

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, September 29, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Winstead, who presided.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Winstead led the flag salute and the City Clerk called the roll. All members were present with the exception of Councilmembers McConnell and Roberts. They joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Mayor Winstead read a proclamation declaring October 2014 Safe Shoreline Month urging all citizens to implement emergency preparedness and prevention measures at home, work, and in their vehicles. Gail Harris, Emergency Management Coordinator; Matt Cowan, Fire Chief; and Steve Perry, Community Outreach Problem-Solving Officer, accepted the proclamation.

3. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Debbie Tarry, City Manager, provided reports and updates on various City meetings, projects and events.

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Salomon reported attending the North City Neighborhood Association meeting where concerns about crime and the 185th Station Area development were shared. He also shared attending a 12th Man party in support of Frank Henderson, a Shoreline resident, with terminal cancer.

Councilmember McConnell reported on the Ronald Wastewater Assumption Committee of Elected Officials meeting, and commented on discussing communication, personnel and benefit plans.

Deputy Mayor Eggen reported attending the grand opening of the International Community Health Services Clinic (ICHS) located at 165th and Aurora. He shared that that ICHS will provide health services to low income residents and that translation services are available. He also reported attending the gala opening for Shorecrest High School and commented the school has been updated and now has a smaller footprint.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Janet Way, Shoreline Resident, commented on the 145th Station Subarea and stated the two proposed alternatives in the meeting packet are too much. She expressed concerned that people are not aware of the project and that Council is not capturing the feelings of people who live in the area. She questioned if anyone will be able to sell their property as a single-family home, and suggested that the Council use a Master Plan and stakeholder process for the area.

Malynda Read, Shoreline resident, encouraged Council to prohibit the growth of marijuana in the City. She commented on living next door to a house that grows more than 40 plants and being affected by the smell. She conveyed that she has spoken to Police and staff about the matter, but stated there is no code that allows them to intervene.

David Higgins, Shorelines resident, commented that he lives near the Fire Station at 180th and chose to live there because the home was affordable, but didn't realize his home was slated to become an apartment building. He expressed concern with minimum dwelling unit requirements, and his fears that his home will be made into a non conforming use. He asked Council to reject minimum dwelling units as a part of the Plan.

Dan Dale, Shoreline resident, thanked Council and the Planning Commission for meeting jointly to discuss the Subarea Station Plan. He commented on the Community's lack of information regarding rezoning and requested that a set of points be developed to guide them. He expressed appreciation for comments made by Dan Eernisse, Economic Development Manager, regarding the unfinished business in North City. He shared the importance of connecting Aurora with North city, recommended that Council and staff reread market assessments for the 145th Station Area, and stressed the importance of the design of the Station and the immediate surrounding area.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Deputy Mayor Eggen and unanimously carried, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:

(a) Minutes of September 15, 2014 Business Meeting

8. ACTION ITEMS

(a) Motion to Select Three Zoning Alternatives for Consideration for the 145th Street Station Area Design Dialogue Workshop

Miranda Redinger, Senior Planner, reminded Council of the motion (“**Council select, for the purpose of releasing the zoning scenarios to the Design Workshop on October 9, 2014, Map A-No Action; Map D – The Avenue & 155th Street Emphasis; and Map G – Compact Alternative II**”) on the table from the September 15 meeting. She reviewed the next steps in the process, explained the purpose of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, and outlined the three updated zoning scenarios.

Councilmember Hall withdrew his motion from September 15.

Councilmember Hall moved to select Map 1 - No Action; Map B - Connecting Corridors; and Map C - Compact Community, the main map, and not the inset, for the October 9th Design Workshop, and to study in the DEIS. Councilmember McGlashan seconded the motion.

Councilmember Hall commented on the three maps providing a range of options for the Design Workshop and to study in the DEIS. Councilmember McGlashan stated support for the motion and commented that the maps will study density that is condensed close to the station and density that is spread out, and provide predictability to the public. He asked about the comment period. Ms. Redinger explained the scoping comment period process and reviewed three options that could impact the Subarea Plan timeline.

Councilmember Roberts asked if delaying the selection of maps to study in the DEIS would also cause a delay in the selection of a preferred alternative. He also questioned how different the two options need to be for the DEIS, and how easy it would be to mix and match design zoning scenarios when selecting a preferred alternative. Ms. Redinger explained why the zoning scenarios are used and commented that a hybrid design of options can be created.

Mayor Winstead, Deputy Mayor Eggen, Councilmembers McConnell and Salomon, stated they will not be supporting the motion, and explained that they would like more time to allow for community feedback.

The motion failed 2-5, with Councilmembers Hall and McGlashan voting yes.

Deputy Mayor Eggen moved to select Map 1 - No Action; Map B - Connecting Corridors; and Map C - Compact Community, for the October 9th Design Workshop, and to review them for the decision for what is to be studied in the DEIS. Councilmember Salomon seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Eggen commented on providing community members an opportunity to help form what is to be studied in the DEIS.

At 8:11 p.m. Mayor Winstead adjourned the Council Meeting for a three minute recess to allow Councilmember Roberts an opportunity to define areas of the map for an amendment motion, and reconvened the Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Councilmember Roberts moved to amend the main motion by altering Attachment C (Compact Community Map) to change two defined areas, Southwest and Northeast of Paramount Open Space, from MUR-35 back to R-6. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Eggen.

Ms. Redinger highlighted the map to show Council the areas affected by Councilmember Robert's motion. Councilmember Roberts commented on the geography of the area making it sensitive in terms of what can be development there, and explained that these areas will be studied as MUR-35 in Map B.

Councilmember McGlashan stated he will not be supporting the amendment. He recommends studying the highest density and explained that the zoning can always be reduced.

Councilmember Hall stated he will not be supporting the amendment. He explained the purpose of the study is to analyze environmental impacts, commented on having rezoning based on science completed in the DEIS, and wants to avoid creating zoning gaps by not studying an area.

Councilmember McConnell stated she will not be supporting the amendment and that it will only confuse the community more.

Mayor Winstead stated she will not be supporting the amendment, and explained that studying higher density will allow them to learn about the environmental impacts.

Deputy Mayor Eggen expressed his commitment to maintaining the natural area of Paramount Park. He asked staff to advise if it is better to have the park surrounded by lower density, or to have more eyes on it, and added that he will support the motion because it seems the best way to protect the park.

Councilmembers Roberts pointed out that the DEIS is not going to study these blocks individually. The study will take place from a very high level view and identify all mitigation. He explained that he supports showing the community the areas he identified as R-6. Ms Redinger commented that the DEIS will contain recommendations on mitigation measures.

The motion to amend the main motion failed 2-5, with Deputy Mayor Eggen and Councilmembers Roberts voting yes.

The main motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Hall emphasized the importance of keeping to the OTAK schedule. Ms. Tarry confirmed that the scoping comment period will be open through October 31st and the decision on the scenarios to be study in the DEIS are scheduled for adoption at the November 10th Council Meeting. She shared that there is every intention of completing the process on schedule.

9. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Discussion of Affordable Care Act Employer Mandate and Revisions to the Personnel Policies

Paul Itaoka, Human Resources Director, talked about the Affordable Care Act Employer Mandate related to extra help employees. She explained that the Act now requires employees working more than 30 hours a week to be offered health insurance. She reviewed recommended employment status definitions for “Extra Help” and “Break in Service”. She defined the three extra help employment statuses as Seasonal, Variable Hour, Less than 20 hours, and reviewed corresponding Employee Handbook housekeeping changes.

Councilmembers asked for confirmation that the proposed amendments are changing how the City defines extra help, why two different extra help definitions are needed, and if the Act allows health benefits to be prorated. They commented that the amendments helps the City comply with Federal Law, provide clarity regarding the extra help policy, and that the City does a great job in providing benefits. They discussed the oversight of extra help employees; recommended paying more attention to how extra help is utilized; and expressed that the City should not be altering hours to avoid paying benefits.

Councilmember Salomon commented that he does not support moving forward with the changes. He noted that the Act is designed to insure people, and commented on how difficult it is for people to make it in the current economy, and the City should be providing assistance by paying benefits.

Ms. Itaoka explained the extra help definitions provide the ability to measure hours effectively, and that the variable and intermittent classifications address unpredictable work. She explained that both classifications are recommended but are not required to be in compliance with the Act, and added that they are more of a management tool. She stated she will research if prorating is allowed under the Act and report back to Council.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:00 p.m., Mayor Winstead announced Council recess into an Executive Session for a period of 30 minutes, as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to litigation. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Hall. City staff attending the Executive Session included: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Julie Ainsworth-Taylor, Interim City Attorney; Mark Relph, Public Works Director; Rachael Markle, Planning and Community Development Director; Alex Herzog, CMO Management Analyst; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Program Manager; and Kirk McKinley, Transportation Services Manager. At 9:29 p.m. Mayor Winstead emerged to announce a 15 minute extension. At 9:45 p.m. the Executive Session was over.

11. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 p.m., Mayor Winsted declared the meeting adjourned.

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

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