

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, March 19, 2012
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 104 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue N.

PRESENT: Mayor McGlashan, Deputy Mayor Eggen, and Councilmembers Hall, McConnell, Roberts, Salomon, and Winstead

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Julie Underwood, City Manager; Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager; Dan Eernisse, Economic Development Manager; Scott Passey, City Clerk

GUEST: none

At 5:57 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor McGlashan, who presided.

Julie Underwood, City Manager, led a discussion regarding the following Draft Council Goals and Work Plan, scheduled for discussion on April 19:

Goal 1: Strengthen Shoreline's economic base

Goal 2: Improve Shoreline's utility, transportation, and environmental infrastructure

Goal 3: Prepare for two Shoreline light rail stations

Goal 4: Enhance openness and opportunities for community engagement

The Council and staff discussed the goals, action steps, and progress indicators.

Councilmember Winstead expressed support for the Draft Goals and wondered how the City could publicize them. After brief discussion, there was Council consensus to bring the goals back for a Study Session on April 9th, publicize the goals in order to solicit citizen input, and then schedule for adoption on April 23.

Deputy Mayor Eggen wondered if there were any City codes governing the business sector that presents obstacles to the business community. There was brief discussion and a suggestion to work more closely with the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilmember Roberts suggested a modification to the progress indicator involving trees in the City right-of-way. This led to a brief discussion of tree preservation and replacement within the context of environmental sustainability. Deputy Mayor Eggen noted that the tree advocates are aware of the issues involved, and it is generally good to pursue a policy that preserves the urban forest and tree canopy. Councilmember Hall said the evidence indicates that the City is not losing tree canopy, however, the City should continue to test the hypothesis. Deputy Mayor Eggen pointed out that the City's tree canopy analysis was a low-cost study and that a more robust study may give more assurance. Councilmember Hall said that he would provide the Council with the Coastal Change Analysis Program, a nationally standardized database of land cover and land change information for the coastal regions, including the City of Shoreline.

There was a brief Council discussion regarding the appropriate level of commercial regulation and proactive versus complaint-driven enforcement. Dan Eernisse, Economic Development Manager, said this would be a great opportunity to partner with the Chamber; he committed to a more active role in soliciting their feedback.

Councilmembers made other suggestions for changes to the progress indicators. Councilmember Hall suggested striking the progress indicator about online permitting because it doesn't seem directly related to community engagement.

The Council complimented staff on the overall structure of the goals and for staff's ability to distill the Council's feedback succinctly.

Staff and Council then discussed that Council may need to provide guidance in the future on the franchise process with the Shoreline Water District. Ms. Underwood added that if the Council has questions about items 7(a) and 7(b) on tonight's business meeting agenda, it can recess into an executive session to get its questions answered.

At 6:55 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk