

CITY OF SHORELINE

**SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING**

Monday, November 22, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 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.

3. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Hall stated that he attended the Suburban Cities Association meeting and the adopted their budget. He noted that he also attended the Enterprise Seattle meeting.

Councilmember Eggen said he attended the Ballinger/McAleer Creek Watershed Forum and they hired a lobbyist to advocate for their work plan.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one wishing to provide public comment.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Winstead moved approval of the agenda. Councilmember Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously and the agenda was approved.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilmember Roberts moved approval of the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Eggen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously and the following items were approved:

- a. **Minutes of Business Meeting of October 25, 2010**
Minutes of Special Meeting of November 1, 2010
Minutes of Workshop Dinner Meeting of November 8, 2010
- b. **Approval of expenses and payroll as of November 12, 2010 in the amount of \$4,425,611.72 as described in the following detail:**

***Payroll and Benefits:**

Payroll Period	Payment Date	EFT Numbers (EF)	Payroll Checks (PR)	Benefit Checks (AP)	Amount Paid
10/3/10-10/16/10	10/22/2010	36963-37161	10293-10326	45243-45254	\$532,676.20
10/17/10-10/30/10	11/5/2010	37162-37363	10327-10361	45363-45371	\$413,105.93
					<u>\$945,782.13</u>

***Accounts Payable Claims:**

Expense Register Dated	Check Number (Begin)	Check Number (End)	Amount Paid
11/2/2010	45255	45255	\$10,800.00
11/2/2010	45256	45256	\$494,253.00
11/4/2010	45257	45282	\$2,756,544.44
11/4/2010	45283	45311	\$46,158.36
11/9/2010	45312	45328	\$159,747.45
11/9/2010	45329	45362	\$12,326.34
			<u>\$3,479,829.59</u>

- c. **Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment with PAWS for Animal Sheltering Services**
- d. **Ordinance No. 586 Adopting Local Amendments to the 2009 International Construction Code**
- e. **Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Modify the Interlocal Agreement between King County and The City of Shoreline for Jail Services through December 31, 2016**

8. **ACTION ITEMS: OTHER ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND MOTIONS**

a. Ordinance No. 587 Adopting the 2011 Property Tax Levy

Debbie Tarry, Finance Director, and Bob Olander, City Manager, provided a brief staff report on the 2011 Proposed Property Tax Levy.

Deputy Mayor Hall moved to adopt the 2011 Property Tax Levy. Councilmember Winstead seconded the motion. Deputy Mayor Hall thanked the voters and all the volunteers for their work on Proposition No. 1. **A vote was taken on the motion, which carried 7-0.**

b. Ordinance No. 585 Adopting the Year 2011 Budget; the Year 2011 Fee Schedule; and the Year 2011 Salary Schedule

Councilmember Scott moved to adopt Ordinance No. 585 adopting the Year 2011 Budget; the Year 2011 Fee Schedule; and the Year 2011 Salary Schedule. , Deputy Mayor Hall seconded the motion.

Councilmember Roberts moved to amend the 2011 Budget by directing the City Manager to reallocate \$11,000 within the General Fund to promote Shoreline businesses. Councilmember Eggen seconded the motion. Councilmember Roberts commented that a Council priority is to encourage more businesses to come to Shoreline and there is a need to support the expansion of existing businesses. He suggested giving the Economic Development Manager the flexibility to support and promote businesses. He felt this could fit within the existing budget with minor allocation changes. Councilmember Eggen urged Council support of the amendment and felt it would help businesses grow and prosper.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked for an explanation of the rationale for earmarking a portion of the budget for current businesses as opposed to attracting new businesses. Ms. Tarry explained that City policy allows the Council to make minor allocation changes within the General Fund. Mr. Olander noted that there is some contingency money and the City staff feels comfortable the funding could be found. Deputy Mayor Hall said he doesn't support it because it feels like an earmark. Councilmembers McConnell and Winstead concurred.

Councilmember Scott inquired if there were specifics or ideas for using the money. Mr. Olander replied that if the Council wishes to do this, he would recommend the Economic Development Manager be given some flexibility to actually track the results. However, he had no specific ideas for the funding.

Councilmember Roberts said his initial thought was this would be used for a business directory. Councilmember Eggen added that if the Chamber had money to spend they could do it, but the businesses are in difficult times.

Mayor McGlashan said he has mixed feelings but he is not able to support the amendment. He expressed concerns about the message this would give the voters who just approved Proposition No. 1.

A vote was taken on the motion to direct the City Manager to reallocate \$11,000 within the General Fund to promote Shoreline businesses, which failed 3-4, with Councilmembers Eggen, Roberts, and Scott voting in the affirmative.

Councilmember Roberts moved to amend the 2011 Budget by directing the City Manager to reallocate \$6,000 from the General Fund for the Sister City Program. Councilmember Eggen seconded the motion. Councilmember Roberts commented on the importance of the program in terms of cultural services as well as business and economic development. Councilmember Eggen added that he asked Enterprise Seattle about this and they informed him that the City should take advantage and work with the strong and vibrant Korean community to build a business base.

Mayor McGlashan stated that there have been lots of dinners and gift exchanges but not a lot of results. He noted that a major portion of this is driven by Shoreline Community College and he is inclined to agree with the City staff and put it on hold for a year.

Councilmember McConnell agreed and said that the Council agreed to put the Sister City program on hold. She noted that her concern with both of these amendments is that the Council has been entrusted by the citizens to be responsible and efficient. She said she would rather see human services increased.

A vote was taken on the motion to direct the City Manager to reallocate \$6,000 from the General Fund for the Sister City Program, which failed 2-5, with Councilmembers Eggen and Roberts voting in the affirmative.

The discussion then turned to the subject of the City's compensation policies. Staff confirmed for Councilmember Eggen that a change in the compensation policy would mean any revisions to benefits and wages would have to wait until 2012 since this budget is for 2011. Ms. Tarry replied that if changes are necessary, the intent is to make the changes in 2012.

Councilmember Eggen added that the bidding process for insurance carriers is lengthy, but the issue of how to pay for it is totally separate and requires less work. Mr. Olander concurred but felt that any changes that will affect employees should involve them too.

Deputy Mayor Hall spoke in favor of the proposed budget. He stated that it is a long-term, fiscally conservative, and cautious budget that has gotten the City through. He added that careful financial management has gained the public's trust.

Councilmember Roberts stated that this budget has many good things going for it, as it maintains human services, arts, and the museum. However, he said it is the responsibility of the Council to carefully examine its long-term impact on the community. He felt this budget doesn't address the long-term problem of continually relying on property taxes. He said the City needs to push for reform at the state level and encourage strategies that promote our businesses, which will move the City towards increased reliance on its sales tax base for revenues.

Councilmember Eggen felt the Council should move to get the budget under control, as he felt this is a continuation of past budgets. He expressed opposition to this budget.

Councilmember McConnell noted that the City staff has made a 27% reduction in the entire budget and the operating expenditures are 1% less. She communicated that the City staff has tightened its belt and urged the Councilmembers to reconsider. She said she supports the budget and believes in the good faith of the City staff.

Councilmember Scott said he fully supported the budget and over the last several years the Council and City staff has done a lot to be fiscally responsible. He said it is always challenging to find cuts, but Council will continue to look for and consider cost efficiencies. He felt the budget reflects the fiscal responsibility that has been practiced during the past several years.

A vote was taken on the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 585 adopting the Year 2011 Budget; the Year 2011 Fee Schedule; and the Year 2011 Salary Schedule, which carried 5-2, with Councilmembers Eggen and Roberts dissenting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:46 p.m. Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk

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