

CITY OF SHORELINE

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

Monday, May 17, 2010
7:30 p.m.

Council Chamber – Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue N.

PRESENT: Mayor McGlashan, Deputy Mayor Hall, Councilmember Eggen,
Councilmember Scott, and Councilmember Roberts.

ABSENT: Councilmembers McConnell and Tracey

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Mayor McGlashan, who presided.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

The Mayor led the flag salute. Upon roll call by the Deputy City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmembers McConnell and Tracey.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Hall, seconded by Councilmember Eggen and carried 5-0, Councilmembers McConnell and Tracey were excused.

(a) Recognition of Outgoing Planning Commissioners, Library Board Members, and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board Members

Mayor McGlashan presented awards to former Planning Commissioners Rocky Piro, Sid Kuboi, David Pyle, and Deputy Mayor Hall for their service on the Planning Commission.

Mayor McGlashan thanked Lori Lynass and Todd Petersen, former Library Board members, and Councilmember Shari Tracey who is a former Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services board member.

3. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS: none

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Virginia Paulsen, Shoreline, discussed the newly adopted City Council public comment rules.

b) Laethan Wene, Shoreline, invited members of the public to attend Shoreline Live on May 26th and June 2nd.

c) Lila Smith, Shoreline, discussed a lack of enforcement of the City's municipal code. She informed the Council about a noise violation near her home.

6. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Annual Police Service Report

Dan Pingrey, Shoreline Police Chief, reviewed the 2009 Annual Police Service Report. He touched on the highlights of the report and informed the Council of the current status of the City Police Department. He reviewed statistical crime data and clearance rates with analysis and interpretation. He stated that the goal of the report is to keep Shoreline residents, City staff and elected officials informed of police service and crime activity in the City. Sergeant Katie Larson provided background and commented on the Criminal Investigations Unit. She discussed burglaries and the King County Prosecutors Office Repeat Burglar Initiative. Sergeant Larson highlighted the status of the Anti-graffiti program, the Problem Solving Project, which involved utilizing crime analysis to investigate and solve graffiti cases in Shoreline.

Councilmember Roberts confirmed with Chief Pingrey that tagging has been reduced since these cases have been solved. Sergeant Larson noted that most of the tagging suspects who tag in Shoreline are Shoreline residents.

Chief Pingrey highlighted the Special Emphasis Team (SET) and discussed its background and responsibilities. He displayed the SET arrests and seizures in 2009.

Sergeant Larson reviewed the Shoreline Police Department Volunteers program and what they do for the City.

Chief Pingrey highlighted the 2010 Goals for the department, which include reduce response times, reduce accidents, work with school district on educational programs to combat drinking and driving, and continue to provide high-quality and cost-efficient police services.

Councilmember Roberts inquired about response times and Chief Pingrey responded that life threatening calls are responded to within 5 minutes. He noted that most calls are responded to within 10 minutes. Councilmember Roberts stated he has heard that the

response times have been long and Chief Pingrey said that can be researched and the goal isn't to ignore residents, but to address any deficiencies.

Councilmember Roberts said he is surprised that the Block Watch program was not highlighted in the report or in the goals. Chief Pingrey said that there are 68 active Block Watch programs in Shoreline. Councilmember Roberts discussed the Speed Differential map on page 89 of the Council packet.

Responding to Councilmember Eggen, Chief Pingrey said that the police should be contacted when there is a noise complaint from a resident.

Councilmember Scott inquired about response times and noted that they have increased from last year. Chief Pingrey replied that they will be analyzed on a quarterly basis and if it is because calls for service are going up and the City needs more resources, it will be addressed in the future. Mr. Olander pointed out that the City still has a low number of officers per capita. Chief Pingrey noted that local jurisdictions can be called in if needed for emergent situations.

Councilmember Scott noted that the residents of Shoreline have said that they will not allow cuts in public safety and urged Chief Pingrey to inform the City Manager if he needs more staffing.

Chief Pingrey concluded his remarks by stating that the police department will provide intake for unused prescription drugs in about one month.

RECESS

At 8:02 p.m., Mayor McGlashan called for a five minute recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

(b) Annual Traffic Report

Mr. Olander introduced Mark Relph, Public Works Director; Chief Dan Pingrey, Police Chief, and Rich Meredith, Traffic Engineer. Mr. Meredith discussed the annual traffic report and the data derived from it. He highlighted the objectives of the traffic report and displayed a slide that revealed that the accidents in Shoreline have been reduced over the past five years. Mr. Meredith also stated that the accidents in the Aurora Corridor Phase 1 area have been reduced by 75%. Mr. Relph noted that the police department and the traffic employees in the City are working together and pointed out some intersections and areas that need special consideration.

Councilmember Eggen thanked Mr. Relph and Mr. Meredith for the report and questioned some of the data.

Deputy Mayor Hall expressed concerns about the possible diversion of traffic to residential streets by the past Council. Mr. Meredith replied that he hasn't correlated the

data but will put it in his work plan. Deputy Mayor Hall highlighted the accidents on Linden Avenue and wondered if vehicles have been diverted from safe roads to less safe roads.

Mr. Meredith replied to an inquiry about traffic circles and noted that the perception is that residents in the neighborhood feel it is safer, but the drivers are unhappy about them. Councilmember Eggen disagreed and stated many residents aren't happy with traffic circles.

Councilmember Scott commented on 175th Street and 10th Avenue in the accident rate data and felt that many motorists are using it to get to 15th or to the highway. He said he has witnessed backups in the morning, and Mr. Meredith noted there are right-angle accidents caused by people running the red light.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McGlashan adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Ronald F. Moore, Deputy City Clerk