

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION

Monday, April 4, 2011
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 with the exception of Deputy Mayor Hall.

Councilmember Winstead moved to excuse Deputy Mayor Hall. Councilmember Eggen seconded the motion, which carried 6-0 and Deputy Mayor Hall was excused.

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND FUTURE AGENDAS

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Eggen commented on the cost of Good-to-Go passes versus being billed by the State and highlighted that the Good-to-Go passes were cheaper. He also clarified that the specific start date for tolling on State Route 520 is still uncertain.

Mayor McGlashan gave an update on Point Wells. He stated that there was an agreement between Snohomish County and the City of Shoreline and it is a process for Snohomish County to address the impacts of the development on the City of Shoreline's infrastructure. It is an acknowledgement that the legislation won't go forward this session. The agreement provides a forum for the City and Snohomish County to work together to address the potential traffic impacts caused by this proposed development. He noted that the Council recently lowered the level of service on Richmond Beach Drive and would consider returning to the original daily trip figure only if supported by future transportation corridor studies, impact mitigation, and funding

to the City's satisfaction. Mayor McGlashan thanked the City's partners in the process, including Representative Ruth Kagi, Cindy Ryu, Senator Maralyn Chase, Save Richmond Beach, Richmond Beach Community Association, the Town of Woodway, and Woodway Mayor Carla Nichols.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: none

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Scott and carried 6-0, the agenda was approved.

7. STUDY ITEMS

(a) 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket

Steven Cohn, Senior Planner, discussed the 2011 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket and reviewed its elements. He noted that the item will come back to the Council on April 25 for additional items the Council may want to add or modify. The docket would then go to the State for review. He highlighted that the Planning Commission has reviewed the docket and the Point Wells and Aldercrest Subarea Plans have been added. Ms. Underwood added that the City is also seeking public input which will be noted in the April *Currents*.

Councilmember Eggen verified with Mr. Cohn that the public input can be on the current docket items, new items and general input. Mr. Cohn also noted that the Council will decide which items will be in this or next year's docket.

(b) 2011 - 2012 Long Range Planning Work Schedule

Joe Tovar, Planning and Development Services Director, highlighted the Long Range Planning Work Schedule. He stated that the staff proposes to review the Comprehensive Plan (CP) during the second half of 2011 and look at five criteria to implement the Council's direction from March 5, thus leading to an updated CP adopted in December 2012. Mayor McGlashan confirmed that the CP does not have to be completely reviewed until 2014. Mr. Tovar replied that the 2012 date can be adhered to if the Council does not add anything else to the plan. He highlighted that Deputy Mayor Hall had a concern about how long it takes to finish the plan. Mr. Tovar said that the Economic Development Manager Dan Eernisse stated that the development community wants a regulatory process that is more predictable and timely. He said by the end of this year a lot of the clarity in Shoreline's development process will be realized.

Mr. Tovar confirmed for Council that everything on the work schedule can be accomplished by 2012 and the department can still do the code review if nothing significant is added. He added that if a new regulatory tool is introduced and applied throughout the City, more public engagement will be required.

Councilmember Eggen added that the CP should inform the things the City does, and there is no need to do a major review of development regulations if they are inconsistent with the CP. However, if the substance of the CP is not going to change then he would be comfortable revising the development regulations. Mr. Tovar replied that he doesn't see a concern with the CP conflicting with regulations because the most prevalent piece of the CP is the vision and the framework goals, which will hold up to any regulatory changes.

Ms. Underwood stated that there are items that must be done in the work plan, but the City has discretion on some items. Priorities change, she said; some things are mandatory and some things are not.

Councilmember Roberts felt the Council should adhere to the 2012 goals. He questioned if the urban growth center designation discussion should come before the Council prior to the final Town Center adoption. Mr. Cohn replied that in terms of numbers it does not matter which is first, but when it comes to policy the discussion should be about where to focus growth. Mr. Tovar added that the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is revisiting Town Center criteria and where the growth will occur.

Councilmember Roberts wanted to know how long it would take to develop the tools brought forth by the Southeast neighborhood and if they can be utilized on a citywide basis. Mr. Cohn replied that the MUZ zone would be renamed, and Mr. Tovar added that the timeframe would be one to three months.

Councilmember Scott agreed that completing the 2012 CP Update should be the goal. However, the Council still has the caveat to add to it, thus extending the goal. He communicated that the Planning Commission should be reviewing whether certain area improvements should be implemented citywide. Mr. Cohn stated that PRSC will ensure cities qualify for the urban growth center designation by having them execute an economic analysis of the area that they want to have defined as an urban center to ensure the specific area will be more of a city center.

Councilmember Eggen noted that when cities have areas identified as urban growth centers they are "core" cities and Mr. Cohn replied that he would have to investigate if doing that affects the City growth target goals. Mr. Cohn also explained that PRSC would have the City provide additional regulations in order to prove a City is moving towards becoming an urban growth center. Councilmember Eggen questioned if moving Shoreline towards being an urban growth center would move it towards doing anything the City does not support. Mr. Tovar replied that PRSC would be interested in having favorable responses from the City on things such as: 1) major investments in high capacity transit; 2) investments in streamlined environmental review-planned actions; 3) a minimum of hearings, uncertainty, delay, appeals; 4) economic incentives such as property tax exemptions; and 4) housing choices. Councilmember Eggen stated that PRSC would also want to ensure the City has sufficient water, sewer, and utility capacity to support the growth. He added stated that the only issue would be that the City is not contemplating property tax exemptions.

Ms. Underwood summarized the discussion and said there is interest in discussing this more and its implications with Shoreline being designated an urban growth center. She added that it will be

brought back in December for more discussion. Mr. Tovar replied that the staff can provide documentation concerning the PRSC process and what transpires when a city is designated an urban growth center. Ms. Underwood summarized that the City staff would do some homework on the item and bring it back to the Council. Mr. Tovar announced that the Southeast Subarea Plan would be brought back to the Council on April 25.

Mayor McGlashan communicated that the goal of completing the 2012 Comprehensive Plan Update is acceptable and wondered if adding items to work on would stop the CP review or slow it down. Mr. Tovar confirmed that it would be slowed, but it wouldn't stop. Ms. Underwood added that it may seem like a slow process because it is being done in-house, not by consultants.

(c) Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Status Update

Dick Deal, Parks Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Director, discussed the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan Update. He noted that the plan was developed in 1998 and 9 out of the 10 projects have been completed. He noted that the plan is a 20-year vision to meet future parks, recreation and cultural services needs and that executing the plan allows the City to obtain grant funding.

Maureen Colaizzi, Parks Project Coordinator reviewed the substance of the Plan. She provided a full overview and discussed the major changes in the plan. Latest updates include the incorporation of a Healthy City Strategy and other elements. She discussed the work done with the PRCS Board and highlighted that the PROS plan was outlined to the Planning Commission. She noted the public involvement component and discussed the next steps, which include releasing a SEPA Checklist and having the State review the plan.

Mr. Deal continued, comparing the three surveys that were done in 2002, 2003, and 2010. He noted that the number of people who have used Shoreline parks has increased by 14% from 2003 to 2010 to 84%. He noted that a current goal is to determine the neighborhoods which need the most improvements and utilize \$50,000 - \$60,000 for improvements based on the need. Mr. Deal discussed the parks level of service analysis and the goal and policy changes in the Plan which address sustainability, healthy lifestyles, bicycle and pedestrian travel. In addition, he noted that arts and culture policies will be included.

Councilmember Eggen questioned the statement on page 30, Goal #8 referring to a community that embraces all of the arts, and Mr. Deal replied that no one has submitted any "edgy" art to the City. Ms. Colaizzi added that that statement encompasses more than visual art.

Councilmember Winstead commented that the levels of service increases are great and it is a statement pointing out that those who passed the parks bond did the right thing. She spoke in favor of the Plan and thanked those who have spent time working on it.

Councilmember Scott said changing the term to "the arts" instead of "all arts" may help avoid controversy. He noted on page 19 the survey the projects highest percentage of households have used the Interurban Trail and Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. He asked where the pool rated on

the list, and Mr. Deal replied that pool facilities generally do not have high priority. He said the City consultant is putting together a more refined analysis and that data will be available soon. Councilmember Scott said he is curious about how the YMCA Pool compares to the Shoreline Pool. Mr. Deal replied that the YMCA Pool is doing a great job and is a great partner.

Councilmember Roberts noted he is happy to see the Healthy City Strategy incorporated and the cultural goals. He said he likes the "all the arts" phrase. He said he would like to see a sub-goal under preserving history under Goal #8 to highlight preserving local history in the community.

Mayor McGlashan felt Goal #39 needs to be better stated so it is clear that it does not refer to increasing the 1% for the arts fund. Mr. Deal agreed. Mayor McGlashan discussed page 21, PR #1 and stated that the changing needs and population reference needs to be looked at and possibly revised. Mr. Deal agreed and said it would be brought to the PRCS Board prior to Council action. Mayor McGlashan inquired if language concerning seeking public input needed to be included in this plan. Ms. Colaizzi replied affirmatively, because the document is primarily prepared for the State and a statement about seeking public input is required.

There was further discussion about school facilities and it was noted that Shoreline School District (SSD) facilities are open to residents and SSD does a good job serving the community.

Councilmember McConnell said she loved the survey and discussed the usability of Shoreline parks. She noted that the youth members of the PRCS board are important because they use the parks. Mr. Deal confirmed for her that the 1% for the arts fund is typical in most communities. Mr. Deal highlighted that there is page on the City website for residents to comment on all art in the City.

Councilmember Roberts inquired if the addition of the SSD sites to the PROS Plan prevents the Cedarbrook group from obtaining funding. Mr. Deal replied that he needs to research this with the funding provider.

Mayor McGlashan pointed out that the pie charts were not in the packet and noted that the poor ratings were reduced by half from 2003 to 2010.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Scott Passey, City Clerk

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