

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

Monday, October 15, 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, Salomon, Winstead, and Roberts

ABSENT: none

STAFF: Julie Underwood, City Manager; Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager; Scott Passey, City Clerk

GUESTS: None

At 5:50 p.m., the workshop dinner meeting was called to order by Mayor, who presided.

Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, discussed the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) Bylaws amendments the Council was considering proposing that would change the rules for representation and voting. He pointed out that since Deputy Mayor Eggen was elected to the SCA Board and SCA seems to be making some changes, he requested Council direction on whether to move forward with the amendments.

The following points were made during the discussion:

- The SCA Public Issues Committee (PIC) seems to be doing a better job recording the votes, but it is not necessarily done in all caucuses and committees.
- Anecdotal information suggests that members are better informed by the SCA leadership, but records still do not indicate how a “city” voted.
- There is little evidence things have changed, and the SCA is not even posting approved minutes on their website.
- Deputy Mayor Eggen can address the City’s concerns with the Executive Director and try to negotiate an administrative solution to the problems.
- There is no public record of where the policies come from due to the lack of recorded votes. The SCA represents over one million people, and there is a lot of

diversity in the organization evidenced by the occurrence of divided votes. It is important for the SCA to promote the values of transparency, ethics, trust, and keeping an accurate legislative history.

- The two issues at hand include: 1) Allowing Councilmembers to state their position on behalf of their cities; and 2) Votes in the PIC.
- Despite the fact that the SCA already has a voting rule regarding controversial issues, the City's proposed amendments should move forward.
- The Council should continue to consider the purpose and effectiveness of the SCA as well as fairness issues regarding the amount of influence cities have in relation to the amount of dues paid.
- The City of Shoreline's interests seem to be more aligned with cities like Lake Forest Park and Kenmore as opposed to eastside or south-end cities.
- There seems to be a shift in philosophy in the SCA in terms of advocacy for bringing disparate cities together. The SCA provides good value for the dollar now and it's likely to get even better.
- The City needs to be involved in the SCA, if only as a broker for policy compromises.
- The City of Shoreline would be less effective if it were not a regional player.

Following the discussion, Mr. MacColl summarized Council consensus to submit the amendments to the SCA Board; Deputy Mayor Eggen noted that he would notify the Board of the proposed amendments.

On a different note, Mr. MacColl stated that the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) dues will not change, but there might be some options for providing better service to the bigger cities. He suggested that the AWC is willing to listen to proposals.

The meeting concluded with a brief discussion of a recently-announced town hall meeting at Ronald Wastewater District.

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

Scott Passey, City Clerk