

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

Monday, November 14, 2011
6:30 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Keith McGlashan, Deputy Mayor Will Hall, and Councilmembers, Doris McConnell, Chris Roberts, and Terry Scott

ABSENT: Councilmembers Chris Eggen and Shari Winstead

STAFF: Julie Underwood, City Manager; Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager; Scott Passey, City Clerk; Joan Herrick, Web Developer; Tho Dao, Information Systems Manager; Eric Bratton, Management Analyst

GUESTS: none

Mayor McGlashan called the meeting to order at 5:49 p.m.

Council iPads

Ms. Tarry introduced City staff and explained that February 1st is the goal date for delivering iPads to the City Councilmembers.

Joan Herrick, Web Developer, explained how Councilmembers would be able to use their iPads for accessing Council agendas, staff reports, and meeting materials rather than receiving paper copies each week.

There was discussion about the various models, applications, and general operation of the iPad unit. Staff agreed to check with other jurisdictions using the iPad and iPhone about the advantages and disadvantages of employing a centrally-managed system versus an individually-managed system. Council agreed it would be advisable to receive both the iPad and a paper binder for the first few Council meetings.

It Gets Better Project

Eric Bratton, Management Analyst, played two Youtube videos highlighting the “It Gets Better” Project (IGBP), a program which provides hope to LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender) youth. Following the videos, Mr. Bratton asked for Council feedback to determine if there is consensus to pursue a similar project in Shoreline.

Ms. Underwood suggested that the project may have some linkage with the Council's Healthy City Strategy in terms of promoting tolerance, public health and safety.

The Council discussed the merits and intended audience of such a project. Staff pointed out that it would be essential to have a support network in place if such a project moves forward. It was noted that the target audience in the IGBP videos is LGBT youth; however, there was some Council support to also include bullies in the target audience. It was pointed out that the videos direct viewers to many available resources. The Council discussed the need to involve community partners such as the Shoreline School District and Shoreline Community College. It was noted that the message would be more effective if it came from young people or the school superintendent, school board, or college president.

The discussion then turned to the topic of the intended message itself, and whether it should be limited to bullying of the LGBT community or if it should include bullying based on race, gender, religion, etc. Some Councilmembers expressed a preference for a message focusing on diversity and tolerance in general.

Deputy Mayor Hall felt that as the Council is provided more information, perhaps this issue could be considered at the Council's next goal-setting retreat. He expressed discomfort with directing staff to proceed until it goes through the Council's goal setting process because it involves a budget allocation and resources. Councilmember Scott felt there should be no reason to wait if the project can be tied to an existing Council policy such as Healthy Cities.

Direction was given to staff to poll the absent Council members about this project as well as to initiate a conversation with the School District.

Recruitment for City Positions

Marci Wright, Human Resources Director, provided a brief update on the recruitment process for two positions in the City: Administrative Services Division (ASD) Director; and Planning & Community Development (PCD) Director.

At 6:55 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk