

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, October 1, 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 7:03 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.

(a) Proclamation of Disability Awareness Month

Mayor McGlashan read the proclamation declaring the month of October 2012 as "Disability Awareness Month" in the City of Shoreline. Don Cavanaugh, a long-term volunteer with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department, accepted the proclamation.

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 Hall discussed the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Legislative Committee preliminary legislative priority report was adopted and the final report will be released soon.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Steve Goldstein, Shoreline, expressed concern about the City's business licensing program and characterized it as negative and bureaucratic. He felt the City should make efforts to encourage small businesses in the City.

b) Wendy DiPeso, Shoreline, expressed concern about the *Currents* article about Proposition 1, which she felt was overly optimistic and did not include information about actual costs.

c) Tom Jamieson, Shoreline, expressed concern about the City survey results on safety, noting that the overall feeling of safety fell from 83 percent in 2010 to 78 percent in 2012.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember Hall and carried by a vote of 7-0, the agenda was approved.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Councilmember McConnell, seconded by Councilmember Roberts and carried by a vote of 7-0, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:

(a) **Minutes of Special Meeting of September 10, 2012**
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(b) **Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract with Pellco Construction in the amount of \$344,625 for the Briarcrest Safe Routes to School Project**

(c) **Approval of Ordinance No. 646 Amending the 2012 Budget and Fee Schedule**

8. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Criminal Justice Services and Costs

John Norris, Management Analyst, provided a brief overview of criminal justice services and issues. He defined the five aspects of criminal justice services, which include jail, municipal court, prosecution, police, and public defense. He outlined the total 2004-2011 criminal justice costs and reviewed the following cost containment actions: the possibility of changing the usage of the current jail provider, having police contracts with Kenmore, jail and court operations, jail alternatives, and starting "street PR" for some warranted defendants.

Shawn Ledford, Shoreline Police Chief, discussed 2011 and 2012 Part 1 and Part 2 crimes. He reviewed five Part 1 high profile crimes (rape and homicide) in Shoreline. He noted that his

department needs to work with the public on education and communication to reduce crime and the fear of crime. He commented on the survey results regarding residents' feelings of safety.

Deputy Mayor Eggen expressed concern with the increase in major crimes compared to previous years and wondered how education and communication with citizens would help. Chief Ledford responded that the police could help educate the public on how to reduce and prevent crimes of opportunity. He responded that the police do investigate violent crime trends, gangs, and domestic violence issues; however, he is not seeing the presence of gangs in Shoreline.

Councilmember Salomon and Mayor McGlashan wondered about the merits of allocating \$20,000 for counsel at out-of-custody arraignments. Anne Harper, King County District Court Judge, who was also in attendance, responded to Council questions and explained why it is a best practice for defendants to have independent counsel at their arraignments.

Mr. Norris highlighted that public defense services at the arraignment can be a part of the request for proposal (RFP) if Council would like to pursue it, adding that the City has applied for grant funding for this for the 2013 budget.

The Council then discussed the issue of "Street PR", or giving police officers the authority to issue court dates in the field to persons with warrants, which avoids the costs of arrest and transportation to court. Chief Ledford explained that such program provides an incentive for a person to appear in court if they're not going to be picked up on the warrant. Judge Harper said she has noticed problems and this program seems to be reasonable for some but may not be for others. Staff clarified the seven criteria for the "Street PR" program and that they involve Shoreline misdemeanor warrants only.

In discussing the contract with King County Sheriff's Office in general, Mr. Norris pointed out that there are lots of extras such as the Marine Unit, Major Crimes Unit, and the use of a helicopter. Councilmember Roberts stated that the perception of safety doesn't seem to follow the numbers. Chief Ledford responded that there is a need for public education because 30 percent of total crimes are crimes of opportunity, such as people leaving their doors and windows open. The Council and staff then discussed the efforts being made to enhance, promote, and expand the block watch program throughout the City. Ms. Underwood responded that she personally signed over forty letters to block watch organizers, and the City continues to work with them. She said there is a focus group being developed and noted that education is greatest deterrent.

Responding to Deputy Mayor Eggen, Mr. Norris said he could provide more information at a later date regarding the frequency of non-custodial arraignments. Councilmember Salomon guessed that most defendants are out-of-custody and most need public defenders. Jim Schlotzhauer, Public Defender, explained the importance of having independent counsel and an arraignment, which is a first and critical step in the criminal process. Responding to Deputy Mayor Eggen, Mr. Norris said the estimate for contracting counsel for non-custodial arraignments is \$26,000, which is the amount the City requested from the State Office of Public Defense.

Councilmembers discussed the merits of adding \$26,000 to the budget for counsel at non-custodial arraignments. Councilmember Hall felt that this is not the proper way to make budget decisions, noting that the community would also benefit from hundreds of other services. He felt the appropriate time to make budget decisions is in the context of the budget proposed by the City Manager. Councilmember Salomon suggested including it as a budget item and identifying other possible cuts. Ms. Underwood responded that the City can talk to the budget office to see if this will work, but she remains concerned because this would be an ongoing budget expenditure.

Mayor McGlashan requested Council feedback on an extension of the Snohomish County jail contract. Councilmember Hall noted that the chart shows jail costs have gone up every year except when the City started using Snohomish County jail. Mr. Norris explained that the current contract is valid through 2016 and the City can extend for four or more years.

Ms. Underwood verified for Mayor McGlashan and the Council that the City staff has direction concerning their review of municipal court services and other criminal justice services.

Deputy Mayor Eggen verified with Mr. Morris that there are changes to public defense policies occurring in September 2013, but the public defender can manage the 2013 case load. However, there will need to be a new request for proposals (RFP) in 2014. Deputy Mayor Eggen clarified that going forward, the policy says if the City doesn't have a weighting system, each attorney must not have more than 400 cases.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:41 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk