

CITY OF SHORELINE

**SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION**

Monday, April 5, 2010
6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

PRESENT: Mayor McGlashan, Deputy Mayor Hall, and Councilmembers Chris Eggen, Doris McConnell, Christopher Roberts, Terry Scott, and Shari Tracey

ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:32 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Mayor McGlashan, who presided.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

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

(a) Proclamation of World Health Day

Mayor McGlashan read the proclamation declaring April 7, 2010 as "World Health Day" in the City of Shoreline. Stacy and Emily Lindbom accepted the proclamation and thanked the City for this recognition.

3. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Eggen reported on his attendance at the first meeting of the Regional Transit Task Force and announced that the next meeting is April 20.

Mayor McGlashan acknowledged Stu Turner, Shoreline Water District Manager, and others from the District in the audience.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Bruce Deans, Shoreline, expressed concerns about 188th Avenue N and Midvale Avenue N and that a zoning change would be appropriate based on the work done by Sky Nursery.

b) Dave Mathiesen, Shoreline, concurred with the comments of the previous speaker.

Mr. Olander noted that Joe Tovar, Planning and Development Services Director, is available for questions or comments about land use or zoning issues.

6. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Point Wells Traffic Study

Mark Relph, Public Works Director, and Rich Meredith, Traffic Engineer, provided the staff report. Mr. Relph noted that the central issue at Point Wells is the potential traffic impacts of that development. Mr. Meredith reviewed the details of the study and discussed the concerns and issues that have been identified. He highlighted the next steps, which include subarea plan adoption and a detailed corridor study. Mr. Relph encouraged the Council to read the handout and that the table illustrates a change in level of service. He also stated that the corridor study is absolutely essential in analyzing the problem.

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

Councilmember Roberts questioned why the study doesn't go all the way to I-5. Mr. Meredith responded that if Sound Transit factors into this that will be considered. Mayor McGlashan agreed regarding extending the study to I-5 and believed 5th Avenue would be impacted.

Councilmember Eggen inquired about impacts to Snohomish County. Mr. Tovar noted that all the preliminary information was created last summer to help the City analyze the impacts. He noted that more will be available as the project gets closer and more specific traffic information will be generated with more refined impacts.

Councilmember Eggen confirmed with Mr. Tovar that the City will use the study to make recommendations about the scale of the project. Mr. Meredith added that it might be easier to limit the developer to a total number of trips, then to let them decide how they meet that specific number.

(b) Sunset Park/Boeing Creek Open Space Project Update

Dick Deal, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Director, and Dave Buchan, Project Manager, were joined by two members of the Friends of Sunset Park; Lynn Houston and Leanne Skooglund-Hofford.

Ms. Houston provided background on the group's formation and efforts to preserve the space as a park. Ms. Skooglund-Hofford outlined the visioning process and stated that residents are concerned about parking on 8th Avenue.

Mr. Buchan outlined design features of the preliminary visioning plan, Boeing Creek Open Space site, and the concept plan. Mr. Deal explained the next steps which were to work on parking issues, a contract for a detailed design, grant requests, and return to Council for plan adoption. Don Dalzeil, Shoreline School District, said the process and collaboration has been great with the City and Friends of Sunset Park.

Mayor McGlashan called for public comment on this item.

- a) Al Wagar, Shoreline, member of the steering group and forestry expert, spoke in support of moving the trail entrance at 8th Avenue NW to the west to allow for a more gradual slope and possibly ADA access.
- b) Suzanne Gugge, Shoreline, spoke in favor of the plan and said neighbors are excited and willing to donate time and money.
- c) Michelle Hickman, Shoreline, expressed support for the process, noting that designers have been responsive to the feedback and the plan balances all concerns.
- d) Sadie Kent, Shoreline, Shorewood High School student, commented on her volunteer efforts and noted that students are excited and interested in the project.

Deputy Mayor Hall discussed storm water considerations and runoff from the grass fields. Councilmember Tracey thanked everyone, especially citizens, for their hard work. Councilmember Eggen commended everyone for proceeding in a rational, methodical way. He said this is a model community program in Shoreline. Councilmember McConnell said it is nice to see the community make something good out of something unpleasant. She added that she is glad to see students and neighbors involved and that the Shoreline School District wants to retain ownership of property if demographics change.

Mayor McGlashan commented that residents have discussed not opening a park on the 8th Avenue side. Mr. Deal replied that this can be explored as design development progresses and that a non-motorized link in the north-south direction can be considered.

RECESS

At 7:57 p.m., Mayor McGlashan called for a five minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

- (c) Discussion of Proposed 2010-2011 Council Goals and Work Plan

Julie Underwood, Assistant City Manager, outlined the Council Goal setting process.

Mayor McGlashan called for public comment. There was no one wishing to provide comment.

The Council then discussed the individual goals and the preferred language for each. Eggen inquired why the permit process is tied to the Town Center and design standards in Goal 1. Councilmember Roberts also felt that the permit process should be a stand alone goal. Mr. Olander explained that this process encompasses the whole range of the City's planning efforts. Councilmember Scott felt that the permit process should be elevated so it can stand alone and be tied to the adopted community vision as opposed to a specific community plan. Councilmember Eggen recommended rewording fourth bullet and agreed with Councilmember Scott. Deputy Mayor Hall suggested splitting the fourth bullet into a fourth and fifth bullet. Councilmember Tracey agreed and felt the permit process should be more clear, timely and predictable. There was Council consensus to split the fourth bullet into two separate items.

The Council reviewed Goal 2 and Deputy Mayor Hall questioned whether the acquisition of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) should be under the infrastructure goal.

Regarding Goal 3, Councilmember Roberts suggested expanding the third bullet to include other properties besides Fircrest. Councilmember Eggen noted that the Council called out Fircrest specifically and wondered if it makes sense to include other smaller properties. Mayor McGlashan felt that the term "surplus" confuses this item. Mr. Olander noted that Fircrest is the major undeveloped opportunity in the City. He concluded that it may be premature to focus on other properties at this stage.

Concerning Goal 4, Deputy Mayor Hall stated that this goal captures the intent of the City well.

Councilmember Roberts favored this goal and suggested adding the following bullet to Goal 5, "To assist community and civic organizations in expanding their capacity." Mayor McGlashan expressed his concerns with this addition and the problem of bias. Councilmember Eggen also expressed concern and noted that there are some things a public agency cannot legally do. Ms. Underwood explained that the City has an informal agreement with Shoreline Area News and it is the City's way of trying to meet that objective without getting too involved.

After further discussion about the role of volunteers and staff capacity issues, there was Council consensus was to revise Councilmember Roberts suggested language from "encourage" rather than "assist."

The Council reviewed Goal 6. Ms. Underwood noted that the City staff is recommending adopting either Goal 6 or Goal 8, but not both. Mayor McGlashan felt that Goal 8 "develop a youth master plan" is too involved and time consuming. He suggested it be removed and the City continue to progress at a low level. Deputy Mayor Hall suggested

Goal 6 be revised and "explore the feasibility of developing a youth services master plan" be added. Councilmember Tracey agreed and suggested forming a citizens' committee to determine the scope. Mr. Olander noted that it would be an ad hoc committee working on the City's strategy. Councilmember Eggen concurred and suggested that former Councilmember Gustafson be included on the committee. Councilmember Scott concurred and noted the City should research what resources are available so that the City becomes a model for the nation. Ms. Underwood noted that the community is already doing many things concerning regional health issues and Mayor McGlashan stated that maybe this should be considered on a regional level.

Mr. Olander recommended that Goal 7 stand alone after speaking with Public Works Director, Mark Relph and SPU, instead of it being a part of Goal 2. Councilmember Roberts wanted to know what the disadvantages were in not acquiring SPU and felt that a lot of the details aren't in place yet. Mr. Relph responded that issues include the acquisition of equipment, manpower, issues with level of service, the service approach, and the overall responsibility, which is high bar. He noted that there is a level of internal expertise that has to be attained and the entire acquisition will be a significant challenge.

Mr. Olander explained that the water would come from a wholesale purchase from Seattle and there could be a stipulation added that the acquisition would only occur if SPU is operationally and financially stable. Deputy Mayor Hall supported the acquisition and highlighted that the specific details of the goals are included with any of them. Councilmember Eggen supported the goal as written and felt this item should be its own and all options should be evaluated. Mr. Olander highlighted that this is worded strongly so it sends a message to the City of Seattle because they are looking to us for our intent. Councilmember McConnell supported the goal. Councilmember Scott agreed and felt the City staff should be given the tools they need to make this happen. Councilmember Roberts supported the goal and said he assumed the City staff was further along in the feasibility study.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked that the revised Council Goals and Work Plan be brought back for Council approval at the meeting next week.

7. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:23 p.m. Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk

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