

CITY OF SHORELINE

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

Monday, September 24, 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 Hall, and Councilmember Salomon

ABSENT: Councilmember Roberts

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

Deputy Mayor Eggen led the flag salute. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present with the exceptions of Mayor McGlashan, Councilmember McConnell and Councilmember Roberts. Mayor McGlashan and Councilmember McConnell were scheduled to arrive late due to City business elsewhere.

Councilmember Hall moved to excuse Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Winstead. Motion carried 4-0.

3. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Eggen reported on test software developed by Metro which determines the amount of parking required at multifamily housing units. He noted that he attended a Growing Transit Communities Oversight Committee meeting where he received a report on real estate issues.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Wendy DiPeso, Shoreline, urged support of a plastic bag ban and expressed concern that the Council is not providing adequate oversight of staff, particularly with respect to Proposition 1.

- b) Bill Bear, Shoreline, spoke in favor of a plastic bag ban due to environmental concerns.
- c) Conor Bronsdon, Seattle, on behalf of Environment Washington, spoke in favor of a plastic bag ban and discussed the detrimental effects of plastic on wildlife and humans. He presented a petition containing signatures of persons who support a ban.
- d) Jack Malek, Shoreline, Richmond Beach Community Association, thanked the City for continued support of the neighborhoods through the mini-grant program.
- e) Arthur Peach, Shoreline, spoke against a plastic bag ban due to a lack of research and information and also enforcement problems.
- f) Emma Jornlin, Seattle, on behalf of Environment Washington, spoke in support of a plastic bag ban, adding that the Northwest Grocers Association supports it.
- g) Janet Way, Shoreline, on behalf of Shoreline Preservation Society, spoke in favor of a plastic bag ban, noting that Shoreline citizens support a ban and surveys show citizens want environmental sustainability.
- h) Jan Stewart, Shoreline, announced a Diggin' Shoreline class called "Seed saving as an activist practice." She also spoke in favor of a plastic bag ban.
- i) Boni Biery, Shoreline, favored a plastic bag ban on businesses, noting that it isn't an outright ban and it will cause people to be more responsible since they wouldn't be free.
- j) Afia Menke, Shoreline, commented that Shoreline has an opportunity to be a leader with respect to plastic bags, adding that plastic never breaks down in the environment.

Ms. Underwood noted that a plastic bag ban is a pending item for a future Council agenda.

Mayor McGlashan arrived at 7:35 p.m.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Councilmember Winstead, seconded by Councilmember Hall and carried 6-0, the agenda was approved.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Winstead and carried 6-0, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:

- (a) **Approval of expenses and payroll as of September 14, 2012 in the amount of**

\$711,033.69 as specified in the following detail:

***Payroll and Benefits:**

| Payroll Period | Payment Date | EFT Numbers (EF) | Payroll Checks (PR) | Benefit Checks (AP) | Amount Paid |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Prior period check voided/re-issued | | | 11992/12020 | | \$0.00 |
| 8/19/12-9/1/12 | 9/7/2012 | 46812-47014 | 12021-12054 | 51369-51374 | \$414,042.01 |
| | | | | | \$414,042.01 |

***Accounts Payable Claims:**

| Expense Register Dated | Check Number (Begin) | Check Number (End) | Amount Paid |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 9/5/2012 | 51260 | 51280 | \$86,888.50 |
| 9/6/2012 | 51281 | 51290 | \$15,354.46 |
| 9/6/2012 | 51291 | 51315 | \$37,745.34 |
| 9/6/2012 | 51316 | 51326 | \$1,673.13 |
| 9/12/2012 | 51327 | 51342 | \$36,827.31 |
| 9/12/2012 | 51343 | 51368 | \$118,367.14 |
| 9/13/2012 | 51375 | 51375 | \$135.80 |
| | | | \$296,991.68 |

(b) Approval of Neighborhood Mini-Grant for the Richmond Beach Neighborhood Association

Councilmember Hall departed the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

8. STUDY ITEMS

(a) 2012 Citizen Survey Results

Julie Underwood, City Manager, introduced Ron Vine, ETC Institute, and Eric Bratton, Management Analyst, who provided highlights of the 2012 Community Survey Findings.

Mr. Vine reported on the City’s most important services and current trends and noted the benchmarks against prior surveys. He communicated the responses received by mail and phone and the demographics of those who responded. Mr. Vine reported that 72 percent of respondents noted that the City is moving in the right direction and that many service areas show increases in service satisfaction. He highlighted the major findings of the study and noted that the flow of traffic and congestion and quality of police services should receive the most attention over next two years.

Councilmember McConnell arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Continuing, Mr. Vine discussed the survey results and trends in the areas of City maintenance, Code Enforcement, public safety, and Parks and Recreation. He stated that transportation is only area where two or more areas have dipped. The City also rated high when it comes to a place to live, work, and raise children. He noted that the overall ratings on the image of the City, City staff, and quality of leadership, based on the survey, have all increased. He stated that 49 percent of the City believed the City should consider a plastic bag ban according to those surveyed and that the vast majority of citizens are satisfied with the City's capital investments. He pointed out that 67 percent of those surveyed supported the City's emphasis on economic development and discussed the responses to the question concerning the City budget. He concluded by explaining the Importance/Satisfaction Assessment Matrix.

Councilmember Salomon inquired why the police satisfaction level is down. Mr. Vine noted that it is a snapshot of time and the drop occurred between 2010 – 2012. He added that there have been a couple of high-profile incidents that occurred just before the survey came out which may have had an effect. Councilmember Winstead said it would be helpful to have the dates the surveys are conducted and a summary of major events that happened prior to the survey.

Councilmember McConnell felt the City should pass on the information from the survey to Sound Transit and Metro. Ms. Underwood responded to her question about the survey item addressing Shoreline as a good place to work. Councilmember McConnell inquired about the survey question regarding a plastic bag ban, to which Mr. Underwood replied that the City should pose the question if it should be added to the Council work plan.

Deputy Mayor Eggen inquired about the enforcement of sign regulations and Mr. Bratton replied that the question needs to be investigated more to clarify what the response means. Deputy Mayor Eggen also discussed the level of safety in various places and noted that the City has had a bad couple of years for major crimes. Mr. Vine added that the overall feeling of safety has not really changed since 2004. He pointed out that the recent major crimes hit right before the survey came out, but the safety numbers haven't budged.

Councilmember Winstead felt the questions should differentiate between daytime or nighttime safety. Councilmember McConnell concurred, adding that the average person feels safer in the day. Ms. Underwood responded that the results will be shared with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board and the police.

Mayor McGlashan discussed question 22 concerning the City pool. He stated that the satisfaction level with parks has remained constant over the years. He stated that the pool repair/replacement discussion will be difficult in the future. Mr. Vine stated that there is a good possibility that a lot of people just don't know about the pool and it probably has very little adult usage. He suggested there be more than one question about the pool in the next survey. Councilmember Winstead commented on pool usage and that the City should be careful how the information is interpreted.

Ms. Underwood communicated that the Shoreline pool is competing with newly renovated or built municipal pools and felt that it may be time to study the pool.

(b) 2013 Legislative Priorities

Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, discussed the draft legislative priorities. He outlined the challenges facing the state and noted that local transportation funding is a major issue for cities and counties. Mr. MacColl added that he is seeking approval of legislative priorities in order to have direction when he goes to Olympia. He highlighted the legislative priorities and core principles.

Councilmember Roberts arrived at 9:04 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Eggen commented that it seems a councilmanic increase of Transportation Benefit District (TBD) authority to \$40 couldn't be utilized for transit, and that a one percent Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) must be shared between the County and City and only used for maintenance and roads funding. Mr. MacColl responded that one of the two would be the tool for raising transportation revenue. Deputy Mayor Eggen added that the City Council should specify a general support for transit funding.

Deputy Mayor Eggen discussed Priority #4, NPDES Phase II, and asked if the City is spending other monies and if this is a big issue for Shoreline. Mr. MacColl replied that if the City were to get the funds to take care of the federal requirement, it would free up money to do other things with stormwater projects around the City. Ms. Underwood noted that the Surface Water Master Plan identifies a need for more staff to complete the NPDES requirements, so it is an unfunded mandate.

Mayor McGlashan agreed with Deputy Mayor Eggen on transit funding. He pointed out the dual need for both transit and roads maintenance funding.

(c) Initiative No. 1185 (I-1185) Discussion

Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager, provided the staff report. She explained that I-1185, which reaffirms I-1053, will be on the November ballot. She added that it requires a 2/3 vote of legislature to "raise taxes." "Raising taxes", she said, is defined as any action or combination of actions by the state legislature that increases state tax revenue in any fund, budget or account. She noted this study item requires scheduling of a public hearing if the Council wishes to take a position on the matter.

Councilmember Roberts felt the Council should not take a position due to election timing. He stated that the State revenue will be affected and anyone concerned about preserving basic services should individually raise awareness about this issue so people know the local impact.

Mayor McGlashan confirmed Council consensus to not bring this item back.

(d) Council Meeting Schedule Discussion

Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager, presented a proposal to change the Council Rules to cancel City Council meetings during weeks in which a legal holiday occurs on a Monday and to hold meetings on fifth Mondays.

Councilmember Winstead commented that four-day weeks are condensed and having Tuesday Council meetings makes them more challenging. She said it seems people like consistency, and having meetings on the fifth Mondays versus the Tuesday after a holiday Monday seems to be a better solution. Councilmember McConnell agreed that consistency is important, adding the Council would be more efficient if the meeting was held on the fifth Mondays instead of the day after a holiday Monday.

Councilmember Roberts suggested the language be revised to "shall meet every Monday except for legal holidays" and requested that staff review the Council Rules for internal consistency. He felt this is a good change and it should go on the Consent Calendar at the next meeting.

Mayor McGlashan agreed with the Council comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk