

**CITY OF SHORELINE**

**SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL  
SUMMARY MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION**

Monday, December 5, 2011  
7:00 p.m.

Shoreline City Hall - Council Chambers  
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**

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

**4. COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilmember Eggen discussed the final SeaShore Transportation Forum of the year and noted that WSDOT will start tolling Highway 520 this year and reminded citizens to obtain a Good-to-Go pass.

Councilmember Roberts said WRIA-8 and other improvement districts are considering legislation to allow WRIsAs to tax and fund themselves. He asked if the Council had any thoughts about the proposal. He stated that it would be a multi-year process. Councilmember Eggen pointed out that there isn't any enabling state legislation for a watershed investment district yet. Deputy Mayor Hall added that salmon recovery is a federal responsibility under the Endangered Species Act and it may be more effective to lobby the federal government. He said he is concerned and would advise caution in proceeding. Councilmember Eggen responded that the federal government won't have the money to do salmon recovery and it will be something the City will have to work on. Deputy Mayor Hall said that this should be added to a meeting agenda and the Council should discuss at a future meeting to take a position with the recommendation

from the City staff. Councilmember Winstead said she would like to have a more in-depth discussion before a position is taken by the Council. Councilmember Roberts clarified that right now this item is a discussion of interested parties.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) LaNita Wacker, Shoreline, expressed support for democracy and thanked all the candidates who ran in the election and said she is a supporter of democracy, adding that there are future challenges facing the City of Shoreline.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Hall, seconded by Councilmember Winstead and carried unanimously, the agenda was approved.**

7. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Discussion of Master Plan for Park at Town Center

Dick Deal, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director, introduced Tricia Juhnke, Capital Projects Manager, and Greg Brower, Berger Partnership. Mr. Deal provided an update of the draft Vision and Phase 1 Report for the Park at Town Center Master Plan and outlined the preferred design features of the site, noting that it is a long-term plan in which features would be added in phases over a 30-year period.

Mr. Brower provided the history and background of the project and explained the public process involved in formulating a recommendation to the Council. Based on the comments and direction provided by Council at the July 5, 2011 Council meeting, the City staff, in conjunction with the Berger Partnership, developed a draft Vision and Phase 1 Master Plan Report, which creates a vision for this space with elements that can be implemented immediately and over the next 10 years yet also provide a vision that is flexible and adaptable as the area changes over the next 30 years. He reviewed the key elements of the vision and the Phase 1 plan, including the brick roll-back feature that highlights the history of the red brick road.

Mr. Deal discussed the concepts of early activation (creating interest and use of the park), a sculpture walk, a festival or event in summer 2012, and the planting of trees or other vegetation. He stated that there are banners to frame the site which will be added in the beginning of 2012. He added that the City is pursuing grant opportunities because this is currently unfunded. However, he felt that with the completion of the master plan, funding should be available around 2014.

Councilmember Winstead commented that she likes the water feature, but noted that there isn't a water fountain anywhere for runners and bikers. Additionally, she noted that there isn't any restroom besides the one in City Hall. She discussed art with Mr. Deal who informed the Council that they would be on display for 12-18 months. She discussed the crosswalks to City Hall and parking at the City Hall garage. She wondered about the possibility of a farmer's market, either

at the Interurban Trail or in the City Hall parking garage. Mr. Deal responded that he is meeting with the group to devise a strategy by 2012. She noted that the brick roll-back is creative and appreciated highlighting the City's history.

Councilmember Eggen said he also liked the brick roll-back and inquired about the concept of signage for 14 nodes for each neighborhood. Mr. Deal replied that it is a conceptual master plan and that will have to be worked out with the neighborhoods. He noted that the neighborhood meetings concerning this were not well-attended.

Councilmember Eggen commented on the importance of not losing any of this area to parking, and noted that there isn't any reference to children in the plan. He also confirmed that the area will have grass and light ground cover because Seattle City Light will not allow trees on the property.

Councilmember Roberts inquired if it was feasible to have a farmer's market on the red brick road along the Interurban Trail. Mr. Deal responded that the only issue would be allowing for trucks to deliver the goods because of the storm drainage and other issues there. He added that the area by 185<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a good site, too. Councilmember Roberts also expressed concern about design elements at 180<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Mr. Brower responded that if something was done today it could be adjusted to meet the longer term vision. Councilmember Roberts stated that he would prefer that nothing be installed in the right-of-way at that location. He stated that this funding would compete with Echo Lake and Mr. Deal pointed out that it doesn't because Echo Lake has been funded. Councilmember Roberts stated he would rather put more funding into the Echo Lake development.

Deputy Mayor Hall commented that the City should consider other competing priorities. He also encouraged integrating "activity" to coincide with the City's Healthy City Strategy. Mr. Brower replied that different elements for the area will be investigated. He discussed the water feature and putting the benches on rails.

Councilmember McConnell expressed concern about too many deciduous trees around the drainage. She supported the farmer's market, the water feature, and said it would be nice to have a water fountain. She stated that the vegetation was an issue and it should be open. Mr. Deal noted that it wouldn't be difficult to locate a drinking fountain on the Interurban Trail site because there is existing infrastructure. Mr. Brower added that it would demonstrate public benefit and that is a key element Seattle City Light would like to see.

Deputy Mayor Hall suggested reminding Seattle City Light that they are a ratepayer-funded utility and Shoreline residents pay even more for their services.

Councilmember Winstead noted that the Parks Board was vetted on playground elements and cautioned that safety is needed through vegetation plantings, etc.

Mayor McGlashan confirmed that the park does not have an official name yet. He supported having a playground area and discussed the sculpture. He commented that it would be nice to have art along the entire trail. Also, he noted that the crosswalks by the City Hall driveway and

others have not been repainted since the repaving. Ms. McIntyre replied that there are liability issues concerning crosswalk placement and normally they are only at signalized intersections. Mayor McGlashan commented that it is better to have one at the City Hall building to connect it to the Interurban Trail.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:21 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

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Scott Passey, City Clerk