

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING

Monday, August 8, 2011
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room C-104 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue N.

PRESENT: Mayor Keith McGlashan, Deputy Mayor Will Hall, and Councilmembers Chris Eggen, Doris McConnell, Chris Roberts, and Shari Winstead

ABSENT: Councilmember Terry Scott

STAFF: Julie Underwood, City Manager; Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager; Joe Tovar, Planning & Community Development Director; Dick Deal, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Programs Manager; Scott Passey, City Clerk

Mayor McGlashan called the meeting to order at 5:54 p.m. All Councilmember were present with the exception of Councilmember Scott.

Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager, reported on the performance audit performed by the Washington State Auditor per the meeting agenda provided to the Council. She touched on the areas of change order pricing for capital projects as well as public records. She also discussed the Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) audit, which resulted in one mandatory item: required documentation of park maintenance and repair records.

The discussion then turned to the topic of the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) Membership in which the Council discussed the advantages and disadvantages of City membership in the SCA.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Winstead regarding the advantages of maintaining membership in SCA, Councilmember Eggen stated that if the City is not involved in the Caucus, then it essentially allows the member cities to control the agenda, which would ultimately affect Shoreline. He suggested that Shoreline maintain membership in the SCA in order to participate on the committees and influence policy in the caucus meetings.

Deputy Mayor Hall noted that Shoreline seems to be out-of-step with the SCA more often than not on controversial issues. He pointed out that the SCA increased budgets when others were cutting budgets. He said Shoreline has many things in common with other

first tier suburbs. He said while the caucus is effective, it is difficult to measure success and sometimes it seems like we have no influence on the policies.

Councilmember Roberts noted that SCA membership make little sense when SCA includes cities with which Shoreline share few commonalities. Councilmember Winstead noted the value of SCA as a means of forming relationships with other council members. Councilmember Eggen emphasized the fact that Shoreline should not hesitate about making its interests known. Mayor McGlashan commented that although the City is at odds with the SCA, it also needs a seat at the table. Mr. MacColl summarized Council consensus to continue exerting influence in the SCA by creating alliances and by trying to raise the one-city, one-vote issue. Deputy Mayor Hall suggested that the City explore the possibility of creating loose affiliations with other cities such as Renton.

The Council then finalized their plans for walking in the Celebrate Shoreline parade and discussed expectations for Council and staff on weekends.

Ms. Tarry then outlined the public records request from Tony Dondero of Patch.com, who requested the salaries and total compensation of select City of Shoreline employees.

Staff then briefed Council on Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn's requests to join forces with the City of Seattle to insist on accountability from the Seattle Weekly and their parent company, Village Voice Media, regarding better monitoring of their backpage.com advertising service in order to prevent prostitution by minors. Mayor McGinn also asked the City to join him and Mayor Pike of Bellingham in opposing the coal trains running along the BNSF right-of-way through Seattle and Shoreline. Staff also referred Council to the memo regarding the 1% for Arts issue, which was in response to a question from Deputy Mayor Hall about whether 1% Art funds could be used for operational costs.

Councilmember Winstead suggested that the City consider allowing alcohol in parks for banquets and special events, if all the costs are built into the permit fees. She suggested that this be allowed on a trial basis in Cromwell Park and perhaps the upper terrace at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park. The Council discussed the merits of this idea.

Dick Deal, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director, provided information regarding a proposal to designate City parks as tobacco free zones. He noted that the program would have to rely on self-enforcement for the most part and would require appropriate signage in parks. He concluded that a Tobacco Free Park policy would promote the City's Health City strategy. There was brief Council discussion and Councilmember Roberts expressed some concerns about how the program would work.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Scott Passey, City Clerk