

CITY OF SHORELINE

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

Monday, April 2, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber – Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

PRESENT: Mayor McGlashan, Deputy Mayor Eggen, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember McConnell, Councilmember Winstead, Councilmember Salomon, and Councilmember Roberts

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.

- (a) Proclamation declaring April as Eats4Health Month in the City of Shoreline

Councilmember Winstead read the proclamation declaring April 2012 as Eats4Health Month in the City of Shoreline. Shoreline Youth Ambassadors from Shorewood High School, Melanie Ministerio, Kimberly Ha, and Paolo Jimenez accepted the proclamation and commented on the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor McGlashan reported on the King County Emergency Services Levy renewal committee and related issues.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Lori Longo, Principal of Kellogg Middle School, speaking on behalf of the Shoreline School District, urged the City to continue the surface water fee waiver for the School District.

b) Greg Logan, Shoreline, commented favorably on the Boeing Creek Park improvements.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember McConnell moved approval of the agenda, moving item 7(c) to item 7(a). Councilmember Hall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously and the agenda was approved.

7. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Shoreline Youth Ambassadors

Mary Reidy, Recreation Coordinator and Waldo Nambo-Ojeda, Teen Program provided the staff report. Kimberly Ha, a Shoreline Youth Ambassador (SYA), introduced Ambassadors Kayla Caldwell, Josh Teng, Paul Jimenez, Stuart Ley, Melanie Ministerio, and Forest Taylor. She communicated that they focus on youth issues, community events, volunteering, and other special community projects. The group discussed the results of a SYA survey and its objectives and demographics. They communicated where Shoreline youth socialize, communication modes, awareness of teen programs, and that 25% of the teens surveyed don't support them. The group communicated what changes they would like to see in the community and that Shoreline's youth feel they have no voice, power, opportunities, or active encouragement from adults.

Councilmembers asked various questions and thanked the group for their informative presentation. Many ideas were shared about what the City can do to get involved and help Shoreline's youth feel empowered. Mayor McGlashan confirmed that the Council could get in contact with younger, middle school students to inform them on how they can contact the City. Mr. Nambo-Ojeda replied that they could be contacted through the Hang Time program, YMCA, and other programs.

(b) Sound Transit Update

Alicia McIntire, Senior Transportation Planner, was joined by Patrice Hardy and Natasha Sauers from Sound Transit (ST). Ms. McIntire noted that Sound Transit is requesting Council give input on the alignment options and station locations currently under consideration in the environmental process. She added that Sound Transit staff will use Council's input, as well as feedback received from other jurisdictions and the public, to develop a recommendation to the Sound Transit Board regarding the alternatives to evaluate in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Based upon the information provided to Council and City staff by Sound Transit and the discussion by Council at their annual strategic planning and goal setting retreat, she said City staff recommends Council identify a preference for the 145th and 185th stations and the alignment on the east side of I-5. If Council agrees, staff will prepare a letter to Sound Transit on behalf of the Mayor summarizing this preference.

Ms. Sauers stated that the project has been renamed the Lynnwood Link Extension and presented the I-5 Alternative Analysis done last year. She noted that the I-5 alternative represents higher ridership, lower cost and impacts to the neighborhoods. She reviewed the criteria and the screening/evaluation process for the DEIS. She noted that based on the suggestions derived from the scoping process held in October 2011, which included three public and one agency meeting, King County asked that Sound Transit look at locating a station on 125th, 130th, or 155th, citing congestion on 145th and transit difficulties. She noted that the City of Shoreline asked Sound Transit to look into locating the baseline station on the west side. She also noted that there was a suggestion to have a 220th station also.

Continuing, Ms. Sauers stated that the evaluation is based on a performance in comparison to I-5 stations from the 2011 Alternative Analysis. She explained the criteria, which includes transportation performance, ridership potential, environmental effects, station area development, cost implications, constructability, and right-of-way/property implications. She stated that scoping comments included a request to consider an alternative station to NE 145th Street. She said there isn't any better value between 125th and 130th, and their recommendation is to have a station on NE 130th as an alternative to having a station on NE 145th Street. Continuing, she said having a station on the west side of NE 185th is difficult and expensive to construct and having an east side alignment to Mountlake Terrace to Lynnwood has higher environmental impacts with no advantages over other alternatives. She also noted that although a 220th station wasn't included in ST2, it has been added to the scope. She stated that there were public "drop-ins" in March 2012 and the main topic areas included support for I-5, bike/pedestrian access, property acquisition concerns, east-west transportation issues, parking, noise, visual impacts, and property value impacts. There was more support for NE 145th among Shoreline participants. She outlined the next steps and the schedule going forward, which include publishing the DEIS in May 2013.

Ms. Hardy added that the ST Board is meeting as the Capital Committee on April 12 and will hear a briefing on the project and at the end of April they will advise what they want to see in the DEIS.

Councilmember Roberts noted that this seems to be becoming a Seattle versus Shoreline issue with the support for NE 130th and NE 145th station. He inquired what ST has found regarding 130th and 145th in terms of transit-oriented development. Ms. Hardy replied that ST doesn't have good information between both options and the DEIS needs to be done to determine the issues with both sites. She noted that the ST Board meeting will cover transit-oriented development. Ms. Sauers said ST will consider the development surrounding these two sites. He noted that ST should take into account Shoreline's preferences and noted that there isn't any Shoreline representation on the ST Board and Seattle has three members.

Councilmember Salomon inquired if there was more Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) right-of-way on NE 145th versus NE 155th. Ms. Sauers replied that there is more WSDOT right-of-way at NE 145th and at present, she cannot estimate how much private property would be impacted.

Councilmember Hall said he prefers not to think of this as Seattle versus Shoreline, noting that there are systemic travel issues in the Puget Sound and trips from Shoreline are longer than trips

from Seattle. He encouraged people to look at this as a system. He added that the City has worked with King County Metro, Community Transit and Sound Transit on the system in Shoreline. Ms. Sauers noted that they are also working with them about how to provide connections. Councilmember Hall added that ST has a copy of Shoreline's principles and encouraged the ST Board to review them.

Deputy Mayor Eggen emphasized the need for parking, at least in the short term. He noted that Shoreline will work with ST on any station that is selected. Councilmember Salomon noted that the Council has had discussions about acquiring NE 145th. Councilmember Winstead pointed out that having a light rail station at NE 155th would impact neighborhoods more, and the City wants robust development around their stations. She concurred that parking is essential. Councilmember McConnell stated that ST has been thorough in outreach and Shoreline is excited. She noted that the Council favors development around the light rail stations and ST will get support no matter which way it happens. Mayor McGlashan pointed out that the Council recommendation is to have light rail stations at NE 145th Street and NE 185th Street. He concluded that the Council will prepare a letter to ST.

(b) Park, Recreation and Cultural Services Board/Tree Board 2012 Work Plans

Dick Deal, Park, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Director, Bill Clements, Chair of PRCS Board, and Jesse Sakuro, Vice Chair, shared all of the 2011 accomplishments and the 2012 Park/Tree Board Plan.

Mr. Clements reviewed the Parks Board Work Plan, Tree Board, the parks repair and replacement strategy, and the tobacco-free parks legislation. He also gave an SPU acquisition update, a board bylaws update, and noted that items to be done in the 2nd Quarter include a review of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), operating budget, and other plans and projects city-wide. He explained that 4th Quarter projects included creating a Parks Stewardship program, doing a pool assessment, reviewing the Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Plan, and conducting a Parks Board assessment. He discussed the Tree Board work plan which included reviewing existing urban forest resources, developing an urban forest management plan, and implementing an Arbor Day event.

Councilmember Winstead said it is wonderful to see the parks develop and discussed trails. She added that the department did a great job with their donations to the Prom Shop and the interlocal agreements with the school district and the Shoreline Community College. She expressed concern of the aging pool and suggested that the work begin on identifying what will be done to replace or repair it. Councilmember Salomon thanked Mr. Clements and Mr. Sakuro for their service.

Deputy Mayor Eggen said he isn't clear what the tree board structure will be and Mr. Deal replied that PRCS board members will serve as the tree board along with residents coming forward on study groups as needed. Deputy Mayor Eggen noted that the neighborhoods haven't been brought along in the discussion. He said he hopes there is some mechanism to get Shoreline neighborhoods involved.

Mayor McGlashan discussed Innis Arden M Reserve and access to it. He also noted that there wasn't any mention of a possible park in Aldercrest. Mr. Deal noted that the school properties (Aldercrest, Sunset, Cedarbrook) would be added in the School Use Agreement with the Shoreline School District.

(c) Shoreline Historical Museum Update

Vicki Stiles, Executive Director of Shoreline Museum, provided the background on the museum, including its history, programs, and exhibits. She discussed the Trillium Heritage Award, reviewed certain exhibits, and described the facility as a meeting space and a research service for the City. She highlighted the numerous partners, sponsors, and supporters of the museum. She discussed the museum finances and noted that the \$125,000 capital fund grant helped with the museum relocation.

The Council thanked Ms. Stiles for her report and for the value and services the museum provides.

(e) Surface Water Utility Discussion: Tiered Residential Rates & Shoreline School District Fee Credit Options - Continued Discussion

Jesus Sanchez, Public Works Operations Manager introduced Brian Landau, Surface Water Manager, and Art Griffith from Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). Mr. Sanchez noted that the City staff is seeking direction about a tiered rate structure. He highlighted the types of rate structures the City can take. Mr. Landau outlined the corrections on Table 2 of the Council packet, which shows the distribution of residential lots of different sizes.

Councilmember Hall said he doesn't support a tiered structure because moving in that direction will have negative consequences. He felt that the system today is fair in a simple way and every residential parcel pays the same rate. Everyone agrees that every parcel has some impact. He felt it is also fair to do a proportional system based on each parcel's runoff. He felt that everything in between is something approximate and it adds complexity to the equation. He said there are many parcels that would be treated unfairly if a tiered system is adopted and he is not interested in increasing surface water rates.

Councilmember Roberts expressed interest in understanding the difference between the tiers if there were only two tiers. Ms. Underwood said she would provide a response to the Council. He discussed the Shoreline School District (SSD) fee credit policy and asked what SSD does for Lake Forest Park. Mr. Landau replied that he was not aware of what Lake Forest Park does or requires from the school district. He also noted that the cost is associated with educational activities and they are used as a credit against the surface water management fee.

MEETING EXTENSION

At 9:57 p.m., Councilmember Winstead moved to extend the meeting for fifteen minutes. Councilmember Salomon seconded the motion, which carried 7-0.

Councilmember Salomon said he is interested in the idea of parcel owners paying for their own proportionate amount of surface water runoff and to incentivize the program to help people with lower impacts. He felt that basing the program on lot size doesn't seem to be a good metric to measure, but expressed interest in hearing more thoughts on it. Mr. Sanchez agreed that there should be different iterations of rate structures. However, he warned that the more complex the program, the more administrative costs there will be. He said incentives could apply with any rate or any program, including the existing program.

Councilmember Winstead concurred with Councilmember Hall and said the rates are hard to tell from lot size. She wondered if there is a more creative way to do incentives and/or rewards. She noted that the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is interested in delaying the collection fee from SSD. Councilmember McConnell opposed having a tiered system and said she is conflicted on the SSD credit issue. Councilmember Salomon said he isn't comfortable collecting this fee. He discussed the City of Bremerton model.

Councilmember Hall agreed with Councilmember Salomon and said funding education is paramount in the State of Washington. He explained that there isn't a current fee waiver and that this is an oversight because King County failed to bill SSD for the surface water over the years. He said he is comfortable with delaying it, but the policy question is who should pay the share of the cost.

Councilmember Roberts felt that the only way he would be comfortable giving this credit is if they were to do something that benefits the utility, as in repairing Storm Creek, by Syre Elementary, not by doing field trips or providing classes on surface water.

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At 10:14 p.m., Councilmember McConnell moved to extend the meeting for fifteen minutes. Councilmember Roberts seconded the motion, which carried 7-0.

Deputy Mayor Eggen said that a tiered structure is a valiant effort to bring fairness to the rates and said he cannot agree to charge SSD more. Councilmember Salomon felt strongly that education is a paramount duty. Mayor McGlashan agreed with Deputy Mayor Eggen and said a tiered program would be preferred, but it would create a management problem. He said he also struggles with the SSD issue. He felt the Council needs some options for giving the credit.

Mr. Sanchez summarized that the City has to address the credit/fee issue and that NPDES requires a strong educational component.

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:25 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk