

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, June 20, 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.

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 reported that last week the Regional Transit Council (RTC) voted on the on Metro Strategic Plan guidelines, which were approved unanimously. He stated that it would be moving onto the King County Council on July 11 for a final vote. He added that Comcast would start a program to supply high-speed internet to low-income families.

Councilmember McGlashan thanked Shoreline School Superintendent Sue Walker, Assistant Superintendent Marcia Harris, and the rest of the Shoreline School District Board for their attendance at the dinner meeting earlier this evening.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Nancy Rust, Shoreline, representing Friends of Bear Reserve, stated that there have been several defects in the City's handling of the closed-record hearing involving the Innis Arden Club and the City.

b) Louis Maxwell, Shoreline, explained a noise problem generated by Top Foods and asked the Council to rectify the situation and consider clarifying the City's vague noise ordinance.

c) David Dobroske, Seattle, urged the Council to support the Glass-Steagall bill in order to help facilitate a nationwide economic recovery.

d) Stewart Battle, Seattle, on behalf of the LaRouche Political Action Committee, stated that his movement is increasing momentum nationally and recent events have vindicated LaRouche.

e) Tony Dondero, Shoreline, editor of the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park *Patch*, urged Council candidates to submit their information to him at Patch.com and urged people to keep reading the website.

Councilmember Eggen commented on the LaRouche campaign.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Roberts asked that item 7(a) be pulled from the Consent Calendar and added as Action Item 8(a). Councilmember Scott moved approval of the agenda as amendment, Deputy Mayor Hall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously and the agenda was approved.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR: none

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

(a) Ordinance No. 606 adopting the Seattle Public Utilities Water Franchise

Deputy Mayor Hall moved to approve Ordinance No. 606, adopting the Seattle Public Utilities Water Franchise. Councilmember McConnell seconded the motion.

Councilmember Roberts noted that the agreement was for three years to renew for two more terms and said it is important to get it right. He said fire protection in Shoreline is insufficient. He referred to Section 8 of the report and asked who defines the levels of service.

Mark Relph, Public Works Director, replied that there is no clear definition, but it is the City's responsibility to monitor it. The City staff would have to compare these policies with other jurisdictions (Seattle) and if there were a desire to change language, the City would have to come to an agreement with SPU. He added that the City would have to look at SPU adopted policies and budget; however, it is clear their level of investment over the next 20 years is very little.

A vote was taken on the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 606, which carried unanimously.

8. ACTION ITEMS: PUBLIC HEARINGS

(b) Public Hearing on the 2012 - 2017 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP and Continued Discussion

Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager, provided a brief staff report, discussed the highlighted schedule, CIP projects, and resources.

Mayor McGlashan opened the public hearing on the 2012-2017 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). There was no one wishing to provide comments. Mayor McGlashan closed the public hearing.

Ms. Tarry provided a presentation on CIP issues including priority sidewalks funding where the staff recommendation is using operating budget savings coupled with alternative revenues. She noted that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) must be changed to reduce the percentage of gambling revenues that go to capital funds. She discussed the Surface Water utility fee increase and said approving the CIP does not mean the fee is approved; the fee is approved as part of the budget adoption. She discussed the Saltwater Park Pedestrian Bridge, which was added back into the CIP because of decking and stabilization problems. She added that the City is waiting for a cost estimate on the repairs. She also noted that City staff would be reduced by 2.5 FTEs and commented on changes to the City's layoff policy.

Councilmember Scott said he liked the idea of prioritizing sidewalk funding with the operating budget savings and that he liked the staff recommendation on Transportation Planning Program options. Councilmember Winstead confirmed with Ms. Tarry that surface water management funds cannot be utilized elsewhere and she favored using operating budget savings for sidewalks. She also favored the staff-recommended layoff policy. Councilmember Eggen supported the approach to sidewalk funding and felt the Council should support surface water efforts, but would like to hear more solutions. He said he is surprised the City does not have a sick leave policy for all separations. He added that he did not think that the state has severance pay. Councilmember McConnell favored the proposed layoff policy. She verified that the Saltwater Park Bridge has been added to solicit grant funds. Councilmember Roberts supported the layoff policy as proposed. He communicated that he supported the four-week severance. He agreed with funding sidewalks with budget savings, but wanted traffic safety improvements to add complete streets, sidewalks, and bike lanes. Deputy Mayor Hall said he would support a \$500,000 pedestrian improvement program by defunding the National Traffic Safety Program (NTSP) and retaining a portion of the general fund contribution in the gambling tax. These funds could be put into sidewalks to backfill the gap in the operating fund transfer, but the challenge with the CIP is asking Council to make decisions on six-year capital program when budget revenues are uncertain. He said he would like to revisit funding for sidewalks during the budget process in the fall. He said he could support the surface water fee increase of \$3/per household.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Hall, Ms. Tarry noted that only three of the nine comparable cities have a sick leave payout. Deputy Mayor Hall asked Ms. Tarry to look into the University of Washington's policy, noting his preference for the City's severance program to be at market rate.

Mayor McGlashan discussed year-end budgeting and Ms. Tarry explained where some of the operating budget savings were allocated. He discussed the City's sick leave policy and the urgency of the Richmond Beach Saltwater Bridge. Mark Relph responded that there are weight limitations and issues with the lateral bracing and bridge deck. He added that the beach would be closed while the bridge is closed.

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At 8:26 p.m., Mayor McGlashan called for a five-minute break. The Council meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

(c) Public Hearing for the 2012 - 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Kirk McKinley, Transportation Services Manager and Alicia McIntyre, Senior Transportation Planner, provided the staff report. Mr. McKinley noted that the TIP is comprised of funded and unfunded projects, which are required by both federal and state government in order to be eligible for grants. Ms. McIntyre reviewed the funded and unfunded projects.

Mayor McGlashan opened the public hearing. There was no one wishing to prove public comments. Mayor McGlashan closed the public hearing.

Mr. McKinley explained to Councilmember Roberts that under the traffic and intersection improvements, the cameras are to tie streets together inter-jurisdictionally and monitor what is happening on the streets. Councilmember Roberts said he would like to see the segment on NE 150th Street in the Southeast Subarea Plan added to unfunded list. Councilmember Winstead verified with Ms. McIntyre that the unfunded list is not prioritized and was originated from the Neighborhood Traffic Action Plan (NTAP) process, which occurred in each Shoreline neighborhood. She said staff would use the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) process to prioritize the list in the future. Councilmember Eggen confirmed that 15th Avenue Northeast does not have a center left-turn lane. Councilmember Roberts questioned if there were sidewalk improvements accessing the proposed park at Aldercrest and Ms. McIntyre replied that they are not included in the TIP, but they will be in the TMP.

9. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Review of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan

Dick Deal, Parks Recreation and Cultural Services Director, and Maureen Colaizzi, Project Coordinator, provided the staff report. Ms. Underwood recognized Ms. Colaizzi for writing the PROS Plan. Deputy Mayor Hall communicated that he appreciated the concise narrative.

Councilmember Roberts discussed Chapter 2 and said he appreciated the demographic statistics. However, he said adding information on renters and owners and their use of the parks might be useful. Councilmember Winstead noted that information related to multi-family and single-family households may be a better way to reflect that information.

Deputy Mayor Hall commented on the age group distribution graphics, noting that certain trends are projected to continue in Shoreline and it is good that the parks system addresses them in the future.

Ms. Colaizzi reviewed the plan and its five major goals.

Councilmember Eggen noted that PRCS is marginally involved in social services and wondered if the goals reflect this fact. Ms. Colaizzi responded that it is addressed in Goal 2 as it discusses serving all people, ages, ability, and ethnicities.

Councilmember Roberts said he likes the way the goals are written; however, he does not see anything concerning the preservation and enhancing of historical features. He suggested adding "and historical features" to Goal 1. Mr. Deal responded that he would suggest creating another policy addressing historical features and would bring it back to the Council next week.

Councilmember Winstead said she appreciated Goal 3 concerning Shoreline's programs for children. Deputy Mayor Hall said he likes the cross-references and how they tie back to the Framework Goals, but he does not favor showing a high level of detail in each section. Ms. Colaizzi agreed, noting that staff intends to remove those cross references in the final draft. Mr. Deal suggested that staff add the Framework Goals as an appendix at the end of the document. The Council concurred.

Ms. Colaizzi continued and said Chapter 4 reviews what the community wants and needs. That information is obtained through a statistically valid survey from 2010, and the results of meetings. This chapter, she noted, has a level of service analysis and the parks classification. Mr. Deal noted that one revision in this document was to address school property as recreational space. Therefore, the level of service analysis indicates the City has more complete parks coverage in neighborhoods due to the inclusion of schools.

Councilmember Roberts confirmed that the plan does not specifically call out community gardens. Ms. Colaizzi pointed out that community gardens would be addressed in the final draft in Chapter 9.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:02 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk

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