

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2014
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Hall

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Acting Assistant City Manager; Dan Eernisse, Economic Development Manager; Shawn Ledford, Police Chief; Scott Strathy, Police Captain; Chad Devore, Detective Sergeant; Pat Kearney, Detective; Brett Davis, Detective; Rob Beem, Community Services Manager; Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk; Rachael Markle, Planning & Community Development Director

At 5:45 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Winstead. There was unanimous consent to excuse Councilmember Hall from the meeting for personal reasons.

Shoreline Police Chief Shawn Ledford provided introductory remarks on activity that is occurring just north of Therapeutic Health Services (THS) located at 16715 Aurora Avenue North, and on the Special Emphasis Team's (SET) investigations.

Detective Kearny highlighted the services THS provides, and described the Opiate Substitution Treatment offered to people dependent on opiates. He explained that a patient is provided one dose of medication each day. Methadone does not cause the same "high" associated with drug addiction. However, individuals that abuse the treatment have discovered that a certain combination of drugs, along with a methadone dose, can result in a "high".

Detective Kearny reported that the THS branch in Shoreline has been attracting abusers who congregate at a nearby property (the former Sugars building at 16743 Aurora Avenue North). There have been a number of complaints from business owners, homeowners and other citizens who do not feel safe in the area.

Detective Davis said that the SET was tasked with figuring out why this is occurring. He reviewed details of their Trespass Operation and played video case studies for the Council that showed illegal activity. While investigating it became apparent that many in this group do not reside in Shoreline or north Seattle. He further reported that SET was able to link some to other criminal activity such as larcenies, vandalism, and auto theft.

Detective Sergeant Devore suggested a potential solution could be utilizing a “Stay Out of Drug Areas” (SODA) ordinance. He pointed to sample SODA codes from other jurisdictions provided in the meeting packet, and reviewed some of their components.

Councilmembers questioned why the Shoreline clinic is popular, how Police have worked with THS to solve the problem, if other methadone clinics have this problem or have a SODA ordinance, and the effectiveness of Shoreline’s “Stay Out of Areas of Prostitution” (SOAP) Ordinance.

Detective Sergeant Devore stated that the clinic could be attracting people well outside of Shoreline due to the accessibility of other drugs in the area, and opportunity for committing other crimes.

Ms. Tarry reported that based on Council feedback, a SODA Ordinance will be added as a study item at a future Council meeting.

Councilmembers requested that staff also provide evidence of why a SODA ordinance works, and the cost of enforcement.

Mayor Winstead declared the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk