

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, March 21, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.
Shoreline City Hall
Council Chambers

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.

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

ABSENT: None

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND FUTURE AGENDAS

Julie Underwood, City Manager, provided reports and updates on various City projects, meetings, and events.

Mayor McGlashan led the Council in a moment of silence on behalf of the earthquake/tsunami victims in Japan.

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Eggen stated that he attended the Mountlake Terrace Park-n-Ride Grand Opening and expressed that it is an example of efficient park and transfer to mass transit. He felt the Council should consider having one in Shoreline.

Councilmember Roberts said he attended the March 12 Shoreline Mosque Grand Opening and he read the "Thank You" award they presented to the City of Shoreline.

Councilmember Winstead said she attended the March 8 Youth Ambassadors program and there was a great discussion about city government. She also stated that she went to Olympia and testified on the Point Wells bill.

Mayor McGlashan reported on the National League of Cities Conference and lobbied the legislative delegation in Washington, D.C. for several items including more funding for the Aurora Corridor.

Councilmember Scott stated that he met First Lady Michele Obama and Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Ron Sims.

Mayor McGlashan added that City Manager Underwood arranged for tour of the Rockville, Maryland town center. There was discussion about their town center project and comparisons to town center processes and planning here in Shoreline.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Gary Kingsbury, Shoreline, President of North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA), commented that the organization supported item 7(c), with revisions. He recommended changes to enhance the availability and accessibility of services in North King County from levy funds. He said the ordinance should call for equitable distribution of resources and services as a factor in funding. Secondly, he suggested using existing local agencies as service providers. Additionally, he recommended regional human service providers reach out to North King County regional offices to create satellite offices so those in need can reach more services. He closed that NUHSA wants the levy to be considered through 2011 lenses.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Councilmember Roberts moved to move item 7(a) to item 7(c). Council consensus was to move item 7(a) to item 7(c).

7. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Annual Road Surface Maintenance Program

Mark Relph, Public Works Director and Jesus Sanchez, Public Works Operations Manager, provided the staff report. Mr. Relph reviewed the citizen survey results for street maintenance and said the rating is excellent. He noted that he has never worked for a City where its residents rate the overall maintenance of City streets between excellent and good. He discussed historical market costs and the increases in the cost of asphalt. Mr. Relph discussed adopting a pavement preservation approach and the advantages of bituminous surface treatments (BSTs).

Mr. Sanchez continued discussing pavement preservation and communicated the City's approach. He highlighted that Mountlake Terrace, Bothell, Lynnwood, Seattle, and Everett are utilizing BST paving. He communicated that the City would be targeting BST in the Echo Lake neighborhood first and has already met with their neighborhood association. BST allows the City to do more miles and stretches street maintenance funds further, he said.

Councilmember Winstead asked what the schedule would be for BST and Mr. Sanchez replied that everything is scheduled to begin in July.

Deputy Mayor Hall inquired where the road is in Mountlake Terrace that has BST applied to it and Mr. Sanchez replied that it is on 220th Avenue North and 44th Street. Mr. Sanchez replied to Deputy Mayor Hall and informed him that the resurfacing of asphalt occurs once every ten years and utilizing BST would mean the same. Mr. Sanchez replied to Deputy Mayor Hall that the City isn't able to fulfill the asphaltting the full 10% of its roads each year and the percentage would be closer to seven or eight percent. He also noted that there aren't many cities that meet their asphalt maintenance schedules due to cost.

Councilmember Roberts asked how many roads meet the 40% criteria and Mr. Sanchez replied that the City's roads are good and they are good candidates for BSTs. However, the City does have roads that are pretty poor and having a pavement management system gives us a rating each year.

Councilmember Eggen commented that road durability decreases as size of aggregate decreases, thus, he inquired if the smaller ¼ inch rock would be effective. He also asked if there would be a water runoff or pollution issue. Mr. Relph replied he didn't think there would be any issues because of the way the surface sets and because volatiles dissipate quickly no matter what method is used.

Councilmember McConnell stated that the budget isn't keeping up with road maintenance needs and there was further discussion concerning funding.

Councilmember Scott inquired if there would be more wear and tear on City equipment from BST streets and Mr. Relph replied there wouldn't be that much of a change. Councilmember Scott further commented that the citizens appreciate road maintenance and he would hate to see the satisfaction survey ratings slip. Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Relph concluded that it is important to protect the integrity of streets by sweeping more often and filling cracks.

(b) King County Veterans and Human Services Levy Renewal

Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Program Manager, and Rob Beem, Community Services Manager, provided the staff report. Mr. MacColl noted that the levy ends this year and decisions must be made soon. Mr. Beem highlighted the four issues: 1) Does the Council support the levy renewal? 2) If so, would the Council support keeping the levy rate constant or adjust it for inflation? 3) Should the levy identify distribution of services in North King County? and 4) Whether there should be two oversight boards, one for veterans and one for human services?

Deputy Mayor Hall stated that this was discussed at the Regional Policy Committee and there isn't enough time for it to go through the full cycle of the committees. He commented that the Council may not be able to have much influence through the process, but perhaps the Council can express its concerns through the King County Council. He added that he doesn't want to argue for geographic distribution, but for the funds going to where the needs are.

Councilmember Eggen commented that regional equity is a big issue in Seattle and if the north is losing out because of policy-makers don't put the services where they are needed because of their attitudes towards having everything centered on Seattle and southern King County, that's certainly an issue. However, he also doesn't want a 40/40/20 funding policy. He concurred with Deputy Mayor Hall and serving people based on needs. He is also concerned by the hint of conflict of interest on the committee in the past and the separation of veterans and human service needs. He also expressed his concern with the CPI and that it would make it more difficult to pass the levy. There is a continuous shift of taxes moving from the wealthy to the middle class. He opposed the cost of running government going up faster than the middle class' ability to pay.

Councilmember Roberts supported the levy and said the Council needs to encourage King County Councilmember Ferguson to push for some sort of regional distribution of funding.

Councilmember Scott confirmed with Mr. Beem how human services are funded. Councilmember Scott noted that there isn't a community clinic in Shoreline and Shoreline veterans don't receive services here and the closest clinic is on 45th Street. He supported the levy renewal.

Councilmember Winstead verified that Compass Health doesn't receive funding from this and said it makes sense for the Council to do what it can to get geographic equity. She supported the levy renewal. However, she felt that voters don't look at it closely and if the City doesn't ask for it the City's purchasing power decreases. She felt as if there should be two separate oversight boards and not from the providers. She said the members of the boards should be end users of the services.

Councilmember McConnell commented that she agreed with other Councilmembers concerning the need for people to access services and the proximity to the services available. She felt there needs to be more availability in Shoreline and is bothered by the fact that human services was cut first.

Mr. MacColl summarized that the Council consensus was to support the levy renewal and to ensure human service needs are met in Shoreline and throughout the County. He noted that the Council favored keeping the veterans and human services boards separate, but remains neutral as far as the CPI rate goes.

Councilmember Roberts questioned if a letter to King County Councilmember Ferguson and the King County Executive would be appropriate. Mr. MacColl recommended that the Council communicate its policy through a letter.

- (c) Planning Commission recommended Comprehensive Plan and Code Amendments to create Planned Area 3 – Aldercrest

Councilmember Roberts and Councilmember Eggen recused themselves due to their involvement.

RECESS

At 8:38 p.m., Mayor McGlashan called for a five minute break. Mayor McGlashan reconvened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Joe Tovar, Planning and Development Services Director, noted that the process which led to this proposal was extensive and there were multiple parties who partnered with the City staff. This process led to a creative way to get a park site. The Planning Commission recommendation reflects the notion that if you want a park space, existing space should be utilized.

Dick Deal commented that this was more about identifying the opportunity. He stated that there was 12 to 13 acres of space identified as Aldercrest in the Parks, Recreation Open Space Plan and funding will be put out in a few years in the Capital Improvement Plan for the masterplanning of parks in the Ballinger area. Mr. Tovar added that the Planning Commission recommendation was unanimous.

Deputy Mayor Hall verified with Mr. Tovar that the study revealed that this action would result in value is there for everyone concerned as confirmed by Dan Eernisse. He added that the market was good for the site to be R-24, 36, or 48 and that R-28 would be the most appealing scenario. He also noted that the Shoreline School District (SSD) is comfortable with the recommendation. Mr. Tovar explained that a developer would buy the entire property and plat off six or seven acres to the City for park purposes.

Councilmember Winstead verified that the plan does specify which portion of the property must be dedicated as a park and Mr. Tovar displayed a PowerPoint slide showing it. Mr. Deal added that the developer might want to create a strategy to make the park improvements sooner which would make the property more attractive to buyers.

Councilmember Scott stated that this is an excellent example of the public coming together to create a win-win situation.

Ms. Underwood stated that SSD intends to do another appraisal following Council action, then put the property on the market.

Councilmember McConnell stated that SSD and the school board are strong proponents of open space and the access to this park is perfect. Mr. Deal discussed some specifics of the property.

Deputy Mayor Hall communicated that only a year ago there was anxiety about this site and concern about a lack of good faith. He highlighted that this proposal is even more significant because the community came together to create a solution.

Mr. Deal applauded Mr. Tovar for coming up with the strategy. Mr. Tovar responded to Mayor McGlashan about the citizen proposal to design the park at the north end of the site.

Ms. Underwood concluded that this is an amazing proposal and applauded the community for coming together.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:08 p.m. Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.