

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING

Monday, August 27, 2007
6:00 p.m.

Shoreline Conference Center
Highlander Room

PRESENT: Mayor Ransom, Deputy Mayor Fimia, and Councilmembers Gustafson, Hansen, McGlashan, Ryu, and Way

ABSENT: none

STAFF: Bob Olander, City Manager; Julie Modrzejewski, Assistant City Manager; Joe Tovar, Planning & Development Services Director; Steve Cohn, Senior Planner

GUEST: Ben Bakkenta, Principal Planner, Growth Management, Puget Sound Regional Council

Mayor Ransom called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

The meeting started with a 13 minute video produced by Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). The video focused on the VISION 2040 plan, which discusses how the additional estimated 1.7 million people and 1.2 million jobs can be accommodated while enhancing the environment and the region's quality of life. The PSRC has developed a set of regional growth strategies or scenarios that reflect different growth patterns for the region. Over the last year, a preferred alternative was selected, one that focuses growth into designated parts of the urban area; this alternative is the basis for VISION 2040.

Mr. Bakkenta distributed a presentation handout and reviewed the preferred growth alternative impacts.

Deputy Mayor Fimia commented on the transportation performance measures in the handout, noting that the plan predicts increased congestion and a doubling or tripling of vehicle trip delays. She asked how legislators could possibly approach the public with this news and support the plan.

Councilmember Way questioned the impact to the quality of life factors such as the environmental impacts.

Councilmember Ryu questioned the public process period, stating that is difficult for the public to comment during the summer months.

Mayor Ransom stated that people cannot afford to live in these cities where the jobs are and that people are moving further out. He further questioned the plan having all of the jobs in the "core cities."

Mr. Olander stated that employment growth and density are targeted to the core cities - served by high transit corridors.

Deputy Mayor Fimia said that she didn't believe that the growth would be adequately served by the proposed transit system; it's impractical. She further stated that residential growth doesn't pay for itself, and at best, it breaks even.

Mr. Olander added that for roads, sewer, water, police, fire, schools - revenues from growth go to retail or employment centers and not to Shoreline. He continued by saying that we need a statewide conversation regarding growth and impacts and that should include a reallocation of resources - we need to put together funding packages to support the growth that's coming.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Julie Modrzejewski, Assistant City Manager