

**CITY OF SHORELINE**

**SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL  
SUMMARY MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION**

Tuesday, February 22, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber - Shoreline City Hall  
17500 Midvale Ave N, Shoreline, WA

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

**ABSENT:** Councilmember Scott

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.

**Upon motion by Councilmember Winstead, seconded by Councilmember Eggen and carried 6-0, Councilmember Scott was excused.**

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND FUTURE AGENDAS

Bob Olander, City Manager, provided reports and updates on various City meetings, projects, and events. Mr. Olander thanked everyone for the privilege of serving the community. Councilmember Eggen and the Council thanked Mr. Olander for his service.

Mayor McGlashan noted the presence of former Mayor Ron Hansen and former Councilmember Rich Gustafson in the audience.

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Eggen reported that the data from the census will be available next month and there will be an opportunity for Shoreline to express the desire to be in one legislative district. Mayor McGlashan announced that last Wednesday and Thursday the Council lobbied and several bills are going through legislature. He reviewed the proposed legislation concerning Shoreline.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Rich Gustafson, Shoreline, thanked Mr. Olander for his quiet leadership and noted his accomplishments over the years as City Manager.
- b) Ron Hansen, Shoreline, thanked Mr. Olander for his leadership during difficult times and said he is impressed with the City staff appreciation of his leadership.
- c) Larry Lewis, Shoreline, urged the Council to require incorporated areas to plan and act on their proportion of their expected growth, adding that the City needs to daylight all of its creeks.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Hall, seconded by Councilmember Winstead and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved.**

7. STUDY ITEMS

- (a) Regional Association Dues Resolution

Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, described the proposed resolution to encourage regional associations to reduce budgets, membership dues, and search for cost reductions in order to benefit Shoreline taxpayers. He noted that there have been static changes over past few years.

Deputy Mayor Hall explained that he wanted the Council to look at this information because cities and counties are in tough financial situations. Revenues have fallen but dues remain the same, he noted. He pointed out that some cities have reduced their overall budgets by 15%. However, some professional organizations' costs have increased their dues by 13% or more in one year. He urged the City to send a clear message to encourage them to share in the responsibility to reduce costs on taxpayers.

Councilmember Eggen agreed that this is a good message to send, noting that the increases are higher than the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Councilmember Winstead added that if this passes, maybe it could be sent to all the city mayors that are members of the Suburban Cities Association (SCA). Councilmember Roberts questioned the 15% cut by other organizations statement in the staff report. Deputy Mayor Hall provided an example.

Councilmember Eggen noted that the City staff could look at the budget details of these organizations in order to make suggestions. He supported the resolution. Mayor McGlashan suggested rewording a portion to make the resolution more specific. Councilmember Eggen added that reviewing what these agencies are doing is useful because members should not expect to see increases above the CPI. He suggested having the members vote on membership dues increases.

Mr. MacColl requested Council clarification, cautioning that delving deep into the budgets of these organizations is a slippery slope. He added that the resolution could have parameters put around it, such as not raising dues above the CPI. Deputy Mayor Hall responded that the

language reflects moving towards a reduction and in some of these cases he wants reductions. Councilmember McConnell said she is concerned that asking for a reduction in dues will reduce the level of service the City gets from these organizations.

(b) Sustainability Strategy Update

Juniper Nammi and Miranda Redinger, Associate Planners and Green Team Project Co-Managers, provided the update of the Sustainability Strategy. Ms. Redinger began by providing background and noted that the 2011 Work Plan, which includes the City's Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Policy, the baseline and tracking system, the "Forevergreen" logo, office policies/procedures, and the Green Building Program. Ms. Nammi then discussed the many City projects that achieve sustainability goals such as the urban tree canopy baseline study, and the Engineering Development Guide. Ms. Redinger discussed updates to the Comprehensive Plan, and the Shoreline Master Plan. Ms. Nammi summarized several different park vegetation projects and studies. Lastly, Ms. Redinger summarized the Town Center Subarea Plan and noted that there are several partnership opportunities that have been leveraged. She announced the City's Forevergreen/Sustainability web page, which contains links and resources for residents and businesses.

Deputy Mayor Hall noted that Mr. Lewis' public comment noted linkage between land use, sustainability, and transportation and it is important to recognize that we are a part of a larger region. He stated that it would be helpful to have illustrations to show how cities compare to other less-dense areas.

Councilmember Roberts agreed, reaffirming that land use and sustainability strategies go together. He said the City has an opportunity to make Town Center environmentally sustainable and that it is important to look at elements such as building codes. He noted an email, which discussed utilizing herbicides on the City's fields and verified with Ms. Nammi that the Hamlin Park contract did not address herbicides, but referred to Washington State standards. She noted that there is confusion about the maintenance and operations policies in the parks. She added that the first step is incorporating sustainability into the City's development standards.

Councilmember Eggen verified that the Engineering Development Guide is an administratively developed tool that the Planning and Development Services (PADS) and Public Works (PW) departments use to communicate the City's standards and policies. Mr. Olander added that the guide will also assist in providing more clarification and uniformity to the development regulations.

Councilmember Eggen said he is happy that the canopy study is proceeding and inquired about the analysis. Ms. Nammi responded that this is limited by a \$10,000 grant, but shape recognition technology does not fit within the budget. She noted that the study will be able to differentiate impervious surface, grass, shrubs, and trees. She noted that this is remote-sensing analysis and not a field inventory.

Councilmember Roberts inquired about the tree code being on hold and Joe Tovar, PDS Director explained that the impression he got was the Council wanted a revised scope. He added that the

Planning Commission was struggling with how to refine the scope. However, the revised scope should be brought back to the Council in a few months. Deputy Mayor Hall said he is confident that improvements can be made with the tree code. Councilmember Roberts inquired if the tree code is something that may be appropriate for a Council subcommittee to address. Deputy Mayor Hall replied that the City staff and Planning Commission have already done a tremendous amount of work on it, so there is a multitude of information available. However, he felt the Council should determine the key priorities and let the City staff and Planning Commission work with the raw material.

Councilmember Eggen concurred and said he would prefer another study session to determine priorities and if the Council can't come to an agreement he would prefer a subcommittee be created. Mr. Olander noted that it is important for the Council to go back and focus on the scope of the problem. He noted that the full Council input is important to have when determining the problem. He said addressing the overall canopy gives the Council a much larger palette to work with, and it allows for other solutions on a broader scale.

Councilmember Eggen said that he would like the City to reward citizens who work hard to maintain the canopy. He added that development in cities, as far as countywide policies are concerned, is being addressed by the Growth Management Planning Council. Responding to Councilmember Eggen, Mr. Olander pointed out that on April 18, the City staff has scheduled to bring back some options on the stormwater plan, and that is a great place to explore them.

The study item concluded with a brief discussion of the use of goats to manage invasive species removal.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

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Scott Passey, City Clerk