

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Cascade Agenda City and Green City Partnership Programs
DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development Services
PRESENTED BY: Joe Tovar, Director, Planning and Development Services

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The City Council has heard presentations regarding the Cascade Agenda and the opportunity for the City of Shoreline to participate in the "Cascade Agenda City" and "Green City Partnership" programs. A resolution has been drafted for Council's consideration to declare the City's endorsement of the Cascade Agenda and to express the City's interest in participation in the Cascade Agenda City and Green City Partnership programs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The City staff's work program for 2007, particularly those tasks to implement adopted City Council Goals for 2007-2008, is already budgeted. Included in that work program are inter-jurisdictional activities and public outreach to and coordination with a number of local and regional organizations, including the Cascade Land Conservancy. The adoption of the resolution would therefore have no unbudgeted workload impacts.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the City Council adopt the enclosed resolution which endorses the vision articulated in the Cascade Agenda and states that the City will pursue partnership with the Cascade Land Conservancy "Cascade Agenda City" and "Green City Partnership" programs. The resolution also directs the City Manager to appoint a staff member to act as the City's liaison with Cascade Agenda activities.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney ____

INTRODUCTION

On March 17 and May 21 of this year, the City Council heard presentations and reviewed materials regarding the Cascade Agenda, an ambitious long-term vision of focused conservation priorities, economic prosperity and enhanced livability for the region's communities.

BACKGROUND

At its May 21, 2007 study meeting, the Council heard a staff presentation on this subject, and had the opportunity to direct questions to Alison Van Gorp and Leslie Batten, program managers for the Cascade Land Conservancy. Included in the review at that time was a draft resolution that summarized the Cascade Agenda City and Green City Partnership programs, declared Shoreline's endorsement of the Cascade Agenda and expressed the City's interest in participating in these programs. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Council asked the staff to bring the resolution back for action at a regular meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution which endorses the vision articulated in the Cascade Agenda and states that the City will pursue partnership with the Cascade Land Conservancy "Cascade Agenda City" and "Green City Partnership" programs. The resolution also directs the City Manager to appoint a staff member to act as the City's liaison with Cascade Agenda activities.

RESOLUTION NO. 260

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, ENDORSING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CASCADE AGENDA, OBSERVING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL GOALS FOR 2007-2008 REFLECT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CASCADE AGENDA CITIES PROGRAM, AND DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE "CASCADE AGENDA CITY" AND "GREEN CITY PARTNERSHIP" PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the Cascade Agenda is a century-long vision for the Central Cascade region of King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kittitas counties, and sets forth goals and strategies to conserve this region's natural character, create vibrant cities and towns, and ensure a strong economy, and

WHEREAS, the Cascade Land Conservancy has launched both the "Cascade Agenda City Program" and the "Green City Partnership Program" to recognize the relationship between the creation of great communities and the conservation of this region's ecology and working landscapes, and

WHEREAS, the population of the Central Puget Sound region is forecasted to grow from 3.3 million today to 5 million by the year 2040, with a corresponding increase in the population in central cities such as Shoreline, and

WHEREAS, in the face of significant long-term growth, the City of Shoreline's choices are not whether to grow or how much to grow, but rather how to manage growth in a way that maintains and enhances Shoreline's quality of life, and

WHEREAS, the core principles and objectives of the Cascade Agenda City Program are reflected in the City Council's adopted goals for 2007-2008, including:

- Goal 1 Complete the projects approved in the 2006 Parks Bond
- Goal 2 Implement the Economic Development Strategic Plan
- Goal 3 Implement an affordable civic center/city hall project
- Goal 4 Complete the Aurora improvements from N.165th Street to N. 205th Street, including, but not limited to, sidewalks, drainage, and transit
- Goal 5 Develop a comprehensive housing strategy
- Goal 6 Create an "environmentally sustainable community"
- Goal 7 Provide safe and affordable transportation options to support land use Plans including walking, bicycling, transit and vehicular options

and,

WHEREAS, the Shoreline Planning Commission and Parks Board received a presentation on the Cascade Agenda on September 7, 2006 and the City Council received presentations regarding the Cascade Agenda and the Cascade Agenda City and Green City Partnership programs on March 19, 2007, and May 21, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the long-term economic vitality, environmental health and natural beauty of the Central Cascades region is a vital interest to the citizens of Shoreline.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Shoreline endorses the vision articulated in the Cascade Agenda and shall pursue partnership with the Cascade Land Conservancy in both the “Cascade Agenda City” and “Green City Partnership” programs as a strategy to increase public awareness of and support for the implementation of Shoreline City Council Goals 1 through 7.

Section 2. The City of Shoreline will seek to align its policies and programs on community development, housing, transportation, parks, and open space with the strategies and approaches of the Cascade Agenda.

Section 3. The City Manager shall appoint a staff representative to act as the City’s primary liaison with respect to Cascade Agenda related activities and shall provide periodic reports to the City Council.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 4, 2007

Robert L. Ransom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott Passey, City Clerk