

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

Monday, June 11, 2012
5:45 p.m.

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

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Salomon

STAFF: Julie Underwood, City Manager; Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager; Mark Relph, Public Works Director; Rachael Markle, Planning & Community Development Director; Scott Passey, City Clerk

GUESTS: Shoreline Fire Department: Chief Mark Bunje, Deputy Chief Dave Jones, and Commissioners Ken Callahan, Jim Fisher, David Harris, and Rod Heivilin

At 5:57 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor McGlashan, who presided.

Joint Emergency Planning Efforts

Julie Underwood, City Manager, led a brief discussion about the partnership with Shoreline Fire Department (SFD), incident command, and other issues related to joint emergency planning.

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Acquisition

There was discussion about the City's due diligence process in pursuing acquisition of the SPU water system within Shoreline city limits. Chief Bunje commented on the historical problems associated with working with King County prior to City incorporation, which he said seems to mirror some of those associated with working with SPU. He noted that local control was one of the reasons the City of Shoreline was formed.

Commissioner Harris reported on the work of the SPU Steering Committee and characterized it as a very good process with a diverse group of people.

There was a discussion about the need for a reevaluation of the entire system, particularly the deficiencies related to fire hydrant maintenance and system flushing.

Chief Bunje responded to Council questions relating to hydrant maintenance, emphasizing the fact that hydrants are only one part of the equation.

The Council then discussed what the Fire Department has done to ensure the adequacy of the City's fire flow system. Mr. Relph pointed out that the SPU acquisition originally started out as a discussion about normal maintenance and different models for repair and replacement. However, when it became apparent that SPU would not be able to rectify the deficiencies in the system without additional costs to the Shoreline rate payers, it became a discussion about acquisition.

Following brief discussion about fire response techniques at parks, deficiencies in the system, and other fire flow incidents, Mr. Bunje concluded that while there is a sufficient amount of water in the system, the problem lies in getting it to all areas of the City.

Sound Transit – Station at 155th and I-5 in the DEIS

Chief Bunje noted that the Sound Transit Station at N. 155th and I-5 is a topic of discussion on a future Fire District agenda. There was brief discussion about how a Sound transit station would impact the N. 155th fire station, as well as the adopted policies for land use surrounding the ST stations.

2013 EMS Levy

Chief Bunje discussed the proposed 2013 Emergency Medical Services levy and the analysis behind the strategy to address the degradation in the level of service due to lack of funding.

Mayor McGlashan commented on the different approaches being discussed by the Regional Services Committee, including emergency response and community medical technicians (CMT).

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

Scott Passey, City Clerk