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CITY OF SHORELINE SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 25, 2002
7:30 p.m.

Shoreline Conference Center
Mt. Rainier Room

PRESENT: Mayor Jepsen, Councilmembers Chang, Gustafson, Hansen, Montgomery and Ransom

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Grossman

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Jepsen, who presided.

2. **FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present, with the exception of Councilmember Montgomery, who arrived shortly thereafter, and Deputy Mayor Grossman.

Councilmember Gustafson moved to excuse Deputy Mayor Grossman. Councilmember Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, and Deputy Mayor Grossman was excused.

Councilmember Montgomery arrived at 7:40 p.m.

(a) **Proclamation of Kings High School Boys Basketball Week**

Mayor Jepsen presented the proclamation to Coach Marv Morris and the Kings High School boys basketball team. Coach Morris and three members of the team spoke about their season.

(b) **Presentation to Outgoing Library Board Members**

Mayor Jepsen discussed the participation of Michael Derrick and Evelyn Phillips on the Shoreline Library Board. He expressed Council appreciation for their support of Shoreline libraries. He presented a plaque to Ms. Phillips. (Mr. Derrick did not attend the meeting.)

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Ms. Phillips noted that 76.5 percent of Shoreline voters supported the King County Library System operating levy in the recent election.

3. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

City Manager Steve Burkett noted the distribution of the printed 2002 Adopted City Budget. He said consultant Tetra Tech/KMC expects to provide the Inventory and Characterization of Stream and Wetland Resources mid-April. He said staff anticipates the completion of Shoreview Park at the end of April.

Continuing, Mr. Burkett reported that staff is evaluating the Development Code to determine the need for notification requirements regarding projects with impacts similar to the expansion of Safeway at Aurora Avenue N at N 155th Street.

Mr. Burkett noted that staff began negotiations last week with Ronald Wastewater District regarding a franchise agreement. He said the timeframe of the eventual merger of the District with the City is "the real issue for discussion."

4. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

(a) Randy Ferrell, Lynnwood, spoke as a board member of the Shoreline Merchants Association (SMA). He noted three particular SMA objections to the Aurora Corridor Project: 1) the Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF) included only one Aurora Avenue business owner (in addition to Terry Green, who represented the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce), instead of five; 2) staff told the CATF that the State Department of Transportation (DOT) would not allow a two-way center turn lane even though DOT documents stipulate that Class Four highways, such as Aurora Avenue, typically include "existing or planned non-restrictive medians;" and 3) the plan that City consultant CH2MHill presented to the task force included eight-foot sidewalks, but City staff pointed out that City Ordinance No. 31 requires 12-foot sidewalks.

(b) Myron Phillips, Edmonds, spoke as Co-Chair of the SMA. He discussed a SMA-proposed initiative titled "Safety Now," which would include: three or four additional pedestrian safety crossings on Aurora Avenue similar to those being installed at N 165th Street and N 170th Street; streetlights on existing utility poles along the southern mile of Aurora Avenue N in Shoreline; and lowering the speed limit on Aurora Avenue N from 40 to 35 miles per hour.

(c) Daniel Mann, Shoreline, requested an opportunity for the SMA to discuss some of its proposals with Council. He advocated the reconciliation of the Aurora Corridor Project with the concerns of business owners. He said business owners support an improved, enhanced Aurora Avenue, including safety improvements. He explained that the SMA plan would: require no condemnation of private property; retain the two-

way left-turn lane but incorporate pedestrian safety islands; and save taxpayers approximately \$50 million.

Mayor Jepsen clarified that the pedestrian crossings at N 165th Street and N 170th Street are part of a State DOT demonstration project to study potential safety improvements. He said the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which the City is now preparing, will help Council and the community determine the preferred alignment of the Aurora Corridor.

Continuing, Mayor Jepsen expressed his support for streetlighting on Aurora Avenue N and for the reduction of the speed limit to 35 miles per hour. He said he remembered that Aurora Avenue businesses expressed concern in the past about reducing the speed limit to 35 miles per hour. He requested that the SMA provide information to Council about who the group is and documentation of its policies and decision-making.

Councilmember Montgomery supported Mayor Jepsen's request.

Councilmember Ransom said Council has discussed lowering the speed limit on Aurora Avenue to 35 miles per hour. He said staff advised that City redevelopment of Aurora Avenue needed to progress to a certain stage before the State DOT would allow the City to lower the speed limit to 35 miles per hour.

Continuing, Councilmember Ransom mentioned Council discussion with U.S. Congressional representatives during the recent National League of Cities conference and his recent conversations with State legislators representing Shoreline. He said the SMA has talked with State Senators Dan McDonald and Paull Shin. He asserted that all of the legislators have expressed concerns about the Aurora Corridor Project.

Councilmember Ransom moved that Council provide the SMA with 15 minutes to present its position on the Aurora Corridor. He said Council should respect and listen to SMA opinions. He noted that Council can then say to legislators that it received a presentation from the SMA and took it into account in Council decision-making. He pointed out that Council rules of procedure allow any two Councilmembers to place an item on a Council meeting agenda.

Councilmember Chang seconded the motion. He noted the difficulty of discussing one's livelihood within the two or five minutes allowed during the public comment periods at Council meetings. He expressed confusion at the failure of Council and staff to reach out to the SMA in an effort to negotiate a compromise. He said he has spoken with almost every merchant along Aurora Avenue between 145th Street and 165th Street, and all of them support the beautification and improved safety of the Aurora Corridor.

Councilmember Ransom commented that the controversy concerning the Aurora Corridor Project could make it less competitive for federal and State funding.

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Mayor Jepsen reiterated his request for information about who the SMA represents, about its policies and how it makes decisions. He asked staff to provide information about how a SMA presentation fits in the context of the draft EIS and the public hearing process. (He explained that he does not want the City to violate the rules of the State Environmental Policy Act [SEPA] or the National Environmental Policy Act [NEPA].) Third, he said Council should determine if another group, representing others with a different perspective than the SMA, wants to speak about the Aurora Corridor Project and provide it with an opportunity to make a presentation to Council as well. He advocated that staff prepare a recommendation, addressing these three requests, for Council consideration at its next meeting.

Councilmembers Montgomery and Gustafson supported Mayor Jepsen's three requests.

Councilmember Hansen said he has heard and considered opposition to the Aurora Corridor Project many times. He expressed his willingness to hear the SMA presentation, but he questioned what the SMA will present in 15 minutes to change the results of hundreds of hours of research. He supported all sides having equal access and ability to provide input. He questioned whether special consideration of SMA positions will accomplish anything.

Mayor Jepsen summarized Council support for staff preparation of a recommendation on how to approach the SMA request. He said Council will consider the recommendation at its April 1 meeting.

Councilmember Ransom withdrew his motion and Councilmember Chang his second.

In response to Councilmember Ransom, Mr. Burkett said staff will present the results of the Central Shoreline Design Charrette to a joint meeting of Council and the Planning Commission April 15.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Gustafson moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Ransom seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, and the agenda was approved.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Hansen moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Gustafson seconded the motion, which carried 6-0, and the following items were approved:

**Minutes of Workshop Meeting of February 19, 2002
Minutes of Dinner Meeting of February 25, 2002
Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 25, 2002
Minutes of Workshop Meeting of March 4, 2002**

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Approval of payroll and expenses as of March 15, 2002 in the amount of \$1,316,784.80

Resolution No. 185 Amending the §401 Qualified Retirement Plan for the City Manager

Motion to approve the King County 2001 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan

8. **ACTION ITEMS: OTHER ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS**

- (a) **Appointment of Planning Commission and Library Board Members**

Councilmember Ransom said six people applied for the two open positions on the Shoreline Library Board. He reported that he and Councilmember Gustafson, the ad hoc committee that reviewed the applications, interviewed five applicants and that one applicant withdrew. He said he and Councilmember Gustafson supported the applications of Joe Phillips and Amy Mayfield. He discussed Mr. Phillips' long involvement with the Richmond Beach Library and his active support of the construction of the new library in the Richmond Beach Community Park. He described Ms. Mayfield's work as a fundraiser and library researcher for the Girl Scouts of America.

Councilmember Ransom moved that Council appoint Joe Phillips and Amy Mayfield to the Shoreline Library Board, each with four-year terms expiring on March 31, 2006. Councilmember Gustafson seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Mayor Jepsen said 19 people applied for the four open positions on the Shoreline Planning Commission. He, Deputy Mayor Grossman and Councilmember Montgomery served on the ad hoc committee that reviewed the applications and interviewed applicants.

Councilmember Montgomery identified and briefly discussed each of the ad hoc committee nominees: Sidney Kuboi, who holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and who works as an engineer for the Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; William MacCully, who worked as Director of Transit Development for Community Transit and who served as President of the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce; Rocky Piro, who holds a PhD in Urban Design and Planning and who works as an urban planner for the Puget Sound Regional Council; and Donald Sands, who works as a real estate developer and attorney.

Councilmember Montgomery moved that Council appoint Sidney Kuboi, William MacCully, Rocky Piro and Donald Sands to the Shoreline Planning Commission,

each with four-year terms expiring on March 31, 2006. Mayor Jepsen seconded the motion.

In response to Councilmember Ransom, Councilmember Montgomery said the ad hoc committee discussed geographic distribution and gender representation in its consideration of applications to the Planning Commission.

A vote was taken on the motion, which carried 6-0.

- (b) Ordinance No. 301 amending the Development Code Chapter 20.40 Zoning and Use provisions to permit the use of a recreation vehicle for temporary lodging subject to supplemental index criteria

Tim Stewart, Planning and Development Services Director, reviewed the staff report.

Councilmember Ransom moved that Council approve Ordinance No. 301, including Option (c), amending the Development Code to permit the use of a recreational vehicle (RV) for temporary lodging in all zones subject to supplemental index criteria. Option (c) limits RV occupancy to one per lot plus an additional RV for every additional 10,000 square feet of lot above the minimum lot size for a particular zone. Councilmember Montgomery seconded the motion.

Councilmember Ransom commented that the meaning of Option (b) (page 63 of the Council packet) is unclear. For example, he said all of the parking spaces at a school facility may be required for parking during the school week but remain empty during the weekend. He commented that Option (c) (page 63 of the Council packet) is clearer given the designation of square footage.

Noting Councilmember Ransom's past concern about limitations on RV occupancies at churches, Mayor Jepsen questioned Councilmember Ransom's support of Option (c). Councilmember Ransom indicated his opinion that Option (c) sufficiently addresses the needs of churches.

Councilmember Gustafson supported Option (c). He said the last condition ("I. Any deviation from time limits, number of occupancies per year, and number of recreational vehicles allowed may be proposed through a Temporary Use Permit, 20.40.540") covers any unanticipated situation.

A vote was taken on the motion to approve Ordinance No. 301, including Option (c), amending the Development Code to permit the use of a recreational vehicle (RV) for temporary lodging in all zones subject to supplemental index criteria. The motion carried 6-0, and Ordinance No. 301 passed.

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- (c) Consideration of the proposal submitted by the Rotary Club of Shoreline and the Shoreline Breakfast Rotary Club to change the name of Ronald Bog Park to "ROTARY PARK at Ronald Bog"

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Director Wendy Barry reviewed the staff report. She noted provisions of the Park and Facility Naming Policy that Council adopted February 11, 2002. She discussed the contributions of the Rotary Clubs to Ronald Bog Park. She reviewed the deliberations of the PRCS Advisory Committee regarding the request of the Rotary Clubs to change the name of the park. She presented the committee recommendation not to change the name of the park but to install a kiosk and memorial plaque to reflect the story of the park and the Rotary Club contributions.

Mayor Jepsen invited public comment.

(1) Wayne Cottingham, Shoreline, spoke on behalf of the Rotary Club proposal. He said the PRCS Advisory Committee voted against the Rotary Clubs' resolution to change the name of Ronald Bog Park before Council approved the Park and Facility Naming Policy. He described the staff assessment of the financial impact of renaming the park as false and misleading. He said the assessment may have influenced the PRCS Advisory Committee decision. He discussed his opposition to the alternative recommended by the PRCS Advisory Committee. He objected to the PRCS Advisory Committee interpretation of the Park and Facility Naming Policy. He requested that Council table consideration of the name change proposal until its last meeting in September.

Councilmember Gustafson moved to postpone action on this item for six months (September 23, 2002). Councilmember Hansen seconded the motion.

Councilmember Gustafson referred to provision 2.h in the Park and Facility Naming Policy: "There should be a lapse of at least six months between the receipt of the name proposal and the final recommendation for its adoption." He advocated that Council adhere to the policy it adopted in February.

In response to Councilmember Ransom, Councilmember Gustafson supported PRCS Advisory Committee reconsideration of the Rotary Clubs' proposal. He asserted the validity of some of the points that Mr. Cottingham raised. Referring to provision 2.g in the Park and Facility Naming Policy, he requested clarification of "quantifying in some detail, the contribution." He asserted the need to resolve the ambiguity in the policy regarding extraordinary contributions. He acknowledged that the recommendation to Council may not change, but he reiterated the need for a six-month lapse given policy provision 2.h.

Councilmember Ransom expressed concern that the PRCS Advisory Committee decision regarding the proposal preceded Council approval of the Park and Facility Naming Policy.

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A vote was taken on the motion to postpone action on this item for six months. The motion carried 6-0.

(d) Pym Property Purchase

Ms. Barry reviewed the staff report. She displayed and discussed photographs of the subject property.

Councilmember Gustafson moved that Council authorize the City Manager to execute a purchase agreement for the proposed 2.62 acres of open space for \$17,500 plus closing costs. Councilmember Hansen seconded the motion.

Councilmember Hansen said "this is just too good an opportunity to pass up."

Councilmember Ransom attributed the \$53,000 King County assessment for the property to the special legal status that Council approved in June 2000. Noting the value of surrounding properties, he asserted that the subject property is worth more than \$1 million. He said the property will make a wonderful park. He highly recommended Council approval of the purchase.

A vote was taken on the motion to execute a purchase agreement for the proposed 2.62 acres of open space for \$17,500 plus closing costs. The motion carried 6-0.

9. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT: None

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 p.m., Mayor Jepsen declared the meeting adjourned.

Sharon Mattioli, CMC
City Clerk

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Monday, April 1, 2002
6:30 p.m.

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Mt. Rainier Room

PRESENT: Mayor Jepsen, Deputy Mayor Grossman, Councilmembers Gustafson, Hansen, Montgomery and Ransom

ABSENT: Councilmember Chang

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Mayor Jepsen, who presided.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

Mayor Jepsen led the flag salute. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmembers Montgomery and Ransom, who arrived later in the meeting, and Councilmember Chang.

Upon motion by Councilmember Gustafson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Grossman and unanimously carried, Councilmember Chang was excused.

AGENDA INTERRUPTION

Mayor Jepsen addressed Thursday's accident on 15th Avenue NE that took the life of Tia Townsend, a Shoreline youngster. He stated how difficult such a tragedy is for everyone. He said the City is developing an immediate action plan for the intersection of 15th Avenue NE and NE 170th Street and a long-term strategy. He expressed Council consensus to suspend the rules to allow untimed public comment on this topic at this point in the meeting.

Steve Burkett, City Manager, referred to a memo describing the accident and noting that approximately 130 residents were at the intersection Saturday to honor Tia and to ask for safety improvements at the intersection. He explained that 15th Avenue NE is a busy four-lane street and that speeding has been a problem there. The City has been planning and making improvements along 15th Avenue NE since incorporation. A traffic signal at NE 165th Street and a pedestrian-activated signal at NE 172nd Street have already been installed. Grants have been received to do further improvements. Mr. Burkett listed several short-term actions that will be taken, including the placement of two radar trailers near the intersection, stepping up of traffic enforcement, and installation of a lighted overhead crosswalk banner with directional lighting for nighttime visibility.

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Mr. Burkett concluded that on April 22, Council will consider a contract with an engineering firm to evaluate, recommend and design safety improvements along the entire 15th Avenue NE corridor. He concluded that unfortunately there is no way to prevent all accidents. Fatalities can occur even at signalized intersections. He said it is very important to do long-term planning in a deliberative way based on good traffic engineering analysis and to emphasize the education of both drivers and pedestrians.

Councilmember Ransom arrived at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Burkett introduced the new Public Works Director, Paul Haines.

Mayor Jepsen called for public comment.

(a) Doug Hamilton, Shoreline, an organizer of the rally mentioned by Mr. Burkett, said he has seen the problems and accidents at this intersection for ten years. He commented that many parents caution their school children not to use that intersection. He noted the speeds along 15th Avenue NE and the four-lane configuration that can lead drivers to believe that cars are stopped for turns rather than for pedestrians crossing in the crosswalk. As a temporary solution, he suggested narrowing 15th Avenue NE at this point to three lanes, with a center turn lane. He concluded that people will rally every Saturday until "something happens."

(b) Lester Goldstein, Seattle, spoke for the organization "Feet First," a Puget Sound pedestrian advocacy group. He submitted a letter offering to assist the City Council in forming a pedestrian advisory committee to help the City prioritize projects and conduct community outreach related to pedestrian safety.

(c) Carrie Schwendt, Shoreline, commented on her experiences as a pedestrian and runner in this area. She said the intersection needs a traffic light.

(d) Walt Hagen, Shoreline, offered the City a video on pedestrian safety in crosswalks prepared by George Daher. He suggested it be played on Channel 21. Council directed him to submit it to the City Clerk.

(e) Joe Sanders, Shoreline, also commented on his experiences trying to cross the intersection at 15th Avenue NE and NE 170th Street. He felt that the lighted overhead sign won't be of much help.

(f) Shawn Paul, Shoreline, also spoke as a user of the crosswalk in question. He said he never feels safe there. He noted that on the east side a telephone pole obstructs visibility. He supported a traffic signal at that intersection.

Mayor Jepsen said a pedestrian-activated light should be looked at, but a traffic light cannot be installed quickly. He said Council is interested in learning more about Feet

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First and said a pedestrian advisory board should be considered. He hoped the community can come together around the issue of pedestrian safety.

Councilmember Gustafson said it will be important to work with the schools and educate students about pedestrian safety.

Councilmember Ransom noted that the Shoreline School Board has been aware of this area as a continuing problem. He felt the North City Subarea Plan should begin at NE 170th Street rather than NE 172nd Street in terms of traffic control. He related the situation at this intersection to that at N 170th Street and Aurora Avenue. He felt traffic signals are needed at both intersections for pedestrian safety.

Mayor Jepsen said the Council will be meeting later in the month to discuss budget priorities. One of the considerations may be enhanced traffic enforcement, in addition to physical improvements. He thanked the speakers for expressing their concerns.

2. (a) Proclamation of Sexual Assault Awareness Week

Mayor Jepsen read a proclamation of "Sexual Assault Awareness Week." Carrie Koelle, of the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center, assisted in presenting awards to members of the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Youth Council, to the YMCA for its "Just Us Girls" program, and to Kellogg Middle School for its MASH (Minimizing All School Harassment) program.

(b) Legislative Update by Senator Fairley

Mr. Burkett commented on the legislation proposed by the City of Seattle that clarifies the issue of streetlight utilities. He thanked State Senator Darlene Fairley for her assistance on this, as did Joyce Nichols, Community and Government Relations Manager. Ms Nichols added that Shoreline's legislative delegation is very good about trying to find out how the City of Shoreline feels about proposed legislation.

Senator Fairley said the past session was "ugly and intense." She commented on several bills considered this year. She described the process by which the streetlight utility bill was passed. She said the bill allowing King County to levy a utility tax will return next year. She noted that some funding was made available to help the smaller counties. She also explained the process by which \$8 million was allocated for cities that have lost more than ten percent of their sales tax equalization funding. Shoreline will receive \$148,000.

Senator Fairley said human services did as well as could be expected. She noted that nursing homes were kept whole, and Crista Nursing Home retained all of its funding. The Shoreline Historical Museum also received funding for much-needed electrical work.

Describing the transportation budget, Senator Fairley said the Senate had the votes to pass a State revenue package, but the House did not agree. Now the proposal will go to

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the voters. If voters approve it, the Aurora Corridor will get an additional \$10 million; but polling at this point indicates it will not pass.

Senator Fairley turned to the issue of gambling. She said she opposes any expansion of gambling, or basing budget projections on gambling. However, she did vote for adding another lottery game ("the Big Game"). She said gambling interests will be back because the House supported more gambling to increase State revenues. The Senate is anti-gambling at this point. She also pointed out that bowling alleys are lobbying for electronic pulltabs.

Senator Fairley warned there may be a possible billion dollar deficit next year, and it is very tempting to increase revenues by expanding gambling. She also noted an effort to take siting decisions about gambling establishments away from the cities.

Councilmember Montgomery arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Senator Fairley concluded that the bright spots in this legislative session were saving nursing home funding and passing the "anti-bullying bill." She said next year will be another difficult budget year. As an aside, she noted that now she consistently takes the position that if crime bills contain unfunded mandates, she will not support them. She said she is trying to sensitize legislators to the issue of unfunded mandates.

Councilmember Hansen mentioned that certain bills were proposed to reform the initiative process. Senator Fairley said the bill requiring a fiscal note along with every initiative was passed, but she did not know whether this will be signed by Governor Gary Locke. She added that the Governor will be signing the budget this week. She explained why he may veto certain parts of the budget, which might include "the city money."

Councilmember Hansen commented that he agrees with Senator Fairley's stand on gambling. He said as gambling opportunities will probably increase elsewhere as they increase in Washington. He said the pressure to expand gambling may eventually cause "the well to go dry." Councilmember Hansen thanked Senator Fairley for her representation of Shoreline's interests.

Councilmember Gustafson asked about traffic safety education funding. Senator Fairley said some funding was included in the budget for low-income students.

Mayor Jepsen thanked Senator Fairley for being "a real ally for Shoreline" and reiterated the importance of her help with the street utility bill, the potential \$10 million for the Aurora Corridor Project, and funding for nursing homes and the Shoreline Historical Museum.

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr. Burkett referred to a memo regarding the issue of whether the Shoreline Merchants Association (SMA) should be allowed to make a presentation before the Council. He

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said staff has contacted the SMA for information about the composition of its board of directors and whether meeting minutes are available. One outstanding question is whether positions on the Aurora Corridor Project are voted on by the board of directors, the entire membership of the SMA, or some other subcommittee.

Mr. Burkett mentioned Council questions about the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) public hearing process. He said the draft EIS should be ready for publication in mid-April. By mid-June, Council should be in a position to make a decision about the preferred alternative. He mentioned that the issue of a SMA presentation could be resolved by: 1) allowing the SMA to make a presentation at a dinner meeting; 2) conducting a facilitated meeting with small group discussions of presentations by all sides of the issue; 3) allowing a 15-minute presentation at a Council meeting (as well as the opportunity for proponents to make a presentation of the same length); or 4) having the Council conduct a public hearing or community forum for the EIS process. He noted the current plan is to have the Planning Commission conduct a hearing, although it will not make recommendations. He concluded that this information has been shared with the SMA, along with the request for information about its composition and decision-making process.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Grossman, Ian Sievers, City Attorney, said it would be better to have any additional public process after the issuance of the draft EIS so that the input could be part of a full State Environmental Policy Act hearing. He said there is no problem if the Council chooses to hear additional comments on either side at any time, provided it takes no action. Mr. Burkett added that staff recommends that Councilmembers be observers and listeners in any of the options.

Councilmember Montgomery concurred with Councilmember Hansen's comment of last week: that Council has heard hundreds of hours of testimony and knows what the issues are. She felt the process should move forward as planned.

Councilmember Ransom recalled that it was his suggestion last week that the SMA be allowed 15 minutes to make a presentation before the Council. He pointed out that Council's rules allow two Councilmembers to add an item to the agenda. He said he made his suggestion to allow the SMA an opportunity to make a presentation that would be part of a televised Council meeting. He noted that no other group has been allowed more than 15 minutes.

Mayor Jepsen said representatives of the SMA are expected to speak tonight and provide the requested information.

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Hansen and Deputy Mayor Grossman reported on meetings they had attended.

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Mayor Jepsen reported that the BrightWater EIS process is beginning, with the draft EIS to be available in October. He said now he is concerned about conveyance issues since the outfall conveyance alignments for the two sites go east/west through Shoreline. He recommended that Shoreline ensure proper notification of affected business owners along 205th Street and representatives on the Council of Neighborhoods.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

(a) Dennis Lee, Shoreline, President of Concerned Citizens of Shoreline, felt the process for the Aurora Corridor Project has been flawed. He based this conclusion on the resistance from so many business owners. He said the SMA is attempting to be proactive with a legitimate complaint.

(b) Gretchen Atkinson, Shoreline, said as a business owner she objected to the SMA saying that it represents all the merchants in Shoreline and that the Council is not listening to business concerns. She supported the Aurora Corridor Project as proposed and said once the plan is accomplished, the businesses along the corridor will profit.

(c) Suzanne Dally, Seattle, expressed a complaint about a trailer parked on property (14550 Whitman Avenue N) in back of her Aurora Avenue business. She said the property has garbage problems and an infestation of rats. She said the code compliance officer was called but nothing has happened. She mentioned other code violations concerning junk cars. She concluded that the people who own the property are very non-cooperative.

(d) Myron Phillips, Edmonds, spoke for the SMA. He outlined the group's initiative called "Safety Now," which calls for crosswalks and pedestrian-activated traffic lights, increased street lighting, and reduction of speed limits (35 miles/hour on Aurora Avenue). He told the Council that the SMA is a legitimate and registered corporation with official by-laws. There are 13 board members, and actions are taken by a majority vote. The SMA represents the businesses along Aurora Avenue from 145th Street to 205th Street. The board meets every Thursday, and minutes are produced. He asked why the Mayor wants to see these minutes .

(e) Daniel Mann, Shoreline, responded to a previous speaker. He said the SMA does not claim to speak for all the merchants in Shoreline, but it does speak for 50-100 merchants along Aurora Avenue. He wondered why the Mayor does not know who they are, since staff has attended many meetings with them and should be able to provide this information. He suggested Councilmembers should drive down Aurora Avenue and spend some time talking with long-time merchants and owners of family businesses. He said those individuals would be happy to tell Council who the SMA is and what it represents.

Mayor Jepsen said the City has done its best to involve all stakeholders in the Aurora Corridor process. He said he wants to know about the SMA because it appears that the position related to pedestrian-activated signals has changed since the group called itself

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the Aurora Improvement Council (AIC). He wondered about the process for making shifts in policy. He said the Public Disclosure Commission web site lists information about the board members of the AIC, but these are not the same individuals who submitted testimony to the City on the Central Subarea Plan.

Councilmember Montgomery said the accident this weekend shows the importance of attending to pedestrian safety issues, and the City's plan for Aurora Avenue will address such accidents. She said the City must move forward more aggressively to address safety issues.

Deputy Mayor Grossman said he has a concern about setting aside time for a special interest group without allowing those on the other side to have a similar opportunity. He said the EIS process invites and encourages input and provides "a level playing field."

6. WORKSHOP ITEMS

(a) Economic Development Quarterly Update

Mr. Burkett introduced the topic, noting that an economic development program is one of Council's goal. He noted that Shoreline has a limited commercial base and its primary commercial corridor (Aurora Avenue) only represents about three percent of the City's assessed value. Shoreline's retail sales tax base per capita is in the bottom third or fourth of cities in King County.

Jan Briggs, Economic Development Coordinator, reviewed the staff report, which presents a summary of the market research report done by consultant Ed Starkie. The report shows uncaptured consumer spending in Shoreline and a below average amount of office space.

Ms. Briggs noted four areas to be considered for economic development: 1) Westminster/Aurora Square; 2) Shoreline Park and Ride Transit Oriented Development (TOD); 3) Central Shoreline Subarea; and 4) North City. She emphasized that the proposal for Aurora Square is not one for development or rezoning, that this is a feasibility study to determine whether the City should start focusing resources to encourage redevelopment at the site. The two development concepts in the report represent between \$160 and \$180 million dollars in redevelopment and are modeled after University Village.

Redevelopment is shown on the parking lots, and replacement parking is funded. Although the study showed there is the market and consumer spending for this aggressive level of redevelopment, it has been determined that perhaps a scaled back approach is more feasible, one that does not use up all the surface parking. She pointed out "it may be a little early in the economy to expect something to happen." She also noted it is important to hear Sears' ideas about long-term strategies.

She went on to discuss contacts with a factory outlet mall developer. She noted that Councilmember Ransom made the initial contact with the President of Factory Outlets Consultants, who expressed enthusiasm by what he heard from staff about the Aurora

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Square site. She cautioned that there may be costs associated with pursuing this alternative.

Turning to the TOD site, Ms. Briggs noted that ownership of this site has been an obstacle to progress in development. She said it now appears that restrictions the Washington Department of Transportation thought existed because federal highway funds were used to buy the site may not be obstacles, and that the State may be able to transfer the property to Metro, as long as it remains a Park and Ride.

With regard to the Central Shoreline Subarea Plan, Ms. Briggs described the charrette process that occurred in March and noted that a preliminary draft of the Central Shoreline Subarea Plan will come to Council next week for its joint meeting with the Planning Commission on April 15.

Ms. Briggs concluded that Council heard information about the North City Business District Improvements Plan during the Capital Improvement Program update. She also mentioned a fifth economic development strategy: to update the permit review process to make it more predictable and timely. She said a consultant will assist the Planning and Development Services Department in this project.

Councilmember Hansen commented that any project at the Aurora Square site will have to include a multi-story parking garage. Making efficient use of any properties will require a concentrated way of providing parking. This will have to be included in the City's budget at some point.

Councilmember Ransom said he had aggressively pursued the President of Factory Outlets Consultants and talked to him about "going up" rather than needing 20 acres for a site with 400 employees. He said the developer could draw from over 100 businesses, including Nike Shoes and the Gap. For Shoreline, the idea would be to build on four or five acres, going two or three floors up and having half the usual number of employees.

Responding to Mayor Jepsen, Mr. Burkett said the outcome of the conference call was that the president would come to check out the site and do some additional analysis for \$15,000 (which could be reimbursed if the project were developed). Mr. Burkett said staff is not ready to recommend this course of action. The key is working with Sears at this point.

Mayor Jepsen said he would pass on to staff contacts for alternative funding sources, including the Enterprise Foundation.

Councilmember Ransom raised the issue of the need for additional office space, particularly smaller offices for medical and dental practices.

Responding to Councilmember Ransom's question about pursuing the outlet mall, Mayor Jepsen commented that he did not wish to pay someone to visit and view the site.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Grossman, Ms. Briggs said the Starkie Report has the type of demographic and market information retailers are looking for to make an assessment about Shoreline. At this point, the discussion of redevelopment has been with property managers but not developers. Staff will now contact major developers to share the data to try to interest them in further discussions.

(b) New City Hall Plan Process

Mr. Burkett emphasized that affordability is a major issue in the city hall discussion, given the state of the economy and the City's declining revenue projections. He said the City must be sure it can afford "what we build when we build it." He pointed out that one funding source could be the almost \$700,000/year spent in occupancy costs. The City would have to borrow to build a city hall, but this money would provide a revenue stream for debt service on the loan.

Eric Swansen, Senior Management Analyst, outlined the process for the design and construction of a new city hall, including the sequence of the major steps to be taken, the outcomes for each step, and the various decision points. He said some tasks are shown in sequential order on the schematic, but they really can be done at the same time. He said site selection will be based on criteria such as whether facilities are to be centralized or decentralized and proximity to transit. He advised that the City should keep more than one site under consideration at any given time in order to have the best chance of getting a fair price.

Councilmember Ransom said Council has already determined an appropriate site, and tonight it appears "we are starting all over again." He felt the Cromwell Park site is the only realistic site location for a city hall in the long-term. He said the discussion was to have an interim city hall in the meantime.

Mr. Swansen commented on work done previously, noting the first study projected needs out 30 years. It is now apparent that the City cannot afford that plan because of new revenue projections. He assured Council that the City knows more after each phase of study.

Mayor Jepsen added that the owner was reluctant to sell the site Councilmember Ransom was referring to and that Council must now move on.

Councilmember Hansen commented that he could think of seven or eight sites considered earlier and that there may now be new sites to add to the list. He said he would never say that the choice was limited to one site. He said Cromwell Park represents "real potential," but he expressed reluctance to say for certain that the City would select it. He advised that the City must work through the process, and, if nothing happens, it may have to repeat the process. He said Council must decide how many square feet are needed for a city hall, where it will fit, and how much it will cost. Until then everything is speculation.

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Deputy Mayor Grossman said the needs analysis must be revisited because of changes in the revenue picture and the changes in "what the City is moving toward." Even the issue of using "existing" product versus "new" product needs to be reconsidered. He supported pursuing parallel tracks and multiple opportunities. He said the City's need for office space might provide an opportunity to partner with a developer who wants to do mixed use. He wanted the process to be organized so it moves forward so the City can begin to build equity.

Councilmember Montgomery said the Council has an obligation to be good stewards of the City's resources. She felt it was irresponsible to mention specific sites because it will influence the asking price.

Councilmember Ransom said square footage has been studied in the past. Mr. Swansen said the projection of the Bassetti Report did not take into account the City's ability to pay. It projected a structure that is not affordable, but the information in the report can be modified. The space can be revised based on new staff projections.

Councilmember Ransom said the previous City Manager wanted everything at one site. If the uses are dispersed at several sites, the City can grow on an interim basis, with the goal of a consolidated campus sometime in the future. He mentioned the possibility of acquiring the King County property adjacent to Cromwell Park.

Councilmember Gustafson concurred with Councilmember Montgomery that affordability is key.

Mayor Jepsen concurred with Deputy Mayor Grossman, noting that in addition to deciding on affordability, Council must also consider programs. He also mentioned that at any point in the process up to construction, the Council must be able to do a "gut check" and have the ability to continually consider feasibility and even change its mind.

Mr. Burkett reemphasized that for the next ten years, the revenue picture is not very bright. But on the other hand, the City won't be in a position to expand services or the number of employees, which will reduce the size of the building needed.

Councilmember Hansen said if the decision were based on the current economic environment, he would not pursue this project at all. But, as an optimist, he believed that this revenue problem will pass, that there will be better times ahead, and he hoped the project will be ready to go before those better times begin to make the project more expensive.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT

(a) Bill Meyer, Shoreline, explained the background on a recent accident when a youngster was struck by a car on 3rd Avenue NW. He said the area needs a sidewalk from Einstein Middle School to Richmond Beach Road. The safety of students going to schools must be an important priority, as it was when the City first incorporated.

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He said the City should be researching pedestrian safety and doing something now to correct the dangers all over the City.

Mayor Jepsen agreed that sidewalks are important, but said the two accidents are not similar.

Councilmember Hansen agreed with the speaker that 3rd Avenue NW is a very dangerous situation. He added that there is a successful after-school teen program at Calvin Presbyterian Church that draws pedestrians. He also pointed out that there are many other places in the City that need to be fixed. He said the City has limited funds, so projects will have to be prioritized in the short-term.

Councilmember Gustafson agreed that 3rd Avenue NW should be a high priority. He thought a pedestrian task force might help the City set priorities.

Mr. Burkett concluded that residents supported levy funding to address sidewalk improvements near schools in the recent citizen survey.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Grossman, Mr. Burkett said the City has data about traffic, pedestrian generators and accident locations to help prioritize these projects.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:58 p.m., Mayor Jepsen declared the meeting adjourned.

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CITY OF SHORELINE

SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL

SUMMARY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2002
7:30 p.m.

Shoreline Conference Center
Mt. Rainier Room

PRESENT: Mayor Jepsen, Deputy Mayor Grossman, Councilmembers Chang, Gustafson, Montgomery and Ransom

ABSENT: Councilmember Hansen

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Jepsen, who presided.

2. **FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL**

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present, with the exception of Councilmember Montgomery, who arrived shortly thereafter, and Councilmember Hansen.

Upon motion by Councilmember Gustafson, seconded by Deputy Mayor Grossman and carried 5 - 0, Councilmember Hansen was excused.

(a) **Legislative Update by Rep. Kagi**

State Representative Ruth Kagi reported that budget and transportation issues were the main focus of the 2002 legislative session. She distributed a graph showing the problem faced by the Legislature this year: a 24 percent increase in "caseload" demand and a 76 percent revenue loss (\$1.2 billion). She described the legislature's solution to this problem: budget reductions, withdrawal from reserves, "securitizing" some of the tobacco settlement, and a small amount of new revenue. She said the legislature did not want to increase general taxes in a time of economic downturn, or cut services to people who are more in need of them in a recession.

Councilmember Montgomery arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Representative Kagi said the goal was to keep the budget stable until an economic turnaround occurs. She pointed out that, contrary to popular perception, the return on every dollar of the tobacco settlement money is 85 to 90 cents. The legislature felt that using this money was a reasonable approach to avoid cutting services. Representative Kagi

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described significant cuts in higher education, at State agencies, in the mental health budget, and in pharmaceutical reimbursements.

Continuing, Representative Kagi noted that Governor Locke did not veto the cities' backfill money, but for Shoreline this was only five percent of the original amount promised. She said local government finance was a topic at the session, but cities and counties are going to have to agree on an approach in order to receive legislative assistance. Although there is sympathy about their financial plight, the lack of consensus impedes the effort at finding a solution at the legislature. She offered to act as a facilitator to try to help cities and counties reach agreement.

On other topics, Representative Kagi said there was some good news: 1) prevention programs were not cut; 2) Initiatives 738 and 722 were fully funded; and 3) funding for nursing homes was not reduced. Gambling as a source of revenue will continue to be an issue. She said she would not support proposals to eliminate local government power to site gambling uses. She also described a major policy bill related to drug sentencing reform, which will put money into drug treatment and rehabilitation for offenders rather than sentencing them to prison.

Turning to transportation, Representative Kagi said although she voted for it, the transportation bill did not pass and will be going to the voters in the fall. It contains \$10 million for the Aurora Corridor Project. She said she has invited Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary MacDonald to Shoreline to discuss the project and clarify DOT policies. A meeting will occur some time in May.

Representative Kagi commended Joyce Nichols, Community and Government Relations Manager, for her assistance. She concluded that she will be sharing an office in the Shoreline Center with King County Councilmember Carolyn Edmonds.

Mayor Jepsen thanked Representative Kagi for her representation of Shoreline. He noted that the Suburban Cities Association is attempting to revive efforts to develop mutual agreement on city and county financing.

Responding to Councilmember Gustafson, Representative Kagi said she hoped the transportation package will pass. One of the major factors in its success will be the price of gasoline at the time of the election. She concluded that the implications for business are very frightening if the package does not pass.

Councilmember Ransom was concerned that this year's budget solution goes to one-time monies. He wondered how future deficits will be covered. He said different gambling possibilities seem to be the only revenue generators that have been put forward. He wondered what other new revenues are being considered.

Representative Kagi explained that a Revenue Task Force has been established to make recommendations about modifications to the current revenue structure. It is looking at

the whole range of possible revenue options. She hoped the recommendations will “set the table” for a major discussion of local government and State revenues.

Councilmember Ransom suggested that to garner voter support, State offices must be more customer friendly and accessible. He mentioned problems in getting return phone calls or getting in to see a particular person. Representative Kagi said Secretary MacDonald has worked on customer service at the DOT. She suggested that her office can act as an ombudsman in dealing with unresponsive State offices.

Councilmember Ransom suggested doing productivity and efficiency studies to identify budget savings. He described the program conducted in King County several years ago. He felt at least ten percent could be saved by determining efficiencies and training staff in them.

Representative Kagi pointed out that many existing contracts for consulting services are being canceled to save money and management staff is being let go. She felt it is hard to ask State agencies to improve management when management is being cut. Agencies must have the resources to pursue efficiency studies.

Councilmember Ransom responded that such productivity studies only get paid on the basis of the money saved. Representative Kagi agreed to look into this.

Deputy Mayor Grossman thanked Representative Kagi for her support of moving funding from incarceration to treatment and local control on gambling issues. He said she is an outstanding advocate for the Shoreline community.

3. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

City Manager Steve Burkett updated Council on the code enforcement issue raised by Mrs. Dally last week. He commented on upcoming actions to improve safety on 15th Avenue NE, and noted a gathering of individuals at the site of the last week’s pedestrian accident.

4. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

(a) Les Nelson, Shoreline, asked for information about how to pursue a code amendment regarding commercial building next to single family residences.

(b) Ken Cottingham, Shoreline, reported that the improvement on Aurora Avenue at 165th Street has an unmarked pedestrian crosswalk. The bus pullout has been removed there, so that the bus must now stop in the lane of traffic. He said Council should review these plans again. He also said Seattle City Light will put street lights on existing utility poles for under \$10 per month for each light. He proposed that Shoreline ask for about 100 more fixtures to enhance safety on Aurora Avenue.

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Mayor Jepsen responded to Mr. Nelson that anyone can fill out a form asking for a code amendment at any time. It will be considered at the time the Planning Commission goes through its normal review and amendment process. Mr. Burkett added that if Council wishes a proposal to come forward outside the normal cycle, it can direct staff to draft an amendment. Mayor Jepsen added that Councilmember Hansen has expressed an interest in pursuing an amending on this issue and a motion may be forthcoming. He suggested the Nelsons wait for this rather than spending time writing an amendment themselves.

Mayor Jepsen explained that the State is doing temporary demonstration projects on Aurora Avenue at 165th and 170th Streets. The City has agreed to the projects in order to see if it can learn anything from them. Mr. Burkett added that the State has said that it will be providing some type of notice to those impacted by the project.

Councilmember Chang supported Mr. Cottingham's suggestion to install another 100 streetlights to make Aurora Avenue safer. He did not want to wait to do this until the Aurora Project moves forward. Mayor Jepsen expressed his view that putting in additional lighting should be done as part of the overall project.

Councilmember Ransom expressed concern about the road alignment of the demonstration project, which is being moved to the west into where the sidewalk is planned. He said the demonstration project will create a different road alignment by six to ten feet from what the City is planning there. He did not want to have to change what the State builds.

Mayor Jepsen said this was why the Council was originally concerned about whether to support the project. However, the State argued the changes are only temporary.

Mr. Burkett noted that these very concerns were expressed in the previous meeting with Secretary Macdonald. He added that staff will be evaluating street lighting throughout the community, including Aurora Avenue, and then coming back to Council for direction.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Gustafson moved to approve the agenda, moving items 8(a) and 8(b) to the consent calendar. Councilmember Montgomery seconded the motion. To accommodate Councilmember Ransom, Councilmember Gustafson withdrew his motion, and Councilmember Montgomery her second. Councilmember Gustafson then moved to approve the agenda, moving item 8(b) to the consent calendar. Councilmember Montgomery seconded this motion, which carried unanimously, and the agenda was approved as amended.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Montgomery moved to approve the consent calendar as amended. Deputy Mayor Grossman seconded the motion, which carried 5-0 (Councilmember Gustafson had stepped down momentarily), and the following items were approved:

Minutes of the Joint Workshop of March 18, 2002

Minutes of the Dinner Meeting of March 25, 2002

Approval of expenses and payroll as of March 22, 2002 in the amount of \$ 528,706.66

Ordinance No. 302 adopting revised purchasing procedures for the procurement of goods and services and amending Chapter 2.60 of the Shoreline Municipal Code

Motion to approve the revised emergency funding allocations for both human services and cultural services programs as listed on page 35 of the Council packet; and to instruct the City Manager to implement amendments to current contracts to reflect these additional emergency funds; and to approve the revised Community Development Block Grant projects as listed in Attachment B on page 46 of the Council packet

Motion to approve the human services allocation process as outlined in the Council packet, including the estimated amount of funding to be available, and to direct the City Manager to certify with King County the City's intent to use CDBG funds in the amounts and categories estimated

8. ACTION ITEMS: OTHER ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

- (a) Ordinance No. 304 amending Ordinance No. 298 by increasing the appropriation for the General Fund, City Street Fund, Development Services Fund, and Surface Water Management Fund for completion of operating projects and contracts; increasing the appropriation for the General Capital Fund to complete capital projects; and decreasing the appropriations in the Roads Capital and Surface Water Capital Funds as a result of changed project schedules

Mr. Burkett pointed out this ordinance both adopts some changes to the Capital Budget for 2002 and approves some carry-over funding from the 2001 budget. He noted the Council reviewed the 2002 Capital Budget in February and identified three projects to focus on: 1) Aurora Corridor; 2) Interurban Trail; and 3) North City. He said the ordinance for the Interurban Trail project adopts \$225,000 for design of the three sections of the trail that are currently funded (South, South Central, and North). The City anticipates that construction of the trail will begin next year after the completion of the design. Regarding North City, Mr. Burkett reiterated that Council will be asked to

approve the contract for the North City design in two weeks. The City is ahead of schedule on this project.

Finally, regarding the Aurora Corridor Project, Mr. Burkett said the Department of Transportation has committed to completing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The City has already signed it and the State has committed to signing it this week. Then it will be moved on to the federal Department of Highway Administration next week. They have committed to review and approval by April 22. At this point, there will be a 30-day review process for the DEIS, including a public hearing. Then Council should be able to determine the preferred alternative this summer.

Councilmember Gustafson moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 304. Deputy Mayor Grossman seconded the motion.

Councilmember Ransom asked for clarification about the Interurban Trail project. He asked if the total \$5 million (excluding the \$3 million for the bridge across Aurora Avenue) is still intended to cover construction of the entire trail project. He noted Mr. Burkett had referred to three sections, with no mention of the center section. He understood the central section has not been designed. His concern was whether there will be money to build this section.

Mr. Burkett said the center section has never been funded. The development of the Central Shoreline Subarea plan will influence how the trail is designed. The draft subarea plan will be discussed by Council next week. The budget for the entire trail has always been \$8 million.

Mayor Jepsen said one of the challenges in understanding the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is that tonight Council is only reviewing changes to the 2002 CIP. Council will have to wait until it considers the 2003 budget to see the six-year picture in the 2003 – 2008 CIP. He said that at this point Council must adopt this ordinance to move forward.

Councilmember Ransom was concerned that it may end up costing \$1 or \$2 million more to construct the central section. Mr. Burkett reiterated that the City has allocated \$8 million for the entire project. This amount includes some unknown funding in the category of “grants to be received.” If for some reason, the City does not receive the grants, Council will need to make a decision about using other City funds.

Councilmember Gustafson added that there is some uncertainty about final costs, since the exact configuration of the central part of the trail is not yet designed, but the idea is to stay within the budget that has been established.

A vote was taken on the motion, which carried 6 – 0 and Ordinance No. 304 passed. It amends Ordinance No. 298 by increasing the appropriation for the General Fund, City Street Fund, Development Services Fund, and Surface Water Management Fund for completion of operating projects and contracts; increasing the appropriation for the General Capital Fund to complete capital projects; and

decreasing the appropriations in the Roads Capital and Surface Water Capital Funds as a result of changed project schedules.

9. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT

(a) Ken Cottingham, Shoreline, said that he expects several other people to attend the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to make further comments. He asked Council to declare a five minute recess after he concludes, to wait for those speakers.

Mr. Cottingham made five points about pedestrian safety:

- the addition of streetlights on existing poles can be done inexpensively. When permanent lighting comes in with the Aurora Corridor Project, these temporary lights can be taken down.
- sidewalks are lacking in certain areas. Temporary sidewalks can be put in to enhance safety inexpensively simply by widening shoulders and painting on white lines.
- the elimination of the bus stop at 165th Street makes it hard to access the Arden Nursing Home by transit. Having the bus stop in traffic decreases safety.
- Aurora Avenue needs more marked crosswalks.
- the speed on Aurora Avenue should be reduced to 35 miles per hour.

Councilmember Gustafson was very concerned about taking the bus stop away in the very area where individuals boarding the bus may be disabled. Councilmembers Montgomery and Ransom were also concerned about this.

Councilmember Ransom asked if lowering the speed limit on Aurora Avenue is an option before the Aurora Corridor Project is completed. He said if this can be done now, he would like to do it. Mayor Jepsen responded that the State continues to reject this option at this point. He said this can be discussed in the upcoming meeting with Secretary MacDonald.

Council took no action on Mr. Cottingham's request to wait for additional speakers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:58 p.m., Mayor Jepsen declared the meeting adjourned.

Sharon Mattioli, CMC
City Clerk