMA floodplain map work.

Mr. Sanchez reviewed Ronald Bog history and the various projects in the basin, including pipe replacement, the early warning system, pump, and flood barrier/wall. He added that these projects will not necessarily end the flooding there, but they do provide mitigation for significant storm events.

Mr. Landau provided a presentation on the floodplain study and said the information derived from the flood study was critical to pursuing FEMA grant opportunities. The floodplain, he noted, impacts property owners because they will be required to get flood insurance and that any past flooding problems will be identified in the study. Mr. Sanchez added that starting in 2008 the City has had numerous meetings with property owners and at least one FEMA representative. The City, he noted, has also sent letters to residents concerning flood insurance and that there is now a flood preparedness page on the City's website.

Councilmember Eggen thanked the City staff and said this is a difficult problem that isn't solved. He inquired if there is a process for "grandfathering" and Mr. Relph said there was and the City will work with residents in the future. Mr. Sanchez noted that FEMA doesn't act until the City does a formal submittal. Councilmember Eggen questioned the redevelopment code for areas in flood zones and Mr. Relph replied that the finished floor elevation has to be higher than the 100-year high water mark, which does not affect minor remodels. Mr. Landau confirmed for Mayor McGlashan that many of the projects were funded by the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF). Mayor McGlashan confirmed with Mr. Sanchez that there were no increased flows to the south and that the old pipes that had problems about two years ago were replaced.

Deputy Mayor Hall discussed tax equity and said he is interested in getting an accounting of what funds the City has received from the King County Flood Control District and what monies the residents have paid into the District.

Councilmember Eggen questioned if there was a reverse grade in the output from the original pipe and Mr. Sanchez noted that it was due to settling and not designed that way. Mr. Relph added that there are geological challenges in the area because of the hydrostatic pressure and the water rising from the top of the Bog. He said it causes localized flooding which is difficult to control, thus the pumping system has been installed to move the water away from the area. Mr. Sanchez noted that there are still some projects on the books, such as Pump Station #25, which will be at the northeast corner of 175th Avenue North & I-5 and a culvert replacement on 148th Avenue North & 12th Avenue NE.

Mayor McGlashan stated that he has received great email commending staff for this work.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Property Acquisition - RCW 42.30.110(c)

At 8:07 p.m., Mayor McGlashan stated that the Council would recess into an Executive Session for a period of one hour, until 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter and property acquisition, per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) and RCW 42.30.110(c).

At 8:58 p.m., Mayor McGlashan emerged and announced that the Executive Session would be extended until 9:15 p.m. At 9:10 p.m., Mayor McGlashan announced that the Executive Session would be extended until 9:30 p.m. At 9:30 p.m., the Executive Session concluded and the Study Session reconvened.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 p.m. Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk