

**CITY OF SHORELINE**

**SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL  
SUMMARY MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING**

Tuesday, May 29, 2012  
7:00 p.m.

Council Chamber - Shoreline City Hall  
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 pm., 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, with the exception of Councilmember Hall, who previously requested an excused absence due to personal business.

**Upon motion by Councilmember Winstead, seconded by Councilmember McConnell and carried 6-0, Councilmember Hall was excused.**

3. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

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

Kirk McKinley, Transportation Services Manager, provided an update about neighborhood concerns with the median on N. 192nd Street. He stated that he met with about fifty residents, most of them residents of the Blakely Apartments. He discussed the background of the project and highlighted the proposed community involvement process. He explained the key turning movements and noted the left-turn restrictions on both driveways. He noted that the City temporarily removed turn restrictions to manage construction and they are being reinstalled now. He discussed the issues identified by the Echo Lake Neighborhood Association and those residing in the developments. Mr. McKinley also discussed the traffic counts and speeds in the area. Richard Meredith, Traffic Engineer, noted that the traffic counts were taken on 192<sup>nd</sup>.

The Council and staff discussed various issues related to the N. 192<sup>nd</sup> Street road improvements, including:

- Safety statistics/reports of accidents
- Traffic not stopping at the Interurban Trail crossing
- Traffic circles
- Fire department access
- Education and outreach
- Paving amenity zones
- Working with Sky Nursery and Seattle City Light on haul road access
- Improving the timing of the light at Aurora Avenue North/192<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North
- Police enforcement
- Signage
- Neighborhood traffic safety program
- Eastbound traffic on 192<sup>nd</sup>
- Traffic volume data

Ms. Underwood noted that it costs less to have the median installed than have it removed. Mr. McKinley recommended a public meeting on June 26 and reporting the results to the Council.

#### 4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Winstead reported on the ribbon-cutting for Richmond Beach Yoga and on the Growing Transit Communities Oversight Committee meeting.

Councilmember McConnell reported on an event she and Deputy Mayor Eggen attended for Bethany Smith at Shorewood High.

Deputy Mayor Eggen commented that Silicon Energy is interested in a public/private partnership to lease the City Hall roof and install solar panels.

Mayor McGlashan reported on the Sound Transit meeting, the NorthLink ribbon cutting, and discussed the parking plan at Northgate.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Don Dudley, Shoreline, Blakely Apartment resident, said some elements of the 192<sup>nd</sup> Street mitigation were never enforced and that the only thing restricted was the lower unused driveway.

b) Tim McCall, Shoreline, urged the City to reevaluate N 192<sup>nd</sup> Street, noting that the left turn restriction was never enforced, accidents have not increased, and the volumes are misleading.

c) Marvin Gershenfeld, Shoreline, said that people at the Blakely Apartments are being inconvenienced by having to turn west and then onto Aurora Avenue. He also expressed concern about moving vans entering Echo Lake Apartments from N 192<sup>nd</sup> Street.

d) Marcie Riedinger, Shoreline, felt the traffic circles should be made into four-way stops, noting that everyone knew that development would impact neighborhood traffic.

e) Karen Gottlieb, Shoreline, urged the City to remove the island and allow vehicles to make left turns, noting that there has never been a left turn prohibition or signage there.

f) Derek Creisler, Shoreline, identified the parking on 192<sup>nd</sup> Street as a major cause of the problem because Blakely Apartment residents don't contribute much to the traffic equation.

g) Thomas Bagon, thanked the City staff for visiting Blakely Apartments and discussed the potential occupancy of businesses on the main floor of the buildings.

#### 6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**Upon motion by Councilmember McConnell, seconded by Councilmember Roberts and carried 6-0, the agenda was approved.**

#### 7. CONSENT CALENDAR

**Upon motion by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Winstead and unanimously carried, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:**

- (a) **Minutes of Workshop Dinner Meeting of April 9, 2012**  
**Minutes of Special Meeting of April 16, 2012**  
**Minutes of Study Session of April 16, 2012**  
**Minutes of Workshop Dinner Meeting of April 23, 2012**  
**Minutes of Business Meeting of April 23, 2012**

(b) **Approval of expenses and payroll as of May 18, 2012 in the amount of \$1,188,101.18 as specified in the following detail:**

**\*Payroll and Benefits:**

<b>Payroll Period</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>EFT Numbers (EF)</b>	<b>Payroll Checks (PR)</b>	<b>Benefit Checks (AP)</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
		<b>44913-</b>			
<b>4/15/12-4/28/12</b>	<b>5/4/2012</b>	<b>45108</b>	<b>11663-11694</b>	<b>50193-50199</b>	<b>\$411,510.03</b>
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**\*Accounts Payable Claims:**

<b>Expense Register Dated</b>	<b>Check Number (Begin)</b>	<b>Check Number (End)</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
<b>5/8/2012</b>	<b>50132</b>	<b>50132</b>	<b>\$625.69</b>
<b>5/8/2012</b>	<b>50133</b>	<b>50157</b>	<b>\$382,238.68</b>
<b>5/10/2012</b>	<b>50158</b>	<b>50164</b>	<b>\$8,510.11</b>

5/10/2012	50165	50184	\$66,785.50
5/10/2012	50185	50190	\$899.65
5/10/2012	50191	50192	\$60,244.92
5/16/2012	50200	50226	\$95,772.24
5/16/2012	50227	50233	\$2,492.41
5/16/2012	50234	50253	\$155,228.28
5/16/2012	50254	50262	\$3,793.67
			<u>\$776,591.15</u>

(c) **Adoption of Resolution No. 327 Adopting the Shoreline Master Program**

(d) **Approval of Neighborhood Mini-Grant Funding for Ballinger and North City Neighborhood Associations**

8. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Discussion of Capital Improvement Program and Sidewalk Funding

Ms. Underwood stated that City staff is looking for Council direction regarding proposed CIP as well as sidewalk funding. She introduced Mark Relph, Public Works Director, and Bob Hartwig, Administrative Services Director, who provided the staff report.

Mr. Hartwig provided the 2012-2017 CIP Update. He reviewed the CIP priorities and alternative revenue sources. He outlined the City's limited capital resources and highlighted the local funding options available. Mr. Relph highlighted each of the four CIP areas and discussed the fact that the pool assessment is the most prevalent emerging issue in the facilities maintenance portion.

Councilmember Salomon expressed concern about the high estimated cost for a pool consultant. Mayor McGlashan inquired if King County could assist with the pool assessment since it is one of the Forward Thrust pools. Deputy Mayor Eggen added that since those pools were built around the same time there maybe statistics on failures, which may inform the assessment. Mr. Relph responded that all options will be considered as the CIP is developed.

Mr. Hartwig continued with the General Capital Fund and discussed the primary revenue source, the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), which he said isn't fully covering the debt service on the bonds. He added that the 2006 Parks bond proceeds are paying for the final projects.

Mr. Relph highlighted that the emerging issues from the fund are the Public Works maintenance facility and the Saltwater Park Pedestrian Bridge repairs, which was removed from the CIP last year to balance the fund. He noted that the Public Works maintenance facility at Hamlin Yard has outgrown its use. He said that there is a struggle to maintain a level of safety at the facility. He discussed the advantages and possible acquisition of Brugger's Bog Maintenance Facility in the future and utilizing it as the Public Works Maintenance Facility. He noted that the timing is quite complex and in the coming months more clarity will be brought to the Council.

Councilmember Salomon verified the location of Hamlin Yard and Ms. Underwood replied that the concept is to invite the Council for a tour of the Brugger's Bog site and the current site. Mr. Relph replied to Deputy Mayor Eggen that the Hamlin site is inadequate for parking and the storage of equipment. Deputy Mayor Eggen also noted that the SPU acquisition might have a significant impact on the situation.

Councilmember McConnell inquired about the \$12 million cost and wanted to know if that amount included the possibility of the City acquiring a utility. She agreed that the Hamlin site is overcrowded and said she is surprised there haven't been any accidents there already. Mr. Relph replied that the site acquisition costs are included in the staff report.

Mr. Relph discussed the deteriorating decking of the Richmond Beach Saltwater Park bridge. Councilmember Roberts inquired if the City is applying for grants to repair the bridge, to which Mr. Relph replied that the City will begin looking for grants that qualify.

Councilmember Winstead wondered if the cost of redirecting foot traffic is added to the estimate. Mr. Relph replied that it isn't and that will be analyzed with the assistance of the railroad.

Mr. Relph confirmed for Councilmember Salomon that the bridge is not an imminent safety hazard and estimated that within five years it will need some attention.

Mr. Hartwig discussed the Surface Water Utility Fund and said the fees cover both the operating and capital expenditures. Mr. Relph discussed the Surface Water Utility Fund emerging issues, which are the replacement of existing culverts, the aging system, and asset management. He noted that the basin plans will define and drive future projects.

