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SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION

Monday, January 4, 2010 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

Shoreline City Hall

PRESENT: Councilmember Eggen, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember McConnell, Councilmember McGlashan, Councilmember Roberts, Councilmember Scott, and Councilmember Tracey

ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Scott Passey, City Clerk. He introduced Judge Richard Eadie, from King County Superior Court, to administer the oath of office for the newly elected Councilmembers.

(a) Swearing In Ceremony for Newly Elected City Council Members

Councilmember Will Hall, Councilmember Shari Tracey, Councilmember Keith McGlashan, and Councilmember Chris Roberts were sworn in as City of Shoreline Councilmembers for four-year terms.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

Mr. Passey led the flag salute. Upon roll call, all Councilmembers were present.

(a) Election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Mr. Passey conducted the election of the Mayor by opening nominations. Councilmember Eggen nominated Councilmember Scott. Councilmember McConnell nominated Councilmember McGlashan. Seeing no further nominations, Mr. Passey declared the nominations closed. Mr. Passey called for Councilmembers to raise their hands to signify their vote.

Councilmember Roberts called for a point of order and requested a roll call vote be conducted.

Mr. Passey conducted the roll call vote for the nomination of Councilmember Scott as Mayor.

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Councilmembers Eggen, Scott and Roberts voted in the affirmative. Councilmembers McGlashan, Hall, McConnell and Tracey opposed. The nomination to elect Councilmember Scott to the position of Mayor failed 3-4.

Mr. Passey conducted the roll call vote for the nomination of Councilmember McGlashan as Mayor.

Councilmembers McGlashan, Hall, McConnell and Tracey voted in the affirmative. Councilmembers Eggen, Scott and Roberts opposed. The nomination to elect Councilmember McGlashan to the position of Mayor carried 4-3. Councilmember Keith McGlashan is the Mayor of the City of Shoreline for a two-year term concluding on December 31, 2011.

Mayor McGlashan opened nominations for Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Tracey nominated Councilmember Hall. Councilmember Hall nominated Councilmember Scott. Seeing no further nominations, Mayor McGlashan declared the nominations closed.

Mayor McGlashan, Councilmembers Hall, McConnell and Tracey voted in the affirmative. Councilmembers Eggen, Scott and Roberts opposed. The nomination to elect Councilmember Hall to the position of Deputy Mayor carried 4-3. Councilmember Will Hall is the Deputy Mayor of the City of Shoreline for a two-year term concluding on December 31, 2011.

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At 6:44 p.m., Mayor McGlashan called for a five-minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Bob Olander, City Manager, provided reports and updates regarding various City meetings, projects, and events.

- Christmas Tree Recycling Event, January 9 & 10, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Meridian Park Elementary School
- Council of Neighborhoods meeting, January 6, 7:00 p.m., Room 301, City Hall
- Planning Commission meeting, January 7, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall
- Aurora Avenue Second Mile Ground Breaking Ceremony, January 15, 9:00 a.m., corner of 175th Avenue N and Aurora Avenue

He noted that there are some Library Board and Planning Commissioner positions open and that applications are available online or at City Hall. Completed applications are to be turned in to the City Clerks Office by 5:00 p.m., January 29, 2010. He displayed pictures of Hamlin Park trail improvements. He introduced Richard Hart who presented the City of Shoreline the American Planning Association (APA) 2009 Merit Award for

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Sustainability for the City's Environmental Sustainability Program. Mayor McGlashan accepted the award and gave certificates to consultant Gabe Snedecker, City Planners Miranda Redinger and Juniper Nammi, and Ms. Krause from the O'Brien Company.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Laethan Wene, Shoreline, suggested that speakers be allowed to make comments during City staff presentations.

b) Ed Adams, Shoreline, President of the Richmond Beach Community Association congratulated newly elected officials and thanked outgoing members.

c) Robert Phelps, Shoreline, stated that Shoreline School District (SSD) residents will receive mail-in ballots for two levies and one bond issue for rebuilding Shorewood and Shorecrest schools. He believes in the importance of education and has voted for every bond. However, he said he will vote "no" on the \$150 million school bond because the SSD plans to force the Historical Museum to leave or only use the basement of the building. He urged residents to vote "yes" for the first bond and vote "no" on the second bond.

d) Henry Reed, Shoreline, President of the Board of Trustees for the Historical Museum, thanked the City Council and City Manager. He stated that the original intent of the SSD board was to represent and serve all the community within the Shoreline school boundaries and preserve history. He stated that the SSD has issued impossible requirements for the Ronald School building to use and that they want to remove the Historical Museum from its long-time home. If the plan isn't changed, he said he will vote "no" on the bond and urged everyone to do same.

e) LaNita Wacker, Shoreline, congratulated everyone on their Council appointments. She stated that the new Councilmembers have taken an oath of office and are no longer individuals or attached to their campaigns. The Council is a unit, she stated, and works in the best interest of the City.

f) Bob Ransom, Shoreline, congratulated the new Council and suggested the implementation of Council committees. He reviewed the history of the Ronald Place building and said it was deeded to the museum and there was a distinction between the building and the land. He noted that there was an agreement that the land would be purchased by the museum when they raised the funds. He noted that later on the Council supported a paid director which made them eligible for state and federal grants. Attorneys, he said, have communicated to him that if SSD takes the building the SSD would have to pay the museum the \$1.5 million raised for the land.

g) Elaine Phelps, Shoreline, hoped the Council will follow the excellent example of Shoreline being an environmentally sensitive, green city. She wondered if previous Councils have addressed the issue of allowing commercial flights from Paine Field. She said there are hearings being held in Lynnwood about this and it should

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concern Shoreline residents. The Council should pass a resolution opposing commercial air service out of Paine Field.

h) Krista Tenney, Shoreline, Co-Chair of Citizens for Shoreline Schools Campaign, reminded the public about the videos done by the students of Shorecrest and Shorewood. There is an excitement, she stated, about the grand plans for the schools and a lot of famous people have come through Shoreline schools. There needs to be new high schools in this district. She pointed out that tax rates won't go up. She urged the residents to vote "yes" on the maintenance and operations levy and the bond.

i) Dick Nicholson, Shoreline, stated that the City has a wealth of volunteers. He said he chaired the Shoreline Neighborhood Association prior to Shoreline becoming a City. He noted that this City has a wealth of talent and urged the Council to utilize those resources extensively.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Scott moved approval of the agenda. Councilmember Eggen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously and the agenda was approved.

6. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Discussion of Council's 2010 Legislative Priorities

Scott MacColl provided the Council briefing on the 2010 draft legislative priorities. He stated that the economy is bleak and there has been billions cut in the governor's budget, to include basic health. There are plans to propose another budget that includes revenue enhancements. Priorities, he said, tend to be broad, but he said he will come back and ask for policy direction if something proposed isn't covered by these priorities. Cities and counties will be on Olympia asking for financial flexibility, he noted. He stated that legislation to support environmental sustainability and green jobs. He continued and outlined the remaining priorities.

Mr. Olander stated that sometimes the Mayor or Deputy Mayor will be required to provide formal testimony which also provides policy guidance for the Council. He added that the policies are so generalized because the bills and amendments can change hourly in the legislative process.

Mayor McGlashan opened the item to public comment.

a) Laethan Wene, Shoreline, asked for more funding for people with disabilities.

Councilmember Eggen stated that there was a bill filed that would defer Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) violations to the court. He felt the City should support any clarifying legislation on the OPMA or any removal of jurisdiction to other bodies that

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could settle disputes quickly. Mr. MacColl stated that there are groups on both sides of that issue and said he could put something together concerning it. Councilmember Eggen said he is proposing that if there is anything concerning streamlining ways to address violations better. Mr. Olander noted that Attorney General McKenna has proposed some kind of judicial review panel for public records.

Councilmember Scott inquired if the Public Works Trust Fund (PWTF) is a potential source of funding for sidewalk improvements. Mr. MacColl replied that it is more basic than sidewalk improvements, sidewalks by themselves are a lower priority. Councilmember Scott rebutted that a walkable and sustainable community requires sidewalks. He noted that there is a lack of sidewalks in Shoreline and those that are here are in a state of disrepair and aren't useable to the disabled community. The City needs to find more funding for this.

Mayor McGlashan questioned if the priorities list is open to change depending on the proposed bills. Mr. MacColl replied that it is pretty rare that he can't find something in the priorities to cover the issue area. Flexibility is useful, he said.

Councilmember Tracey commented that she is pleased to see the Council supports green jobs at Shoreline Community College because SCC is a tremendous asset to the City.

Councilmember McConnell asked Mr. MacColl if there was anything on the list he thought needed to be fine tuned. Mr. MacColl replied that this is adequate and OPMA and executive session issues will not go away. He commented that he can check with AWC about it.

- (b) Discussion of Ordinance No. 568, extending the Interim Land Use Regulation assigning Record Hearings for Certain Quasi-Judicial Project Permits to the Shoreline Hearing Examiner for 2010

Joe Tovar, Planning & Development Services Director provided the staff report. The legislation extends the hearing of certain quasi-judicial items by the hearing examiner for an additional 12 months. He noted that there are three different types of land use decisions and the Planning Commission (PC) has conducted quasi-judicial decisions in the past and the Council agreed to have the hearing examiner hear them. He noted that the draft PC work programs shows how busy the PC is and will be in the future. Even though funding for the Comprehensive Plan (CP) update has been cut in the governor's budget it is still on the PC workplan, he explained.

- a) Greg Logan, Shoreline, communicated that there are costs involved with utilizing the hearing examiner for these and that the PC is less expensive.
- b) Mary Weaver, Shoreline, questioned if the Council would be voting on Pt. Wells in January.

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Mr. Tovar responded to the public comments. He stated that permits are paid for by the applicant and if additional items are being heard by the hearing examiner, the applicant bears the cost. As far as Point Wells, he said the PC will look at the final draft recommendation this Thursday and it will come to the Council at a study session in two weeks.

Councilmember Eggen noted that this came up last year and prior to assigning the actions to a hearing examiner they were heard by the PC. He said you can only expect so much from volunteers on the PC. He supported this item.

Councilmember Hall agreed with Councilmember Eggen and said he sees tension between those hearings and other legislative items. The CP update is a much larger process than anything, he communicated. The Council must make sure the PC has time to address it. He also felt that the City should move forward with the CP update regardless of what the state does because the City already has made the vision a goal.

Councilmember Roberts asked under what circumstances have anticipated quasi-judicial appeals to the Superior Court. Mr. Tovar replied that the City tries to build a good record and the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) suggests the hearing examiners wouldn't make a technical mistake, an error of omission, etc. City Attorney Ian Sievers communicated that the WCIA risk pool likes trained hearing examiners conducting hearings and ours is through the City of Seattle by contract.

Councilmember Roberts discussed the light rail process and asked if the City has started any conversations with property owners/stakeholders along I-5. Mr. Tovar replied that there haven't been any conversations with property owners/stakeholders because the City is still talking to Sound Transit on their preliminary alignment. He added that he is meeting with other cities in the north corridor (Lynnwood, Edmonds, Mountlake Terrace, Everett) which have a stake in this to form a technical committee to discuss what Sound Transit should include in their assessment and land use impacts is a big part of this. He added that the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) will look at what the mobility and traffic impact implications of the choices. The overall update of the CP, Sound Transit's planning for alignment, and Town Center all need to be aligned. This is a complicated timing scenario that needs to be addressed. Mr. Olander communicated that a draft schedule was released by Sound Transit and during the first part of 2010 they will start identifying alternative alignments in this corridor. This decision will be coming back to the City Council to determine which is best to study for the environmental impact statement and makes the most sense for our community.

Councilmember Scott noted that if the state isn't funding this cycle he is concerned that the vision will be dated. He said he would like to see the CP update put in the forefront. Mr. Tovar communicated that the money the City was going to receive was around \$45,000 to \$50,000 and that doesn't mean the City can't move forward with the program, only that the environmental document may not be the comprehensive one the City had in mind.

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Mr. Olander summarized that the City will move forward regardless of what the state does.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 p.m. Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk