

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING

Monday, June 28, 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 Tracey

STAFF: Bob Olander, City Manager; Julie Underwood, Assistant City Manager; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager; Scott Passey, City Clerk

GUEST: City of Seattle Councilmembers Sally Bagshaw and Tom Rasmussen

At 6:12 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Mayor McGlashan, who presided. There were introductions around the table and each Councilmember outlined their individual backgrounds and interests.

The Council began discussing the common areas of interest between Seattle and Shoreline per the meeting agenda, namely:

- Aurora Improvements in anticipation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service
- Transit and the Transit Task Force
- Light Rail Station at 145th and I-5/station area planning
- Improvements to 145th between Highway 99 and Lake City Way
- Intersection of 145th and Lake City Way
- Continued bike improvements to the Interurban Trail
- Acquisition of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) facilities in Shoreline

It was noted that the City of Shoreline continues to seek funding for the last segment of the Aurora Corridor, and 2013 is the implementation date for BRT service. Discussion continued regarding safer pedestrian access to transit, right turns into businesses, bus and transit (BAT) lanes, and the challenges experienced in the first mile of the Aurora Corridor project.

Discussion continued regarding the possible alignments for Sound Transit light rail, which may include Aurora Avenue or I-5, and the potential impacts to existing businesses and neighborhoods depending on the preferred alignment. It was noted that cities to the

north have already selected I-5 as a preferred alignment. It was noted that connecting major destinations to light rail may be difficult, and Councilmembers wondered if home values would diminish along the transit corridor. Mr. Olander commented that Sound Transit will likely consider several transit routes, including I-5, Hwy 99, 5th Avenue, 8th Avenue, and 15th Avenue to study.

The Council discussed the possibility of a light rail station at 145th and I-5 and the ramifications of such a decision. Ms. Bagshaw noted that the number of customers using light rail decreases without adequate parking. Deputy Mayor Hall expressed his preference for light rail stations located at the extremities of transit routes because parking structures are expensive and tend to occupy prime real estate if located in major population corridors.

There was discussion about the need to replace the gas tax and whether there should be a constitutional amendment to change how transportation is funded in the state. It was noted that there is interest in the problem at the state level but there is no momentum to fix it. Mr. MacColl commented that Senator Haugen is trying to put together new “nickel” transportation package that is focused on roads. Mr. Rasmussen noted that jurisdictions agree there is not enough money for preservation and maintenance. He then asked what Seattle could do to help the Aurora Corridor project. It was noted that speeding up the buses from Shoreline to Seattle would be of the most benefit for the City of Shoreline. The Council then discussed the lessons learned in the first mile of the Aurora Corridor project and the incorporation of citizen input in the remaining segments of the project.

The discussion then shifted to the possible acquisition of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU). Mr. Olander explained that SPU has not invested much in infrastructure, and Shoreline citizens wish to set their own rates and control their own destiny. He said the feasibility study will provide the necessary information for making an informed decision. It was noted that utilities are important because infrastructure planning goes along with land use planning.

The Council responded to Mr. Rasmussen regarding the City parks system and the possibilities for cities to share equipment with the private sector. Mr. Olander responded that while there are opportunities to share tools and equipment, the City can contract for services easily. There was brief discussion about crime along Aurora Avenue; the inter-jurisdictional task forces that have helped reduce crime and auto theft, and commercial burglary. There was also brief discussion about human service issues, homelessness, and cuts in Center for Human Services (CHS) programs. The meeting concluded with a discussion about representation in the Suburban Cities Association.

The Council meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Scott Passey, City Clerk