Mr. Hartwig highlighted the Roads Capital Fund and noted that the revenue sources are the REET, the Transportation Benefit District (TBD) fee, grants, and General Fund contributions. Key projects are the annual roads surface maintenance, Aurora Avenue North, and sidewalk projects, such as Briarcrest and 15th Avenue NE.

Mr. Hartwig pointed out that there is new grant funding of \$3.4 million for the completion of Aurora Avenue North. He also discussed the awarding of grant funds for a separated bike trail at NE 195<sup>th</sup> Street and traffic signal upgrades. He noted that there are some grant funded projects that are still under consideration. Mr. Relph noted that the emerging issues are funding for roads surface maintenance, sidewalks, the 145th corridor annexation, and other transportation improvements and priorities. The City also has issues with the match requirement for some grants. He noted that staff suggested a future strategy for which grants the City pursues and a minimum fund balance just for that purpose.

Councilmember Roberts noted that in order to get the Aurora Avenue North project started, there was a federal funding process which allows Congress to earmark funds and gives cities the ability to match.

Mayor McGlashan inquired about the general capital primary sources of revenue and the King County voter approved trail funding. Councilmember Winstead explained that it was a voter approved levy.

Mr. Hartwig discussed funding alternatives for sidewalks and stated an option would be to reallocate funding, use budget savings, increase or add another vehicle license fees under the TBD (voter-approved), increase or add a sales tax initiative specifically for TBD, or add another local improvement districts. However, TBD funds are limited and can only be used for transportation projects.

Mayor McGlashan inquired if sidewalks could be funded with TBD funds and Mr. Relph replied that there are specific criteria. Councilmember Winstead inquired if the City staff can put together a white sheet about what it would cost to do sidewalks throughout the City. She noted that when the Parks bond was put together, the committee knew how much it would take to do a certain amount of work. Mr. Relph replied that it would cost \$90,000 per block for sidewalks on both sides of the street. He added that the Transportation Improvement Plan is scheduled to be briefed to the Council on June 18 and more information will be provided. He also noted that the specifics of what the TBD funds can be used for can be explained to the Council.

Deputy Mayor Eggen felt that the priority sidewalks illustrate where the City has determined that sidewalks would be most beneficial.

Councilmember Roberts felt there are two different ways to approach funding: 1) priority sidewalk projects; and 2) encouraging neighborhoods to build sidewalks on their own through local improvement districts (LIDs). Mr. Relph concurred, noting that the City would still need to front the costs and establish policies.

Mayor McGlashan asked if the City has a priority sidewalk program, to which Mr. Relph replied that the schools where they were supposed to be built closed, so there wasn't a need for them any longer.

Councilmember Salomon commented that the budget request to do a site analysis for a police station seems high. He wondered if some of the fees for consultants could be lowered and the savings reserved for sidewalks. Additionally, he expressed skepticism about LIDs because he doesn't see the costs being allocated properly among the residents. He also noted that it would pull the City away from the priority sidewalk program and sidewalks would be built here and there without any guidance. He felt that an analysis should be done about the possibility of raising sales tax rates.

Deputy Mayor Eggen questioned if there were any cities that got a positive vote on increasing their TBD sales tax or license fees. Mayor McGlashan replied that he discussed it with King County and all of them failed because they were voter-approved. There was Council and staff discussion concerning TBD funds and how they could be utilized.

Deputy Mayor Eggen said he attended a tree board meeting and they discussed a plan for dealing with the trees King County planted prior to the incorporation of Shoreline that have ripped up

sidewalks. He noted that the City has a significant sidewalk repair problem. Mr. Relph responded that a couple of years ago he brought this issue up to the Council and the repair of sidewalk and pruning of these 14,000 trees is a major issue that can only be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Councilmember McConnell said she doesn't want to ask the residents for more and would like to have more research done and hear more about LIDs.

Mr. Hartwig concluded the presentation by outlining the timeline for the CIP.

(b) Discussion of the Proposed Process for Developing the 10-Year Financial Sustainability Plan

Mayor McGlashan suggested the Council table item 8(b) to July 16.

**Councilmember Roberts moved to postpone item 8(b), Discussion of the Proposed Process for Developing the 10-Year Financial Sustainability Plan to the July 16 meeting. Councilmember McConnell seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:32 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

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Scott Passey, City Clerk