

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

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

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Program Manager, Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: 32nd District Legislative Delegation: Senator Maralyn Chase, Representative Ruth Kagi, and Representative Cindy Ryu

At 5:52 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Winstead.

Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Program Manager, provided a snapshot of the legislative landscape and state budget. He talked about the financial challenges to balance the state budget for the past six to seven years, and on the impact the McCleary Decision will have on the budget. He reviewed Shoreline's 2015 Legislative Priorities and Issues.

Rep. Kagi, spoke about the need for funding for the vulnerable individuals of society, pointed out that Shoreline's 2015 Legislative Priorities do not mention support for Human Services, and urged Council to support funding for Human Services. She addressed increasing taxes to meet the needs of the people outside of education funding, and commented that the Finance Committee is looking at potentially increasing the sales tax to over 10% statewide as a source for new revenue. She identified early learning quality and system rating, safe gun storage, and access to juvenile records as her priority bills.

Councilmembers expressed support in adding funding of Human Services to the Council 2015 Legislative Priorities. John Norris, Assistance City Manager, commented on reductions in community development block grant funding over the past few years, and Council's decision to backfill funding from the general fund to minimize funding gaps.

Rep. Ryu spoke on the property tax limitation imposed by Initiative 747, and commented that she is considering advocating to increase the one percent limit, but with a two-step implementation process and a potential two year delay. She opposes the potential of increasing the state sales tax to above 10 percent, citing the adverse impact on “mom & pop” businesses as her reason, and added that it is the most regressive form of taxation. She asked about the status of the Boundary Review Board (BRB) hearings for the Ronald Wastewater Assumption, and why the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is not taking a position to support a transportation package. She identified her session priorities of bills are to impose a \$5 fee for studded tires, payday lending alternatives for non-profits, rate increases for nonprofit credit counselors, and progressive driving license for 18-24 year olds. She shared that the House members are waiting on the Senate to present a transportation package, as the House proposed a package last year.

Ms. Tarry responded that the King County BRB agreed to move forward with approval of the City of Shoreline’s proposed assumption of the Ronald Wastewater District and that the Snohomish County BRB voted to deny the assumption, and that the City has filed an appeal.

Councilmember Hall explained that a transportation package is not a priority for AWC, and Councilmembers stated they would present the message from the Representatives to AWC to consider transportation a priority. Councilmembers support the need to raise money to provide required public services at state and local levels. They talked about the Climate Action Plan and supporting any work resulting in clean energy. They commented on a transportation package that supports maintenance and operation, and modality to get people to the Light Rail station.

Representative Chase recommends taking a strong position on raising revenues. She commented that Income Tax and SB 5424 Paint Product Stewardship are her priority bills. She stated her support for restoring funding to the Public Works Trust Fund.

At 6:42 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk