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## **SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETINGS NOTICE**

As required by RCW 42.30, the Open Public Meetings Act, you are hereby notified that the Shoreline City Council will hold a special meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022.

**Dates and** **Monday, November 14, 2022**

**Times:** **5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.**

**Meet at:** **Conference Room 440 · Shoreline City Hall  
17500 Midvale Avenue North  
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**Join Zoom Webinar:**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84583314568>**

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The purpose of this meeting is for Council to meet with 32<sup>nd</sup> District Legislators. The meeting agenda and meeting materials are attached to this notice.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of November, 2022.

Jessica Simulcik Smith  
City Clerk



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<b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>		5:45
<b>2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>		5:46
<b>3. DISCUSSION WITH 32<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT LEGISLATORS</b>		5:50
<b>4. ADJOURN</b>		6:45

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## Memorandum

**DATE:** November 14, 2022

**TO:** City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Jim Hammond, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

**RE:** Dinner Meeting with the 32<sup>nd</sup> District Legislative Delegation

**CC:** John Norris, Interim City Manager

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At tonight's dinner meeting, the City Council will be joined by Representative Cindy Ryu and Representative Lauren Davis, two thirds of the delegation representing the 32<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District in Washington State, which includes the City of Shoreline. Rep. Ryu is Chair of the House Community & Economic Development Committee and also sits on the Appropriations Committee and the Consumer Protection & Business Committee. Rep. Davis sits on the House Civil Rights & Judiciary Committee, the House Health Care & Wellness Committee, the House Public Safety Committee, and the House Rules Committee. Senator Jesse Salomon, the third member of the delegation, is unable to attend this evening. He is Vice Chair of the Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks Committee, and also sits on the Senate Housing & Local Government Committee and the Senate Law & Justice Committee.

The delegation and the City Council have a shared interest in maintaining a common understanding of information, interests and priorities that make a difference in the lives of Shoreline residents. Tonight's dinner meeting will explore those shared interests, many of which are identified and summarized in this memorandum.

This memorandum will review the following items:

1. Local Community Project candidates for State Capital Budget funding;
2. Establishment of a crisis receiving center in north King County;
3. Support for addressing changes driven by the *Blake* decision;
4. Additional steps to address climate and sustainability challenges;
5. A regional approach to culverts and managing stormwater;
6. Advancing efforts to address homelessness and equitable access to housing;
7. City fiscal health and sustainable funding options; and
8. Priorities and interests of legislators, entering the 2023 session.

Many of these topics are also part of the City of Shoreline’s draft 2023 State Legislative Priorities, which will be discussed at tonight’s Council meeting. Please refer to the accompanying staff report for additional information on the City’s State Legislative Priorities. Council and members of the Delegation may identify and raise other issues during the course of their conversation during tonight’s dinner meeting.

### **Local Community Project candidates for State Capital Budget funding**

The City and the Delegation have established a productive partnership that has allowed the City to better serve its residents in a number of ways, including making needed investments in the City’s local park system. As the City continues to develop and grow, maintaining and investing in new community amenities is more important than ever. In years past, the delegation’s leadership has secured vital state investments in park and community center facilities. This year, the City hopes to continue this partnership by highlighting three top priorities for investment:

1. *\$400,000 to complete the park restroom renovations that were started last biennium.* The expectation last biennium, pre-pandemic, was that the funding secured at that time would suffice to overhaul eight restrooms that were all beyond their useful lives, but provided important benefits not only to local park users, but also (especially during the height of the pandemic) unsheltered persons.

Unfortunately, due to supply chain issues and the rapid escalation of costs for critical materials, only four restrooms were able to be renovated. Those are located at Cromwell Park, Paramount Park, Lower Saltwater Park, and Shoreline Park. Remaining in need of investment are Kayu Kayu Ac, Shoreview Upper restroom and Shoreview Lower restroom, and Richmond Highlands.

2. *\$310,000 in planning, design, and public engagement funding for three neighborhood parks.* These are three new neighborhood parks that Shoreline is land-banking for development in growing communities—Edwin Pratt Park on 185<sup>th</sup>, Westminster Park on 150<sup>th</sup>, and a third parcel above the 192<sup>nd</sup> & Aurora Park & Ride where the City anticipates development of affordable housing as part of a TOD initiative being led by King County. This latter parcel would serve as a buffer with walking trails between the less densely populated neighborhood at the top of the slope and the Aurora Ave. development. This investment in planning and design would bring these parks up to the point of being “shovel ready,” several steps closer to providing new open space and recreation benefits to the community.
3. *\$80,000 for accessibility improvements at Richmond Beach Community Park.* This project would provide accessible parking and improved access to the neighborhood park next to the Richmond Beach Library Branch of KCLS. The site is challenging due to retaining walls bordering more than half of the site, and the current level of accessibility is substandard. Improvements would make it easier for individuals with mobility challenges to access the park’s existing amenities, including play area, picnic tables, benches, open space, and views of Puget Sound.

#### *Potential questions for discussion:*

- Given the need to maintain and invest in parks and open spaces in the face of significant growth, do you see these investments as an effective means of doing so?

- How do you see these investments fitting into your agenda for the coming session?

### **Establishment of a crisis receiving center in north King County**

Shoreline's partnership with the cities of Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell and Kirkland on the [North Sound RADAR program](#) has rapidly evolved into a burgeoning partnership with a crisis care provider who is committed to siting a crisis receiving center in north King County. The project is evolving rapidly and has had significant successes in its initial phases. It is unclear how much, if any, state financial support will be sought during this session or if any other state support will be required. Shoreline staff are working closely with the RADAR cities, King County, and the crisis service provider throughout this process.

#### *Potential questions for discussion:*

- Crisis stabilization and related needs have been the subject of increased State focus in recent years. Do you see this trend continuing?
- What do you see as the top challenges in the coming session? Top priorities?
- How can we help?

### **Support for addressing changes driven by the *Blake* decision**

The State Supreme Court's *Blake* decision and the Legislature's response to it shined a light on the significant needs related to substance use disorder and behavioral health. Shoreline's work with partner cities on the North Sound RADAR program, along with the transfer of drug cases to district/municipal courts, has emphasized the need for funding support for changes driven by *Blake*, such as conviction vacations, repayments of fines and costs, diversion programs, and more. These changes emphasize the importance of our RADAR program, and the need for additional behavioral health-oriented community responders and a system to support them. The City also feels that clarification is needed for the crime of possession itself, as well as the requirement to refer offenders to treatment.

#### *Potential questions for discussion:*

- The criminal justice aspect of addressing drug use in our community needs to be integrated with the challenge of resolving behavioral health problems. Where do you see the biggest gaps between the two? How do you view next steps for tackling this?
- What is the best way to ensure that local jurisdictions are able to share information and accurately engage with offenders, in terms of treatment referrals vs. criminal response?
- How can we help?

### **Additional steps to address climate and sustainability challenges**

The City is strongly committed to tackling climate change and ensuring environmental justice, and is in the midst of updating its Climate Action Plan. Accordingly, the City's proposed legislative agenda expresses its commitment to supporting measures that seek to curb greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector, built environment, and beyond. It is also clear that significant federal resources will flow into Washington State, and they must be spent wisely and well. Electrification and other means of advancing sustainability are of great interest to Shoreline residents.

#### *Potential questions for discussion:*

- What do you see as the most likely climate change initiatives to advance this session?
- How do you envision federal resources being used?

- What can we do to support your work and ensure strong on-the-ground implementation?

### **A regional approach to culverts and managing stormwater**

The State is tackling its legal obligation to address fish-blocking culverts across the state. Many critical fish runs are blocked by a series of culverts that are both State and locally owned. At the same time, effective management of stormwater continues to be a priority for the health of Puget Sound. The City advocates for a shared strategic vision and a State/local partnership that effectively addresses the need in each watershed and makes real progress toward helping our marine environment and threatened fish runs.

#### *Potential questions for discussion:*

- Do you see an opportunity to improve State/local collaboration, in terms of tackling fish-blocking culverts?
- How can we arrive at a shared vision for tackling this problem?
- What can we do to help?

### **Advancing efforts to address homelessness and equitable access to housing**

Shoreline recognizes that here and across the state there is a crisis of affordable and available housing. A central component of Shoreline's response to this crisis has been its commitment to establishing dense, new, diverse urban communities around its two light rail stations. The City is appreciative of the Legislature's recent efforts to support Shoreline's efforts to attract and preserve multi-family development, including the establishment of Tax Increment Financing and a 20-year Multi-Family Tax Exemption pilot program. Shoreline continues to develop tools that promote housing choice and "missing middle" housing throughout the City. Such tools include improvements to permitting and SEPA review, and modifications to zoning that retain appropriate development standards. The City also recognizes the importance of helping families to maintain current housing, and this supports efforts to add both protections and related enforcement mechanisms that are intended to protect tenants.

#### *Potential questions for discussion:*

- Do you foresee ongoing legislative activity in the realm of housing choice and middle housing? If so, will such efforts focus more on mandates or incentives?
- The State has made gains in tenant protections in recent years. Do you see further work on this topic taking place?
- What other initiatives might be in the works, in terms of addressing homelessness?

### **City fiscal health and sustainable funding options**

At the end of the day, the City is a subdivision of the State, and its work on behalf of its residents is closely related to the priorities and direction of the Legislature. For the City to effectively carry out its role, it requires secure and stable funding and an ability to maintain fiscal health. The City of Shoreline has consistently prioritized this over the years, which has allowed it to tackle key priorities that are shared by State and City alike, such as the many issues discussed in this memorandum. Through up and down economies, however, the pressure grows on City operations. The 1% property tax cap, for instance, limits revenue growth to a rate that is well below the rate of increase of City expenses. Further, there has been increasing recognition of the regressive nature of some of the revenue tools available to the City, such as sales tax. Finally, critical public services, such as transportation and recreation, face ongoing challenges to fully

fund maintenance and operations, not to mention expansion and improvement in the face of growth.

*Potential questions for discussion:*

- Will the State take steps to support the fiscal health of their local partners? Will the State take steps to address the regressive nature of some revenue sources without impairing overall financial stability? Will the 1% cap be addressed in the coming session?
- Do you foresee the Legislature taking on local transportation funding? Additional resources are needed to keep up with growth, and beyond that, new tools are needed to advance climate goals. Do you think the legislature will look at new tools, such as road usage charges?
- Last year, Shoreline received \$7 million in funding from the new statewide transportation package for the 148<sup>th</sup> Bike/Ped bridge. The carbon-based funding source is showing a significant surplus as we approach session. Do you see a possibility of obtaining any additional funding from that source for the bridge?
- What other tools and initiatives do you see as being helpful to augment the financial resources of local jurisdictions?

### **Priorities and interests of legislators, entering the 2023 session**

The 32<sup>nd</sup> District delegation has provided significant leadership across a range of issues over the past few years. Recently, we've seen Rep. Ryu lead community discussions related to the Fircrest Campus, while Rep. Davis has been active in the realm of behavioral health. We also know that each legislator has a broad range of interests and initiatives that extend well beyond what the City has seen in these limited contexts.

*Potential questions for discussion:*

- What do you see as your top priorities for the 2023 legislative session?
- Is there any information or support that you need from us?
- What can we do to help?