

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, July 23, 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. Mayor McGlashan called for a moment of silence for the tragedy that occurred in Aurora, Colorado.

(a) Appreciation of Outgoing Parks Board Youth Members

Mayor McGlashan recognized the outgoing Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board members Kayla Caldwell and Ellen Anderson. Kayla Caldwell thanked the City for the opportunity to serve.

(b) Proclamation of 29th Annual "National Night Out"

Mayor McGlashan read the proclamation declaring August 7th as the 29th Annual National Night Out. Denise Shafer of the Richmond Highlands neighborhood accepted the proclamation and thanked the City for the recognition.

3. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember McConnell reported on issues discussed at the National League of Cities (NLC) Human Development Steering Committee meeting.

Mayor McGlashan reported on issues discussed at the NLC Community and Economic Development Steering Committee meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Gretchen Atkinson, Shoreline, reported on the Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Steering Committee process and encouraged the Council to move forward with the SPU acquisition.

b) Edie Loyer Nelson, Shoreline, said she was a member of the SPU Steering Committee and supports the recommendation to put the question of SPU acquisition to the voters.

c) Charlotte Haines, Shoreline, Shoreline Water District Commissioner, commented on the many uncertainties of the SPU acquisition proposal such as costs of separation, capital improvement projections, and overall costs to operate and maintain the utility.

d) Diane Pottinger, Bellevue, District Manager, Shoreline Water District, stated that it is premature to put the SPU acquisition on the November ballot due to the unknowns in costs and projections, noting that the southeast corner of the City is no longer a part of the acquisition.

e) Larry Schoonmaker, Shoreline, Shoreline Water District commissioner, stated that SPU acquisition is a big business decision and there is more data to be reviewed.

f) Wendy DiPeso, Shoreline, spoke against the SPU acquisition and discussed costs, rates, and the City's due diligence process.

g) Joseph Irons, Shoreline, supported the SPU acquisition as a member of the SPU Steering Committee.

h) Greg Logan, Shoreline, expressed mixed feelings about the SPU acquisition and urged the Council to postpone putting it on the ballot for a year.

i) Debbie Kellogg, Shoreline, voiced concerns about the SPU acquisition due to rate increases and disproportionate impacts on the elderly, young families, and single-family ratepayers.

j) Tom Jamieson, Shoreline, felt the Council should continue to study the ongoing issues related to the SPU acquisition but felt putting it on the ballot should be considered as a separate question.

k) Pat Murray, Shoreline, commented on tree loss in Shoreline and urged the Council to consider a 20% minimum coverage requirement on private property.

Ms. Underwood responded to Mr. Murray's comments.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Councilmember McConnell, seconded by Councilmember Winstead and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

(a) Minutes of Special Meeting of July 9, 2012

(b) Approval of expenses and payroll as of July 12, 2012 in the amount of \$5,759,723.24 as specified in the following detail:

***Payroll and Benefits:**

Payroll Period	Payment Date	EFT Numbers (EF)	Payroll Checks (PR)	Benefit Checks (AP)	Amount Paid
6/10/12-6/23/12	7/2/2012	45702-45902	11801-11852	50671-50675	\$519,110.31
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***Accounts Payable Claims:**

Expense Register Dated	Check Number (Begin)	Check Number (End)	Amount Paid
7/5/2012	50676	50682	\$3,500.00
7/5/2012	50683	50683	\$780.00
7/5/2012	50684	50692	\$29,865.39
7/5/2012	50693	50704	\$4,184,179.86
7/5/2012	50705	50708	\$197.42
7/5/2012	50709	50730	\$91,793.48
7/9/2012	50731	50731	\$109.49
7/12/2012	50732	50747	\$717,102.22
7/12/2012	50748	50752	\$7,420.12
7/12/2012	50753	50783	\$43,556.68
7/12/2012	50784	50787	\$2,308.27
7/12/2012	50788	50789	\$159,850.00
7/12/2012	50789	50789	(\$50.00)
			<u>\$5,240,612.93</u>

(c) Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with the Shoreline School District for Briarcrest Safe Routes to Schools Project

(d) Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Doolittle Construction LLC for Pavement Resurfacing Using Bituminous Surface Treatment (BST)

(e) Adoption of Resolution No. 330 Fixing the Date for a Public Hearing on the Vacation of a Portion of 30th Ave. NE North of NE 149th St.

8. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Discussion of 2011 Police Services Efforts and Accomplishments

Ms. Underwood introduced Shawn Ledford, Shoreline Police Chief, who provided the 2011 Police Accomplishments Report. Chief Ledford presented results of the citizen satisfaction survey, cost comparisons, crime rates and statistics, calls for service, and plans going forward.

Councilmember Roberts discussed trends in the number of block watches and Officer Leona Obstler from the Westside Neighborhood Police Center responded that they have stayed consistent since 2011 and there have been six block watch meetings this year.

Responding to Councilmember Salomon, Chief Ledford explained the difference between Part 1 and Part 2 crimes. Chief Ledford further explained that there have been over 1,300 adult and 100 juvenile arrests and he isn't not sure how those break down in Part 1 and Part 2 crimes. Councilmember Salomon requested information concerning the percentage of part 1 crimes solved per year. Councilmember Salomon also asked what the variance in the police per capita was compared to other cities. Chief Ledford explained it involves the size of the commercial versus residential districts of the cities.

(b) Council Goal 2: Acquisition of Seattle Public Utilities Water System in Shoreline

Ms. Underwood made introductory remarks and introduced Mark Relph, Public Works Director, and Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager, who provided the staff report. Ms. Tarry noted that this presentation is a follow-up from the June 11 Council meeting. She highlighted the Steering committee letter and other developments. Ms. Tarry highlighted the total cost of \$40.8 million, which consists of the \$26.6 million acquisition cost, and the \$14.2 million initial improvements and separation costs (based on 2012 costs). She noted that the acquisition would occur in 2020. She highlighted that this aligns itself with Council Framework Goals #2 and #14.

Mr. Relph highlighted the Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) service area being west of I-5 and the smaller area in the southeast of the City. He discussed the retail water service area, Olympic View concerns, physical capacity, and supply reliability. He noted that CH2MHill confirmed the findings that the City's post acquisition system will supply the demands of all customers, the water will be supplied from two places with very high reliability, and there will be adequate water for Shoreline and for the wheeling agreements to adjoining water districts.

Ms. Tarry discussed the steering committee criteria and their work. She added that the committee consisted of a very diverse group of people and that twenty-one of the twenty-three members

recommended approval. She added that they approved because the committee wanted local control, representation, investment, maintenance of the utility within the SPU projected rate structure, enhanced capital reinvestment, and to maintain rates and taxes in Shoreline, not Seattle.

Mr. Relph noted that the Seattle City Council's Library, Utilities, and Center Committee (LUC) passed a resolution to negotiate a purchase-sale agreement. He added that the next step is consideration of the resolution by the entire Seattle City Council.

Ms. Tarry discussed the City Manager recommendation and noted that it is a long term Council goal. She added that the City staff has done its due diligence and discussed the engineering/financial analysis, risk assessment/sensitivity analysis, citizen committee recommendation, and community support. Ms. Tarry highlighted the acquisition timeline.

Deputy Mayor Eggen, Councilmember Winstead, Councilmember McConnell, Councilmember Salomon, and Councilmember Hall each spoke in favor of moving forward with the acquisition and explained their individual rationale. They thanked the members of the Steering Committee for their contributions and for the hard work and effort that has been expended in studying this issue. It was noted that the City is not necessarily committed to acquiring the water system even if it is placed on the ballot.

Councilmember Roberts expressed mixed feelings about putting this on the November ballot due to outstanding concerns raised by various parties. He raised questions about interim financing, bonding, cost projections, interest rates, ballot language, worst-case scenarios, long-term franchise agreements with the City of Seattle, and estimates of costs for the SE Subarea portion not counted in the original purchase price. City staff responded to his inquiries. Councilmember Roberts expressed his preference to consider placing the acquisition on the 2013 ballot, noting the difficulty of justifying it this year when there are still several unanswered questions. He then asked about legal considerations.

At 9:33 p.m., at Councilmember Hall's request, Mayor McGlashan announced that the Council would recess into an Executive Session for a period of 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation. At 9:42 p.m., the Mayor emerged and announced that the Executive Session would be extended until 10:00 p.m. At 9:50 p.m., the Executive Session concluded and the Business Meeting reconvened.

Councilmember Roberts suggested that the Council divide the issue into two separate questions: 1) whether voters say we should or shouldn't move forward; and 2) authorizing purchase of SPU. He requested staff assistance in developing a motion. Deputy Mayor Eggen added that it's not just a matter of ballot language but also how to handle pro/con committees.

Councilmember Hall moved that the Council direct staff to return on Aug 6th with ballot language for a single ballot measure for Council to adopt on the November ballot and to recruit members to serve on a pro/con committee for that single ballot measure. Councilmember McConnell seconded the motion.

Councilmember Roberts spoke against the motion and moved to amend the motion to allow the staff to work with any Councilmember to develop alternative language to the ballot measure. Deputy Mayor Eggen seconded the motion. Mayor McGlashan spoke against the amendment. A vote was taken on the motion to amend, which failed 2-5, with Deputy Mayor Eggen and Councilmember Roberts voting in the affirmative.

Mayor McGlashan made concluding remarks in favor of moving forward with the acquisition and thanked all those involved in working toward the best interest of the citizens, including, Council, staff, citizens, Steering Committee members, and the Seattle City Council.

MEETING EXTENSION

At 10:00 p.m., Councilmember Winstead moved to extend the meeting for ten minutes. Deputy Mayor Eggen seconded the motion, which carried 7-0.

Mayor McGlashan concluded his remarks. Councilmember Salomon commended Deputy Mayor Eggen for his thoughtful comments and about the long-term benefits associated with acquiring the utility.

A vote was taken on the motion that the Council direct staff to return on Aug 6th with ballot language for Council to adopt to place the SPU acquisition on the November ballot and to recruit members to serve on a pro committee and to recruit members to serve on a con committee, which carried 6-0, with Councilmember Roberts abstaining.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:04 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk