

CITY OF SHORELINE

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

Monday, April 11, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Hall

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 Scott seconded the motion, which carried 6-0 and Deputy Mayor Hall was excused.

(a) Proclamation of Volunteer Week 2011

Mayor McGlashan read the proclamation recognizing the efforts of all those who provided volunteer service for the City in 2010. Patty Hale and Londa Jaques, retiring Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board members, accepted the proclamation and a plaque and thanked the City for recognizing the many contributions of City volunteers.

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Eggen reported on his attendance at a Regional Transit Committee workshop.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: none

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Councilmember Eggen, seconded by Councilmember Scott and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Councilmember Scott, seconded by Councilmember Roberts and unanimously carried, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:

(a) Minutes of Study Session of March 21, 2011

(b) Approval of expenses and payroll as of April 1, 2011 in the amount of \$1,868,490.82 as described in the following detail:

***Payroll and Benefits:**

Payroll Period	Payment Date	EFT Numbers (EF)	Payroll Checks (PR)	Benefit Checks (AP)	Amount Paid
3/6/11-3/19/11	3/25/2011	39138-39338	10630-10660	46594-46605	\$535,896.51
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***Wire Transfers:**

Expense Register Dated	Wire Transfer Number	Amount Paid
3/28/2011	1032	\$3,131.88
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***Accounts Payable Claims:**

Expense Register Dated	Check Number (Begin)	Check Number (End)	Amount Paid
3/22/2011	46497	46498	\$84,306.97
3/22/2011	46499	46499	\$40.00
3/23/2011	46500	46521	\$64,849.65
3/23/2011	46522	46544	\$293,051.84
3/28/2011	46545	46566	\$58,576.94
3/30/2011	46567	46580	\$99,979.04
3/31/2011	46581	46588	\$24,372.17
3/31/2011	46589	46589	\$1,034.46
4/1/2011	46590	46593	\$703,251.36
			<u>\$1,329,462.43</u>

(c) Motion to Approve the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board Member Appointments

(d) Ordinance No. 599 Creating the Federal Treasury Forfeiture Fund Amending the Shoreline Municipal Code

(e) Ordinance No. 600 Amending the 2011 Budget for Uncompleted 2010 Capital and Operating Projects and Increasing Appropriations in the 2011 Budget

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) King County Draft Metro Strategic Plan

Alicia McIntire, Senior Transportation Planner, and Kirk McKinley, Transportation Services Manager, reported on King County's draft 10-year strategic transit plan and the related issues for the City of Shoreline. This plan represents a paradigm shift in the way transit services are provided. She was joined by Victor Obeso, King County Department of Transportation, who provided the details of the newly adopted King County Metro Strategic Plan.

Mr. Obeso discussed King County's new approach which considers recommendations based on productivity, social equity and geographic value. He explained that service guidelines replace the previous allocation policy with use objectives and quantifiable measures. He noted that the guidelines would identify underserved and over-served routes, overcrowded routes, unreliable routes, and routes that have poor productivity. Guidelines will then be used to reduce or restructure service and make investments to address the problems. He discussed specific issues in the City of Shoreline.

Councilmember Eggen added his perspective and noted what is happening with the Strategic Plan. He said the Regional Transit Committee is reviewing the plan and will come out with recommendations. He contrasted this with the previous approach, which included two policies that threatened service in Shoreline. This was not a great deal for the west subarea he said, as the 40:40:20 plan was bad for everyone. He added that from now on cuts and restorations of service would be done proportionately. Additionally, he noted that the RTC is examining some tweaks to the guidelines.

Councilmember Roberts felt that this is generally a great plan and that the 40:40:20 policy is not good for Shoreline. He requested more detail about the routes evaluated by Metro that serve Shoreline. Mr. Obeso commented that Metro evaluated corridors that run all day long and those that run only during peak hours. He said Metro compared demographics, connections, and transit centers and concluded that Route 5 in Shoreline is underserved. He pointed out that there are a dozen peak period routes in Shoreline that are flagged for further review.

Councilmember Eggen noted that the total reduction of service hours is 600 hours and asked that the specific recommendations for the reductions of service that go through Shoreline be provided to the City Manager for distribution.

Councilmember Roberts felt that a route with buses running every 30 minutes should not be called all-day service. He felt that a 20-minute window is more reasonable. Mr. Obeso replied

that the routes are classified under four categories: 1) very frequent; 2) frequent; 3) local, and 4) hourly. He provided the demographics of riders and said riders have other options. He noted that there is a balancing of attractiveness and basic provision mobility.

Councilmember Roberts said he is disappointed with this recommendation and wanted some assurance that Shoreline will have frequent service to these areas. He expressed that transit-oriented development is a priority for the Council and encouraged Metro to make a commitment that service will be frequent so the City can plan for them.

Councilmember Winstead said she is pleased to see the end of the 40:40:20 allocation. She highlighted that the University of Washington route is underserved, but the bus transit needs in Shoreline are deep. She added that she has issues with buses not going into the park-n-rides and said there are traffic and pedestrian problems. She said she feels as if she is not representing her constituents very well because of the lack of support from Metro. Metro, she said, needs to address these problems. Mr. Obeso replied that Metro's responsibility is to work with the contractor on the Aurora Corridor situation and they are trying to attract the overall community to use the system. He explained that it is difficult for drivers to manage 60-foot coaches through the park-n-rides. He added that there are weekly meetings with the contractor on Aurora and they are investigating options for moving buses through the zone. He concluded that safety is Metro's first concern, and delays are a problem.

Councilmember Eggen noted that the Council endorsed the King County Regional Transit Task Force (RTTF) report, which contained a statement of the basic approach. However, he felt it would be useful if the Council wants to generate a letter to re-endorse the basic approach in the Strategic Plan.

Mayor McGlashan commented on the potential reduction of 600 service hours and Mr. Obeso responded that it has not been recommended, but there is some uncertainty. Based on that response, Mayor McGlashan recommended the Council wait a couple weeks for the letter since there is no certainty in the plan. Mr. Obeso responded concerning the letter and noted that there will be a vote on the plan in June and during the months of April and May any changes will be proposed. Ms. Underwood announced that the City staff can draft a letter of support for the new approach. Councilmember Eggen clarified the change to increases or decreases in service would be defined in the strategic plan.

Councilmember Scott appreciated this approach, noting that this plan is thoughtful and makes more sense. He preferred leaving the option open to allow for more critique later.

Ms. McIntire clarified that 60:20:20 refers to the percentage of cuts, not a percentage of service.

Councilmember Winstead supported the draft plan and said the guidelines are better than what the Council has seen before. She also supported drafting a letter of support. She identified that the Council consensus is to send a letter. However, Mr. McKinley suggested the Council wait a couple of weeks to generate a letter.

Ms. McIntyre responded to Council questions and the Council discussed the timing of potential amendments and meetings. Councilmember Eggen clarified that a letter prior to the vote in June would affect the RTC vote and the King County Council vote.

Ms. Underwood replied that Ms. McIntire and Mr. McKinley can work directly with Councilmember Eggen to draft a letter to go out in May concerning this item for the RTC and the King County Council.

(b) 2010 4th Quarter Financial Report

Debbie Tarry, Administrative Services Director, provided the 2010 4th Quarter financial report. Ms. Tarry discussed the General Fund 2010 results and noted that revenues are slightly below projections. She reviewed sales tax trends and noted a slight improvement in retail, with slowing development activity. She noted substantial growth in revenues by program in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services budget. She reported on investment interest trends, General Fund expenditure savings, the 2010 use of revenue stabilization fund, and the 2010 Rainy Day Fund, which has a balance of \$5.4 million. She highlighted the Street Fund gas tax and the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET). Ms. Tarry concluded with the 2010 year End Summary and noted that there are some major development permits filed which will bring new revenue in 2011.

Councilmember McConnell asked if the City is nearing capacity in its parks and recreation programs. Ms. Tarry responded that the City's pool capacity has been reached, but there are additional opportunities depending upon demand and more flexibility in recreational programs.

Mayor McGlashan inquired about the casinos. Ms. Tarry replied that Goldie's executed a promissory note and has made their required payments. However, the City is still waiting for Parker's to sign their note. She highlighted that the increase in gross receipts from the casinos was unusual.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk

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