

CITY OF SHORELINE

**SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, January 3, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

PRESENT: Councilmember McGlashan, Councilmember Eggen, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember McConnell, Councilmember Winstead, Councilmember Salomon, and Councilmember Roberts

ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Scott Passey, City Clerk. He introduced Judge Richard Eadie, King County Superior Court, to administer the oath of office for the newly elected Councilmembers. Judge Eadie spoke about the importance of democracy and the benefit of public service.

(a) Swearing in Ceremony of Newly-Elected Councilmembers

Councilmember Chris Eggen, Councilmember Doris McConnell, and Councilmember Jesse Salomon were sworn in as City of Shoreline Councilmembers for four-year terms.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

Mr. Passey led the flag salute. Upon roll call, all Councilmembers were present.

(a) Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Mr. Passey conducted the election of the Mayor by opening nominations. Councilmember Roberts nominated Councilmember McGlashan. Seeing no further nominations, Mr. Passey declared the nominations closed. Mr. Passey called for Councilmembers to raise their hands to signify their vote. **By a vote of 7-0, Councilmember McGlashan was elected Mayor for a two-year term ending December 31, 2013.**

Mayor McGlashan opened nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Roberts nominated Councilmember Eggen. Seeing no further nominations, Mayor McGlashan declared the nominations closed. **By a vote of 7-0, Councilmember Eggen was elected Deputy Mayor for a two-year term ending December 31, 2013.**

RECESS

At 7:15 p.m., Mayor McGlashan called for a ten-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Julie Underwood, City Manager, provided reports and updates regarding various City meetings, projects, and events. Ms. Underwood noted that Robert Hartwig has been selected as the City's new Administrative Services Director.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Kurt Boehl, Seattle, discussed medical marijuana and opposed applying a 15-day waiting period on new clients of collective gardens.

b) Diane Pottinger, Bellevue, introduced herself as the new District Manager for the Shoreline Water District (SWD). She discussed their financial outlook and stated that the focus of city incorporation did not include the assumption of utilities.

c) Michael Derrick, Shoreline, General Manager at Ronald Wastewater District, reported on various projects going on at the District.

d) Gloria Bryce, Shoreline, thanked the Council for fiscal progress in the City and for various projects, including the neighborhood mini-grant program.

e) Greg Logan, Shoreline, mentioned collective gardens and discussed consolidating utilities in the City. He added that citizens are pleased with the Ronald Wastewater District and doesn't want anything changed.

f) Dennis Lee, Shoreline, said the Council should always look at process and embrace citizen naysayer opinions, adding that public comment should be held immediately after staff reports.

g) Carrie Kovacevich, Shoreline, commented on the negative impact of the many accessory dwelling units (ADU) in her neighborhood, which are mainly used for rentals.

h) Alan Charnley, Shoreline, announced that Shoreline Community College (SCC) will host a computer drive for old/used computers on February 18.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Councilmember McConnell, seconded by Councilmember Winstead and unanimously carried, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:

(a) Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with The Watershed Company for the Design of the Meridian Park Wetland Drainage Improvement Project

7. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Discussion of Zoning Code Amendments for Collective Gardens

Paul Cohen, Senior Planner, provided the staff report regarding potential amendments to the zoning requirements for medical marijuana collective gardens (MMCGs). He provided background information and urged the Council to discuss the proposed Development Code amendments from the Planning Commission along with staff's recommendation to include the 1,000 foot separation requirement between MMCGs. He also noted that the City staff wants the Council to give further consideration to the 15-day waiting period for MMCGs acting as designated providers to their patient/members who wish to add a new patient if one should drop out. Staff will use direction from the Council's discussion this evening to develop the ordinance for adopting permanent regulations and amendments to the Development Code. The City Council is scheduled to adopt the Development Code amendments on January 9, 2012. Concerned a separation requirement would force MMCG closer to the perimeter of residential areas.

Ian Sievers, City Attorney, discussed the proposal to extend the moratorium/interim regulations. He discussed the issues of consumables, the co-op model, and the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) bulletin noting that such issues will be addressed next legislative session. He said another option missing from the legislation, which will be addressed by AWC, is the power of local counties and cities to prohibit collective gardens. He felt the City is well-justified to extend the moratorium and wait and see what new legislation comes out.

Councilmember Roberts noted that state legislation state calls these "cannabis gardens," not "medical marijuana collective gardens." He inquired why this is being placed in the Development Code and said they seem to be regulations on operations. Mr. Cohen replied that provisions around the specialty licenses would be housed in the Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC). Councilmember Roberts felt this legislation should not be part of the development code.

Deputy Mayor Eggen asked for reference copies of other legislation and noted that the Planning Commission discussed items such as not allowing youth on-site and consumption on-site. There was discussion about enforceability of these two items and Mr. Sievers responded that language concerning this could be addressed in the regulatory license. Deputy Mayor Eggen inquired about a potential site on Richmond Beach Road, to which Mr. Cohen replied by displaying a map and discussing potential collective garden sites.

Councilmember Salomon noted that the ten-patient limit doesn't seem to serve the scale of the medical marijuana needed, but the City doesn't have any authority to increase the number of people served by the garden. Mr. Sievers concurred and explained the state law surrounding the ten-patient limit. He added that the problem will probably be addressed during the next legislative session. Responding to Councilmember Salomon, Mr. Sievers discussed the patient limit, designated providers, and the fact that there is no distinction between patient and provider.

Mayor McGlashan favored extending the moratorium, adding that he was interested in placing limits on hours of operation and the simplicity of the process to obtain a prescription.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Eggen, Mr. Cohen expressed uncertainty about the workload and effort needed to respond to future changes in state law. Mr. Sievers added that interim legislation does not get codified. Deputy Mayor Eggen expressed concern about not having the 1,000 foot separation and is interested in restrictions on odors, minors on-site, and on-site liquor and marijuana consumption. He said if the interim ordinance is adopted all these would not be included.

Councilmember Roberts confirmed that the requirements for a license would be included in the proposed ordinance next week. Mr. Sievers confirmed that the moratorium only applies to the land use; regulations could be adopted anytime.

Councilmember Winstead asked about Sunset Elementary School property and Ms. Underwood replied that it is used for soccer games and a park. She pointed out that City parks should be considered in the legislation as well.

Councilmember McConnell preferred to extend the moratorium for six more months with the Council suggesting some minor changes. She added that the hours of operation are a concern for her and that there is a potential to re-open Sunset, so she is concerned about the proximity to parks and schools.

(b) Discussion of Ordinance No. 626 Establishing Procedures for the Disposition of Surplus Real Property and Adopting a New Municipal Code Chapter 3.55

Ian Sievers, City Attorney, explained that the City currently has a process adopted in its municipal code for sale and disposal of surplus City-owned property, but does not have a similar code for disposal of surplus City-owned real property. The proposed ordinance adopts a procedure for disposal of surplus real property. The sale of surplus property will have two positive financial benefits to the City. First, surplus property will be sold for an amount equal to or greater than its fair market value, and second; the surplus property will likely be returned to the tax rolls. He said the City staff recommends that Council review the proposed surplus real property policy and provide feedback to staff. The Council is scheduled to adopt the surplus real property policy through Ordinance No. 626 on January 23, 2012.

Deputy Mayor Eggen asked about the limitation on uses of the property the city sells, to which Mr. Sievers replied that the City can place encumbrances on property beyond what is required in the land use code.

(c) Discussion of the 2012-2017 Economic Development Strategic Plan

Dan Eernisse, Economic Development Program Manager, urged the Council to review the proposed strategic plan and provide direction to staff on any recommended changes that should be incorporated into the final plan. The Council is scheduled to adopt the 2012-2017 Economic Development Strategic Plan on January 23, 2012.

Mr. Eernisse noted that the Strategic Plan is not an action plan with a list of to-dos; rather, it is a vision. Shoreline is made up of many beautiful elements, but there should be a cohesive story, he explained. He stated that the place-making activities of the plan include: 1) creating cache; 2) infrastructure-building; 3) collaborating; 4) serving businesses; and 5) honing legislation. He discussed and highlighted the “City-shaping, place-making” opportunities within the plan and introduced Mark McVeety.

Mark McVeety, Shoreline Community College (SCC), Small Business Accelerator Program Director, reported on the Economic Development Task Force activities. He explained that they analyzed strengths, challenges, opportunities, best practices, and narrowed them down to a handful of projects. He discussed the small business workshops and education held in the Council Chamber and explained how SCC is supporting the City’s initiatives. He reviewed the SCC Continuing Education Initiative and the Shoreline International Film Office. He concluded that the college is focused on internationalization and commercialization which should lead to job creation and new revenues in Shoreline.

Councilmember Salomon suggested that the City pitch to young professional Seattle renters that Shoreline is affordable. He noted the fact that there is a large and diverse international community here in Shoreline and felt an international festival would be a good idea. Councilmember Winstead concurred and also discussed different festivals that could help promote the City.

Councilmember Winstead inquired if there was a way for the City to reach out to new businesses. Mr. Eernisse replied that the Quick-Start workshops are the foundation for getting businesses integrated into the community, but the business license list is not used to solicit that. Councilmember Winstead stated that it is imperative that the City reach out to new businesses. Mr. McVeety responded that it is a challenge. However, he presents at Chamber of Commerce meetings and reaches out to business owners at the workshops, and walks door-to-door introducing himself to businesses. He said he also knows the Shoreline real estate development professionals and they inform him when a new business opens.

Councilmember Hall said that the goal is to help Shoreline businesses be successful and they need customers. He felt the City is doing great things, but the outcomes over past decade say there is little growth in business revenues. He felt the strategic plan should focus on outcomes,

targets, and measures. The vision requires a growing tax base (people) and unfortunately Shoreline has had almost zero population growth over the past ten years. He said this means that the businesses in this City have had no new potential customers. He pointed out that thirty-seven of the thirty-nine cities in King County did better than Shoreline in assessed value growth. He requested specific numeric goals and targets for revenue growth such as the number of new businesses opened and sales tax growth.

Councilmember Roberts agreed, adding that the larger issue for him is how to transform Aurora into what the City wants to see. He said he is interested in determining how other cities have transformed and how the City attracts investment to the Aurora corridor.

Deputy Mayor Eggen said it is not clear to him that increased housing and population growth is the only means to increase the customer base. He complimented Mr. Eernisse and Ms. Underwood for increasing their involvement with the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Eernisse stated that he felt the guidelines that the Council has laid out are the matrix outline that would go into the action plan and update. The strategy, he said, is not to depend on the 1-2 mile radius business, but to grow the businesses that have a regional reach -- those that export more. He added that sales tax per capita is not a good measure. He continued and discussed life-cycle and the redevelopment process to attract dollars into Shoreline.

Ms. Underwood stated that economic development is scheduled to be on the agenda on February 6 and the staff report will include some of that conversation about the challenges. Competition will only get greater, she pointed out. There are lots of positive elements in Shoreline, so the key is to understand why we are not seeing increased investment. She noted the interdependence with districts that rely on property tax, and all of them, including the City, are counting on those funds.

Mr. Eernisse concluded that he is here to help transform the City and bring forth big initiatives. The strategic plan, he explained, is the launching pad to achieve the goals.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk