

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, September 10, 2012
4:30 p.m.

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

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Hall

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager; Kirk Peterson, Park Maintenance
Superintendent; Mark Relph, Public Works Director; Shawn Ledford,
Police Chief

GUESTS: None

At 4:30 p.m., Councilmembers and staff met at the main entrance of City Hall, entered a City tour bus and visited the following sites:

- Shoreline Police Station
- Hamlin Park Maintenance Yard
- Brugger's Bog Park (King County Maintenance Yard)
- James Keough Park

During the tour, staff highlighted various features and functions of the sites. The Council and staff returned to City Hall at approximately 6:40 p.m.

At 6:50 p.m., the workshop dinner meeting was called to order by Mayor McGlashan, who presided.

Ms. Tarry led a discussion about police station conditions and needs. She noted that the Capital Improvement Plan includes a feasibility study for the police station. There was general agreement that the City needs a police department that is functional, efficient, and viewed as a City priority. Councilmembers made various comments about the need for improvements at the police facility. Ms. Tarry explained that the 2012 CIP Police Station Facility Analysis is funded by investigative seizure funds. The Feasibility Analysis will provide multi-year space and program needs based on the number of full-time equivalents (FTE).

Discussion continued regarding the inadequacies of the current police facility. There was also discussion about possible locations for a new police station, including property at Shoreline District Court, James Keough Park, and City Hall. Chief Ledford commented on the benefits and efficiencies that would result from co-locating the police station at City Hall. Ms. Tarry summarized that the preliminary site analysis, program review and public process would kick off this fall as part of the 2012 Facility Analysis.

There was some concern on the part of Councilmembers about making sure there is adequate staff capacity to take on this project, given that the City is planning for other projects such as Seattle Public Utilities and Ronald Wastewater District.

The discussion then turned to a discussion about potentially consolidating two neighborhood police storefronts and establishing one storefront centrally located at City Hall. There was also discussion about the possibility of acquiring a mobile unit that would allow the police department to establish a presence in the neighborhoods. Councilmembers were in general agreement that a mobile unit would assist in crime prevention and create a higher level of visibility in neighborhoods and commercial areas. It was noted that the leases on the current storefronts conclude in April 2013. The discussion was very preliminary, recognizing that staff wants to dialogue more with police volunteers, staff, and the community about the potential change, but the City Manager wanted a preliminary indication from Council if they would be supportive of a potential change.

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk