CITY OF SHORELINE

SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES OF WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING

Monday, February 8, 2010 6:00 p.m.

Conference Room C-104 - Shoreline City Hall 17500 Midvale Avenue N.

PRESENT:

Mayor Keith McGlashan, Deputy Mayor Will Hall, and Councilmembers

Chris Eggen, Doris McConnell, Chris Roberts, and Terry Scott

ABSENT:

Councilmember Shari Tracey

STAFF:

Bob Olander, City Manager; Dick Deal, Parks, Recreation & Cultural

Services Director; Joe Tovar, Planning & Development Services Director; Jessica Simulcik-Smith, Planning Commission Clerk; and Scott Passey,

City Clerk

GUEST:

none

Mayor McGlashan called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Councilmembers McConnell and Eggen arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Board and Committee Appointment Process

Staff and Council discussed the need to finalize a process for forming a Council subcommittee to assist in filling positions on the Planning Commission. It was noted that 19 applications were received for three open positions.

Council briefly discussed the criteria for selection as currently outlined in City code. It was noted that the criteria could be problematic depending on how it is interpreted. It was agreed that the intent is to include people who have general neighborhood interests but who are not necessarily technical experts.

Staff and Council discussed the preferred timeline and the need to finalize a process for bringing forth recommendations to the full Council in a timely manner. The Council then discussed a proposal to create a four-member subcommittee, which could be perceived as less political, more consensus-building body. The Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of this approach.

Mayor McGlashan summarized Council consensus and said he would appoint the fourmember subcommittee this week. Turning to the topic of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services (PRCS) Board and Library Board, Mr. Deal summarized the staff recommendation to reduce the PRCS Board from nine to seven adult members and to change the youth members to non-voting positions. It was noted that having youth members on the Library Board would be a benefit to the community.

The Council discussed the proposals as well as the need to create a Council subcommittee to consider the proposed changes. Following discussion, there was Council consensus to address these topics at a future Council Study Session and consider an ordinance to change the composition of these boards. There was also consensus to consider changing the size and composition of the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC).

Council Rules of Procedure: Silence on a Council Vote

The Council discussed the confusion that can result from a Councilmember remaining silent on a Council vote. There was consensus to direct staff to draft a resolution to amend the Council Rules of Procedure to clarify the voting procedure.

Public Comment on Campaigns/Ballot Issues

The Council and staff discussed the advantages and disadvantages of allowing the public to comment on candidates and ballot issues at City Council meetings. It was noted that there is no clear line separating campaigns and issues, such as comments in support of incumbents' votes, etc. However, there is continued concern that some comments are extending beyond the limits of free speech.

Staff suggested that amending the Council rules could lead to voluntary compliance and self-policing by the public. There was general agreement that a change in the culture is needed, and it is preferable for people to address the Council as a whole rather than individual Councilmembers or candidates.

There was Council consensus to continue this discussion topic at the next workshop dinner meeting.

Scott Passey, City Clerk	

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.