

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

Monday, July 12, 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, Chris Roberts, and Shari Tracey

ABSENT: Councilmembers McConnell and Scott

STAFF: Julie Underwood, Assistant City Manager; Joe Tovar, Planning & Development Services Director; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Program Manager; Dan Eernisse, Economic Development Program Manager; Scott Passey, City Clerk

GUEST: Bob Drewel, Executive Director, Puget Sound Regional Council

At 6:05 p.m., Mayor McGlashan called the meeting to order and turned the floor over to Bob Drewel, Executive Director of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).

Mr. Drewel provided background information on the PSRC, noting that it focuses on a three-pronged approach of planning for land use, economic development, and transportation. It is controlled by the Federal and State governments and it is a unique economic development district. He noted his belief that the PSRC Board will adopt the allocations that have been discussed.

He explained that regional transportation planning will be based on *Vision 2040*. He noted that the transportation plan is ahead in terms of global warming, but transportation revenues continue to be a challenge. He noted that we cannot continue to fund programs the way we've done in the past.

He then discussed PSRC investments in the City of Shoreline, noting that Shoreline has received approximately \$19M in transportation funds. The PSRC receives approximately \$160M in federal highway funds each year, but it leverages billions of dollars in funding. He noted efforts to develop new ways to apply for revenues through the creation of a business plan, which he described as a "reverse RFP."

He described the activities of the Prosperity Partnership, a high-powered coalition of over 300 government, business, labor and community organizations in the Puget Sound region dedicated to implementing a common economic strategy.

He concluded his remarks by noting that Vision 2040 is the land use element of the PSRC and the only plan that speaks to global climate change. He noted that Shoreline is recognized in Vision 2040 in terms of the SWIFT transit program. He also pointed out that the PSRC received ten TDR (transfer of development rights) grants.

Councilmember Eggen asked about the Futurewise lawsuit against Vision 2040. Mr. Drewel responded that the complaint claims the PSRC did not focus enough on greenhouse gas. He added that the PSRC will respond in the appeals process. Councilmember Eggen noted that Vision 2040 had some transit elements and asked if the PSRC is watching the Regional Transit Task Force (RTTF) to make sure the recommendations are appropriate. Mr. Drewel said that the allocations will help PSRC getting in a position to present a proposal to the Legislature to enable counties to pursue other funding.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked how the PSRC manages accountability, noting that remote communities are taking more growth than is necessary. Mr. Drewel replied that good governance and participation by city officials and staff is the key to accountability.

Mr. MacColl asked how the PSRC determines the priority of projects within 2040 given the extreme constraints in which it operates. Mr. Drewel said the process is very informal, and the PSRC does little if nothing to change the priority designations that accompany the projects. He said the key is which projects make the most sense in terms of the region.

Mr. Drewel commented on the positive contributions that Shoreline Community College makes to the region in terms of clean energy and automobile technology. He emphasized the need to collaborate and share information in order to benefit individual cities as well as the region.

Deputy Mayor Hall commented that the structure of the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) makes it difficult for cities to have individual views because cities are statutorily required to support the SACA position. There was brief discussion about the need to facilitate partnerships and coalitions, such as the North End Mayor's Meeting.

Councilmember Roberts commented that Shoreline's adjacency to Snohomish County has significant implications in terms of service provision. Mr. Drewel concurred, noting that the State acknowledges it cannot sustain a jurisdictional duplication of services. He pointed out that the message from the Governor's Commission on the Budget is severe, and it's likely that some very tough questions about expenditures will be considered.

Deputy Mayor Hall speculated about the possibility of the transit agencies merging into one central agency. Mr. Drewel commented on the problems Pierce County Transit is experiencing due to a lack of service. He noted that Snohomish County will be holding a public hearing on transit, which may be useful for the City of Shoreline.

Dan Eernisse, Economic Development Program Manager, commented on the lack of connectivity between Shoreline and the University of Washington and asked what could be done. Mr. Drewel suggested that the City get a copy of the UW economic impact study, which will include and impact Shoreline in some way. He also suggested the City get a copy of the Governor's budget message "Transforming Washington's Budget."

Mayor McGlashan commented that there must be some duplication going on with so many gubernatorial boards and commissions.

There was a brief discussion about the budget impacts to the Shoreline School District, including staffing cuts and labor issues.

Mr. Drewel noted that many discussions are occurring regarding clean energy, carbon taxes, green jobs, public-private partnerships, manufacturing, high-tech, and the need for practical jobs. He noted that the UW economic outlook is dismal and that branch campuses suffering. He added that the PSRC will reconvene on the Prosperity Partnership this fall and reevaluate the region's "economic DNA."

Mr. MacColl asked how a city with a small economic base like Shoreline can have a regional influence. Mr. Drewel responded that there needs to be incentives for cities that play a significant role in developing affordable housing and similar measures that attract managed growth and innovation. He also suggested that Shoreline contact Snohomish County Councilmember Dave Gossett and Seattle City Council President Bob Ferguson regarding possible partnerships with Seattle and Snohomish County.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Scott Passey, City Clerk

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