

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, February 3, 2014
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 104 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Salomon

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager; Mark Relph, Public Works Director; Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

GUESTS: Emelie East, CBE Strategic

At 5:45 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Winstead, who presided.

There was unanimous consent to excuse Councilmember Salomon from the meeting.

Mr. MacColl introduced Emelie East, who was retained by the City to assist in moving the Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) Acquisition Agreement through the Seattle legislative process.

Ms. East shared her background having previously worked in the Seattle Mayor's Office, and highlighted the key steps for moving legislation through the Seattle process. She reviewed the first step in moving the Acquisition Agreement forward will be obtaining Mayor Ed Murray's support. SPU staff will then route the Agreement internally to the Seattle Finance Office, Legal Department, and Mayor's Office. Then it will be sent to the Seattle Council Committee for review, and to the full Council for adoption.

Ms. East stated the entire process can take anywhere from four to six months. She recalled that Mayor Murray ran his campaign on "regionalism" and should be ready to take this issue on. She reiterated it will be important to have his support. Mr. MacColl noted the four to six month window needs to start now for a vote to take place before the Seattle Council starts its budget season in September.

Ms. Tarry stated Shoreline's next step is to schedule a meeting with Mayor Murray and Councilmember Sally Bagshaw, who is the current Chair of the SPU and Neighborhoods Committee. Mr. Relph added that Ray Hoffman and SPU staff are supportive of the agreement and prepared to move forward.

Mr. MacColl reported that staff will provide a timeline for outreach. The appropriate time to start talking to and scheduling meetings with Seattle Councilmembers will be when the Agreement moves to Council Committee.

A Councilmember questioned if the focus of outreach should be on Seattle Councilmembers that do not support the acquisition. Mr. MacColl advised that the focus should be on why the acquisition is positive. They should remind Seattle Councilmembers that 70% of the Shoreline citizens voted in favor of the City's assumption of the SPU system, and that they passed a resolution in support of considering to sell the SPU assets in Shoreline. He stated staff will provide an updated list of speaking points as meetings are planned. He requested that Councilmembers update staff on the feedback from Seattle Councilmembers.

Ms. Tarry informed that the main reason Shoreline wants to acquire SPU is to improve efficiencies and unify government and utility policies. The City wants control over investing in local infrastructure ensuring it is in place for future development, and to decide when and where to upgrade. Local control will create equity, support Transit Oriented Development, and promote regionalism.

It was requested that staff keep Council informed as things develop.

At 6:27 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk