

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, January 14, 2013
7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers - 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.

(a) Presentation to King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson

Mayor McGlashan presented former King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson with a key to the City award and thanked him for his service on behalf of the City of Shoreline. Mr. Ferguson thanked the City Council for the gesture and for its service on behalf of the community.

(b) Proclamation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mayor McGlashan read the proclamation declaring Monday, January 21, 2013 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Shoreline. Waldo Nambo Ojeda, Teen Program Recreation Assistant, introduced the following members of the Shoreline Youth Ambassadors, who accepted the proclamation and commented on Dr. King's contributions to society: Malik Drammeh, Piper Jeromsky, Andrew Rwamashongye, Rodez de la O, Hazel Navarro, and Paolo Jimenez.

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 Winstead reported on the opening of the HealthPoint community care facility in Bothell. Councilmember McConnell reported on the SeaShore Transportation forum and the Water Quality forum, and Councilmember Roberts reported on the Sound Cities Association (SCA) Public Issues Committee (PIC).

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Suzanne Pardee, Shoreline, on behalf of the North King County Green Party, urged the Council to adopt a resolution opposing the coal trains proposal due to economic, environmental, and health impacts.

b) Donna Eggen, Shoreline, spoke against the coal trains proposal due to health, environmental, infrastructure, and traffic impacts.

c) Gabriel Pinnick, Shoreline, urged the Council to join other jurisdictions by drafting home rule ordinances that would ban coal trains within municipal boundaries.

d) Rachel Sowash, Shoreline, discussed corporate greed, environmental impacts, and rights-based ordinances within the context of her overall opposition to the coal trains proposal.

e) Lance Young, Shoreline, on behalf of the Interurban Trail Tree Preservation Society, urged the Council to include provisions addressing forest canopy preservation in the Seattle City Light franchise agreement in order to make them enforceable.

f) Wendy DiPeso, Shoreline, spoke against the coal trains proposal primarily due to their detrimental impacts and inconsistency with economic development goals.

g) Debbie Kellogg, Shoreline, stated that Shoreline should consider acquiring Seattle City Light within Shoreline because it is consistent with the rationale for assuming the Seattle Public Utility water system.

h) Janet Way, Shoreline, spoke against the coal trains proposal and requested that Council direct City staff to explore the possibility of establishing a home rule.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Roberts and unanimously carried, the following Consent Calendar item was approved:

(a) Approval of expenses and payroll as of January 4, 2013 in the amount of \$4,990,368.03 as specified in the following detail:

***Payroll and Benefits:**

Payroll Period	Payment Date	EFT Numbers (EF)	Payroll Checks (PR)	Benefit Checks (AP)	Amount Paid
		47996-			
11/11/12-11/24/12	11/30/2012	48185	12193-12219	52142-52146	\$508,115.39
		48186-			
11/25/12-12/8/12	12/14/2012	48375	12220-12244	52244-52249	\$417,853.39
		48376-			
12/9/12-12/22/12	12/28/2012	48568	12245-12269	52293-52300	\$538,820.23
					<u>\$1,464,789.01</u>

***Wire Transfers:**

Expense Register Dated	Wire Transfer Number	Amount Paid
12/27/2012	1063	\$3,375.06
		<u>\$3,375.06</u>

***Accounts Payable Claims:**

Expense Register Dated	Check Number (Begin)	Check Number (End)	Amount Paid
12/6/2012	52065	52092	\$165,288.07
12/6/2012	52093	52093	\$1,590.00
12/6/2012	52094	52101	\$36,891.13
12/6/2012	52102	52125	\$25,862.66
12/6/2012	52126	52141	\$5,691.56
12/14/2012	52147	52156	\$15,431.54
12/19/2012	52157	52169	\$36,380.34
12/19/2012	52170	52193	\$867,095.93
12/20/2012	52194	52199	\$623.03
12/20/2012	52200	52211	\$89,587.10
12/20/2012	52212	52223	\$169,118.54
12/20/2012	52224	52241	\$341,086.81
12/20/2012	52242	52243	\$39,554.06
12/27/2012	52250	52268	\$127,051.94
12/27/2012	52269	52275	\$10,459.99
12/27/2012	52276	52286	\$927,303.88
12/27/2012	52287	52291	\$11,536.13
12/27/2012	51998	51998	(\$3,189.20)
12/27/2012	52292	52292	\$3,189.20
1/3/2013	52301	52314	\$89,369.65
1/3/2013	52315	52324	\$26,666.30
1/3/2013	52325	52337	\$24,900.31
1/3/2013	52338	52346	\$1,943.11

1/3/2013	52347	52366	\$508,771.88
1/3/2013	52367*		
1/3/2013	52058	52058	(\$16.43)
1/3/2013	52368	52368	\$16.43
			<u>\$3,522,203.96</u>

8. ACTION ITEMS

- (a) Adoption of Resolution No. 337 Amending the Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program Policies and Procedures

Debbie Tarry, Assistant City Manager, and Nora Smith, Neighborhoods Coordinator, provided a brief staff report and recommended that Council adopt Resolution NO. 337, modifying the Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program policies and procedures.

Councilmember Hall moved approval of Resolution No. 337, amending the Neighborhood Mini-Grant Program Policies and Procedures. Deputy Mayor Eggen seconded the motion. Each Councilmember spoke in favor of the motion except Councilmember Salomon, who objected on the basis that it reduces the requirements and it won't necessarily encourage more participation by less active neighborhoods. **A vote was taken on the motion to approve Resolution No. 337, which carried 6-1, with Councilmember Salomon dissenting.**

9. STUDY ITEMS

- (a) Coal Train Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Process

Paul Cohen, Planning Manager, and Kim Lehmberg, Planner, outlined the environmental review process on a new terminal expected to receive 54 million tons of coal annually from Montana and Wyoming via Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad tracks along the Puget Sound to Cherry Point, just north of Bellingham. The project is expected to bring a significant increase in coal train traffic through Shoreline beginning in 2015. They outlined the following issues within the context of the environmental review: train routes, traffic, noise, vibrations, emissions, coal dust, jobs, property values, car congestion/crossing improvements, wetlands, streams, climate change, acidification, and air pollution. They concluded the presentation by recommending that Council take public comment and identify issues that lead agencies should address.

Mayor McGlashan called for public comment.

a) Alisa Lemire Brooks, Shoreline, discussed the negative impacts of the coal trains proposal, including effects on the Puget Sound natural environment, culture, and commercial fishing.

b) Richard Gammon, Shoreline, urged the Council to oppose coal trains in Shoreline and to also oppose the coal mining industry in general due to its effects on climate change.

c) Richard King, Shoreline, on behalf of the Richmond Beach Preservation Association, urged the Council to oppose the coal trains proposal due to environmental impacts and public health reasons.

d) Noreen Federow, Shoreline, requested that the Council write a resolution opposing coal trains in Shoreline, noting that the public comment period for this issue is too short.

e) Brian Pterka, Shoreline, spoke against the coal trains proposal and worried about living in a city that would support it.

f) Brian Shearer, Shoreline, urged the Council to consider the broader question of how citizens can exercise democracy locally rather than being controlled by corporations and outside influences.

The Council and staff considered public comments and discussed coal trains and the coal industry in general. There was consensus among the Council that coal trains and the export industry presents a serious environmental and health danger to the City and region. Councilmembers encouraged citizens to submit comments directly to the lead agencies by the January 18 deadline. The discussion touched on climate change, mud slides, derailment potential, local opposition to Cherry Point, the Lummi nation, the EIS, effects on Richmond Beach, indirect health impacts and infrastructure, ocean levels, budget impacts, mercury content, coal dust, traffic, property values and tax receipts, fish spawning grounds, and jobs. There was interest in drafting a resolution taking a position on the issue. Ian Sievers, City Attorney, responded to Council questions and clarified that this issue is narrowly focused on EIS scoping.

A suggestion was made to craft a more global response such as a policy position opposing the export of coal rather than responding to the EIS. Councilmembers expressed support for the idea because coal export promotes damaging, unsustainable practices with impacts beyond Shoreline. There was support for drafting a resolution similar to the Seattle resolution, as well as support for submitting comments on the EIS criticizing its narrow focus on coal terminals. Regarding the EIS comment deadline, staff clarified that it would submit the comments received from the public and the Council as well as provide a staff summary.

After further discussion regarding the process for submitting EIS comments and drafting a resolution, **Councilmember Hall moved that the Council take a position opposing the development of the Gateway Pacific Terminal and the export of coal; to direct staff to draft a resolution consistent with this position; and to provide comments into the EIS scoping consistent with tonight's discussion. Councilmember Winstead seconded the motion.** Following brief discussion, **a vote was taken on the motion, which carried 7-0.**

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At 9:18 p.m., Mayor McGlashan called for a five minute break. At 9:24 p.m. the meeting reconvened.

(b) Discussion of Seattle City Light Franchise Agreement

John Norris, Management Analyst, provided the staff report on the Seattle City Light (SCL) franchise adoption schedule and process. He noted the public needs and interests regarding the new agreement and anticipated adoption in mid-2013. He outlined the major franchise issues, including right-of-way (ROW) management, pole management, tree trimming/vegetation management, undergrounding, street lighting, planning coordination, service quality, franchise enforcement, and use of SCL property.

Councilmembers asked questions and provided input on the schedule and process. Mr. Norris confirmed that Mr. Young's vegetation comments would be considered, and he explained contract fee payments in response to a question about SCL surcharges. There were also comments about trying to negotiate provisions related to the Aurora Corridor project schedule, electrical permitting in Shoreline, and tree management.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Responding to a request from the audience, the Council agreed to allow a final speaker to address the Council.

a) Lanita Wacker, Shoreline, wished the Council a Happy New Year and thanked them for their public service on behalf of the community.

At 9:44 p.m., Mayor McGlashan declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk