



AGENDA

SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, December 4, 2017
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 · Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

32nd DISTRICT LEGISLATORS

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 5:45 p.m.
2. **AGENDA ITEM**
 - Welcome and Introductions
 - 2018 Legislative Session Preview
 - Discussion of Shoreline's Draft 2018 Legislative Priorities
 - Discussion of Delegation's Legislative Priorities
3. **ADJOURNMENT** 6:45 p.m.

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Memorandum

DATE: December 4, 2017

TO: Shoreline City Council
Debbie Tarry, City Manager
John Norris, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager

RE: Dinner Meeting with 32nd District Legislators

The 2018 Legislative Session is quickly approaching, which is the mid-year of the 2017-2019 Biennium. This memo is a brief primer for the dinner meeting where the Council will both preview the upcoming 2018 Legislative Session and individual 32nd District delegation members' priorities, and discuss Shoreline's draft 2018 Legislative Priorities. The draft Legislative Priorities are attached to this memo as Attachment A.

2018 State Legislative Session Preview

The 2018 Legislative Session is the mid-biennial budget, which is generally just used to make budget adjustments. While the Legislature managed to address the McLeary Decision as part of the 2017-2019 biennial budget, the session extended until almost July and nearly triggered a mandatory state government shutdown. Unfortunately, a byproduct of the lengthy budget negotiations was that the Legislature failed to pass a biennial Capital Budget due to not finding a solution to a municipal water rights issue that remains unresolved. However, with the Senate majority flipped to the Democrats in last month's election, the Capital Budget will likely be the first order of business in the new session.

On top of that, some legislators aren't happy with the McLeary funding solution, which essentially moves state education funds from higher-assessed valuation (AV) areas like the central Puget Sound (including Shoreline) to lower-AV areas of the state to cover the state contribution of K-12 education. However, what an alternative could be and whether or not it's even a viable option is unclear.

In addition, the delegation members also have priority issues to share with Council as part of the discussion. In past years, this has led to the City partnering and supporting issues raised by the delegation as part of our priorities.

Draft Priority Issues

As with previous years, the City's priorities are intended to stimulate discussion with the delegation and to inform them of issues the City will be working on down in Olympia throughout the session. The City's priorities are very similar to last year's priorities, with a few additions.

Local Funding Sustainability

Staff has consistently heard about the challenges cities are facing with general fund revenues over the next few years. Shoreline has addressed some of this need through the renewal of the levy lid lift; however this will not fully address that need. This problem is compounded by the potential reduction in state shared revenues to cities. While cities were held relatively harmless this past session, those funds continue to be easily diverted as there is no requirement that ties the funds to cities.

Human Services Safety Net

Increase non-regressive revenue sources to support the human services safety net to maintain or increase levels of services for:

- Affordable Housing and Homelessness – Cities are experiencing a lack of affordable housing, increasing homelessness and increasing needs for human services, including improving the mental and behavioral health system. These discussions are continuing at the regional level – even with passage of the County's Veterans and Human Services beefed up levy – the need continues to grow; and
- Funding for Mental and Behavioral Health – public health funding is in crisis and requires a dedicated funding source by investing in these critical, core services.

2017-2019 Capital Budget

As noted above, the Legislature has not yet passed a biennial capital budget, which funds numerous projects around the state.

Infrastructure Funding

Restore funding for infrastructure funding that supports basic local infrastructure. For instance, the cost of maintaining basic transportation infrastructure continues to rise while allotted funds (gas tax) continue to be flat or are in decline.

Issues the City Supports

The City will also discuss supporting the following issues in the 2018 legislative session:

Tools for Transit Communities

The City continues to plan for rapid transit, which requires a significant investment in infrastructure improvements. The City supports new city tools, such as funding opportunities and additional regulatory authority, to support communities that are planning for these transit investments.

Excess Property at Fircrest

As the discussions continue on the future of the property surrounding the Fircrest Campus, the City would like to look for opportunities to redevelop the property.

Automatic Voter Registration

The Mayor proposed this issue; if Council pursues this issue, staff would recommend asking the delegation to direct legislative staff to provide an analysis of options for whether/how this could work. Oregon adopted automatic voter registration in 2015 that automatically registers residents to vote when they either renew or first apply for an Oregon driver's license or state identification card. In Washington an individual can currently register to vote or update their voter registration whenever they complete a transaction at any driver licensing office.

Attachments

Attachment A – Draft 2018 Legislative Priorities



DRAFT 2018 Shoreline Legislative Priorities

1. Support Local Government Financial Sustainability and Flexibility:
 - a. Revise 1% Property Tax Limitation.
 - b. Increase flexibility on existing revenues.
2. Support increasing state revenue from non-regressive revenue sources to support the human services safety net and to maintain or increase levels of services.
 - a. Support and enhance actions to increase affordable housing and decrease homelessness.
 - b. Support direct funding for a strained mental and behavioral health system.
3. Advocate for passage of a 2017-2019 Capital Budget.
4. Restore funding infrastructure programs that support basic local infrastructure.

Legislative Issues the City Supports:

1. Advocate for city tools, such as funding and regulatory authority, to support Transit Communities.
2. Support opportunities for redevelopment on the excess property adjacent to the Fircrest Campus.
3. Support legislation that allows for automatic voter registration.