

**CITY OF SHORELINE**

**SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL  
SUMMARY MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING**

Monday, November 23, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.

Shoreline Conference Center

Mt. Rainier Room

**PRESENT:** Mayor Ryu, Deputy Mayor Scott, and Councilmembers Eggen, Hansen, McConnell, McGlashan, and Way

**ABSENT:** None

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:32 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Mayor Ryu, who presided.

**2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL**

Mayor Ryu led the flag salute. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present.

**3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Bob Olander, City Manager, provided reports and updates on various City meetings, projects, and events. Mr. Olander also noted that City Hall, Spartan Recreation Center, and the Shoreline Pool will be closed November 26 – 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. He also stated that there is no Council meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup> and the next City Council meeting will be December 7 in the new City Hall Council Chambers at 17500 Midvale Avenue N. Deputy Mayor Scott inquired about parking at the new City Hall and Mr. Olander replied that parking is available at the old City Hall location and across the street at the bank.

**4. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Councilmember Eggen reported on the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference and said they have a new report that focused on economic development issues and downtown enhancements. He noted that there is a survey and feedback reflecting what attracts businesses to cities and it costs \$5,000 to obtain a copy.

Councilmember McConnell stated that she attended the NLC Conference too and realized that Shoreline is in a much better position than other cities in the United States. She added that it was a very sobering conference and that she attended the economic development workshops.

Councilmember Hansen noted that he enjoyed the riverwalk while at NLC and it has been extended. He stated that there was a study done concerning what attributes make a city attractive in terms of new development. Additionally, he said inadequate parking and permit delays, among other issues, were identified as factors which hinder new development. Councilmember Eggen added that workforce training programs need to be at the community colleges in cities seeking development opportunities.

Councilmember Way reported on the WRIA-8 meeting and stated that they presented her with a certificate of service. She said there was a conversation about a survey on which programs cities implement. It was informative to see the understanding about the issues in the WRIA assessment, she said.

Mayor Ryu announced that this is last meeting in the Shoreline Conference Center's Mount Rainier Room. She said she attended Crista's Annual Appreciation Breakfast and the City of Shoreline and City Council received a Certificate of Appreciation for service to the community. She said it has been a privilege serving and she has a planned absence at the next meeting. She congratulated the incoming Councilmember-elects.

Mr. Olander noted that since this is last meeting he wanted to thank the long-suffering camera crew. He stated that there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes and they stay late. He added that the Council Chambers has an automated system which will be controlled by one person.

Councilmember Way thanked Mayor Ryu for her gracious service over the past four years.

## 5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Charlotte Haines, Shoreline, invited the public to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Tree Lighting in North City. She stated that the band starts playing at 6:00 p.m. and are hoping for people to show at 6:30 p.m. Santa will be in attendance, and Councilmember Ron Hansen will be leading the sing-along.

b) David Fagerstrom, Shoreline, asked the City to look at placing a fire hydrant on SW 191<sup>st</sup> Lane. He noted that the mapped hydrant does not exist.

c) Joe Levine, Shoreline, said he is an apartment complex owner and said there should be a traffic signal at 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and NE 170<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that the community has concerns which were sent to the City and they just heard back from the City this week. He also stated that there should be some traffic mitigation at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE and NE 169<sup>th</sup> Street. He stated that he doesn't believe this specific issue was raised given the amount of traffic and ingress/egress. He hoped that the City considers improvements to that intersection and conducts studies prior to moving forward.

d) Evan Voltsis, Shoreline, stated that he has lived in the same house over 35 years and loves Shoreline. He said he volunteers and financially invests in the City. He said he is in the restaurant business and people have been telling him that the City isn't being reasonable. However, he said he has always defended the City, but he keeps hearing it isn't reasonable. Now, he said he also feels betrayed and can no longer trust the City that he loves.

Mr. Olander commented that the issue concerns billboard signs on their property. He said the signs are owned by Clearwire, and he will seek advice from the City Attorney, discuss it with Mr. Voltsis, and prepare a report for the Council.

## 6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Deputy Mayor Scott moved approval of the agenda. Councilmember Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, and the agenda was approved.**

## 7. CONSENT CALENDAR

**Councilmember Way pulled Consent item 7(c), which became item 8(a).** Mr. Olander clarified for Mayor Ryu that Aurora continues to rank high for grant funds and that the City has some funds for Cromwell Park. He explained that there are some items, such as a restroom, that weren't able to be included in the project that presently can.

**Deputy Mayor Scott moved approval of the Consent Calendar as amended. Councilmember Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously and the following items were approved:**

(a) Minutes: none

(b) Approval of expenses and payroll as of November 13, 2009 in the amount of \$2,526,575.12

### **\*Payroll and Benefits:**

Payroll Period	Payment Date	EFT Numbers (EF)	Payroll Checks (PR)	Benefit Checks (AP)	Amount Paid
10/4/09-10/17/09	10/23/2009	31575-31774	9338-9375	41782-41793	\$525,086.18
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### **\*Wire Transfers:**

Expense Register Dated	Wire Transfer Number	Amount Paid
10/27/2009	1014	\$5,197.76
		<u>\$5,197.76</u>

**\*Accounts Payable Claims:**

Expense Register Dated	Check Number (Begin)	Check Number (End)	Amount Paid
10/20/2009	31918		(\$39.00)
	33100		(\$30.00)
	33998		(\$953.14)
10/20/2009	41614		\$1,022.14
10/20/2009	41615	41646	\$115,215.74
10/20/2009	41626		(\$525.69)
10/21/2009	41647	41688	\$214,526.73
10/21/2009	41689	41710	\$469,927.55
10/22/2009	41122		(\$12.00)
10/22/2009	41711	41724	\$5,014.67
10/27/2009	41725		\$350.00
10/27/2009	39400		(\$29,900.00)
10/27/2009	41726		\$29,900.00
10/27/2009	41727		\$3,246.71
10/28/2009	41728	41749	\$494,102.07
10/29/2009	41750		\$34,916.72
10/29/2009	41751	41774	\$159,036.15
10/29/2009	41775	41779	\$1,335.32
10/29/2009	41780	41781	\$1,908.07
11/2/2009	41794		\$6,511.12
11/4/2009	41795	41821	\$241,436.45
11/5/2009	41822	41857	\$94,352.48
11/9/2009	41858	41878	\$108,925.38
11/12/2009	41879	41895	\$42,969.97
11/12/2009	41896	41905	\$3,053.74
			<u>\$1,996,291.18</u>

(c) **Ordinance No. 561 Amending the Shoreline Municipal Code Section 2.60 – Purchasing**

(d) **Ordinance No. 565 Amending the 2009 Budget for Operating Funds and Capital Projects**

(e) **Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Implement an Agreement with the Washington State Public Works Board for \$1 Million in Urban Vitality Grant Program Funds for the Aurora Corridor Project, N 165th to N 185th Streets**

(f) **Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Change Order for the Addition of a Restroom at Cromwell Park**

(g) **Resolution No. 293 Adopting the Shoreline Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Update for 2009 - 2014 as approved by FEMA**

8. ACTION ITEMS: ORDINANCES, RESOLUTION, AND MOTIONS

- (a) Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Construction of the 15th Avenue NE and NE 170th Street Traffic Signal

Mark Relph, Public Works Director, provided a brief staff report. He informed the Council that Merlino Brothers submitted a base bid plus an additive bid. He said it is outstanding that the bids came in the City's favor and the City has sufficient funds to build this project. He stated that he spoke to Mr. Levin on the phone and the fatality in 2002 focused the attention on this project. This project was formally put in the 2006 Comprehensive Improvement Plan (CIP) and received grant funding in 2008. He stated that the City typically wouldn't have a formal public process or a mitigation study on a project like this, as it involves a warrant which is a technical analysis. He noted that there is also a progression analysis which needs to be reviewed, too. The technical analysis summary is provided by a traffic engineer and the gap analysis is largely the same, but there will not be any line-of-sight changes at that intersection. Any adjustments, he explained, will be done later if anything is different from the modeling.

Mayor Ryu called for public comment on this item.

a) Joe Levine, Mercer Island, stated that there are over 20 residents who reside at that intersection and it is already difficult at that intersection when turning from NE 169th Street onto 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, especially during peak hours. Traffic builds up from a stop light, he said. He felt that there shouldn't be a traffic signal at NE 170<sup>th</sup> Street because it will cause greater problems at NE 169<sup>th</sup> Street. He felt this area should be studied closer and there are many pedestrians, children, and families who utilize that intersection.

**Councilmember Way moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the construction of the 15th Avenue NE and NE 170th Street traffic signal. Mayor Ryu seconded the motion.**

b) Charlotte Haines, Shoreline, questioned if this is going to be a typical traffic signal or pedestrian activated signal. Due to issues with that corner, she said a great deal of money will be spent to make it as safe as possible. She inquired what would happen to the lights in the pavement and the large light denoting the crosswalk.

Mr. Relph responded to the public comments. He stated that he isn't sure what the outcome would be of the existing pedestrian signal, but the intersection has to fit into the progression of the corridor. Mr. Olander stated that the traffic safety grants funded the lighting improvements and they can be reused.

Councilmember Way said she was inspired by the Tia Townsend fatality and other accidents at that location. She said a project at that intersection is warranted and thanked the City staff for the interim project there with the lights. If the lights can be kept as a part of the system it would be good. Mr. Levin's concerns will be addressed in the design, she

said. Mr. Olander added that this will actually change some of the traffic patterns to the east and address additional traffic on 170<sup>th</sup> Street NE. He noted that the City will have to monitor and maybe require additional traffic calming. However, it will be safer and the City will work with the residents in the neighborhood to address any problems which may arise.

Councilmember Hansen pointed out that this project has been discussed for many years. He said that originally this intersection didn't meet warrants and that the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) opinion about putting in lights said that it didn't meet warrants. Mr. Relph replied that it does now. Councilmember Hansen noted that the other reason it was delayed is the amount of work involved on the side streets and the City didn't feel the budget could accommodate it. Mr. Relph replied that this will run under a split phase, and both phases will be monitored. Councilmember Hansen stated that this is obviously a lot safer in the three-lane configuration.

Councilmember McGlashan said it sounds like residents want a gap measured there. He felt that "Do Not Block Intersection" signs might be effective. Mr. Relph replied that those are the kinds of things that would be considered. However, the City has to be careful about the peak hours in the corridor.

Councilmember Eggen highlighted that he visited the site today and it is a very short block between 169<sup>th</sup> and 170<sup>th</sup> Streets where drivers turning left going north could have a problem. He felt that the way to address the citizen concern is to put together a commitment to look at a specific time in the future. Mr. Relph stated that the City collects data from that area at least annually and if an alarming pattern develops, it is collected sooner. Councilmember Eggen asked if there was a way that the City can look at the backups and problems this year. Mr. Relph replied that it will take a few months just to get back the materials ordered. He noted that the City can get back to Mr. Levine and neighbors after several months of monitoring.

Mayor Ryu asked if the 1% for the arts would be spent on-site or lumped together and spent elsewhere. Mr. Olander replied that the funds would be lumped together and spent elsewhere according to Council policy. Mayor Ryu wanted to invite the Townsend family for the dedication ceremony. She noted that she is pleased that this came in below the City engineer's estimates.

**A vote was taken on the motion to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the construction of the 15th Avenue NE and NE 170th Street traffic signal, which carried unanimously.**

(b) Ordinance No. 562 Declaration of Substantial Need for Purposes of Setting a 101 Percent Limit Factor for the 2010 Regular Property Tax Levy; Ordinance No. 564, establishing the Dollar and Percentage Change in the Regular Property Tax Levy from 2009 to 2010; and Ordinance No. 566 adoption of the 2010 Property Tax Levy

Debbie Tarry, Finance Director, provided the staff report. 101% gives Council ability to bank the ability to invest the difference between 100% and 101%, \$75,000. She noted that it allows for future flexibility.

Mayor Ryu called for public comment. There was no one wishing to provide public comment on this item.

**Deputy Mayor Scott moved to adopt Ordinance No. 562, Declaration of Substantial Need for Purposes of Setting a 101 Percent Limit Factor for the 2010 Regular Property Tax Levy. Councilmember McGlashan seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Eggen stated that given the City's financial situation and the cutbacks that have been going on, this ordinance is necessary.

**A vote was taken on the motion, which carried 6-1 with Councilmember Hansen dissenting.**

**Councilmember McGlashan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 564, establishing the Dollar and Percentage Change in the Regular Property Tax Levy from 2009 to 2010. Deputy Mayor Scott seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Eggen stated that Ordinance No. 564 sets a property tax levy equal to this year's tax rate, not at 101%. This equals a difference of \$75,000, a relatively small amount, or \$3 per household. He said he favors matching last year's because it has some symbolic value.

Councilmember Hansen stated that he voted against the financial need because if there is a financial need the City should make this 101%. He said he will support this, although he doesn't feel it is the best decision.

**A vote was taken on the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 564, which carried unanimously.**

**Deputy Mayor Scott moved to adopt Ordinance No. 566, Adoption of the 2010 Property Tax Levy. Councilmember McConnell seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Way stated that the opportunity to bank the unused capacity is good policy because it needs to be available in the future. **A vote was taken on the motion, which carried unanimously.**

(c) Ordinance No. 563 Adoption of the Year 2010 Budget; the Year 2010 Fee Schedule; and the Year 2010 Salary Schedule

Ms. Tarry provided a brief staff report. She noted that this Ordinance includes the 2010 fee and salary schedule.

Mayor Ryu called for public comment. There was no one wishing to provide public comment on this item.

**Deputy Mayor Scott moved to adopt Ordinance No. 563, Adoption of the Year 2010 Budget; the Year 2010 Fee Schedule; and the Year 2010 Salary Schedule. Councilmember McGlashan seconded the motion.**

Councilmember Way stated that the Council received an updated fee schedule. Ms. Tarry replied that page 53 changes. She added that this corrected the fee for building permit from \$7,001 - \$25,000 would be \$75 for the first \$1,000.

Councilmember McGlashan stated that this is a very tight budget and the City staff did a great job cutting back. Councilmember McConnell thanked the City staff and everyone in the City for cutting back so we can continue to keep the services at an acceptable rate.

**A vote was taken on the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 563, which carried unanimously.**

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:38 p.m., Mayor Ryu declared the meeting adjourned.

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Scott Passey, City Clerk