

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, November 3, 2014
7:15 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 7:15 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Winstead, who presided.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

Mayor Winstead led the flag salute. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present.

Mayor Winstead read a proclamation declaring November 15, 2014 America Recycles Day. She expressed appreciation to Parkwood and Syre Elementary Schools for their hard work and contribution in protecting the environment through waste reduction and recycling, and commended them for their participation in the King County Clean Schools Program. Students and teachers from both schools were on hand to receive the proclamation. Teachers, Sheryl Lundahl, Parkwood, and Dede Ford, Syre, thanked Council for their recognition and commented on moving to the next level of the King County Green Schools Program. Erika Melroy, Recology Cleanscapes, presented each school with an award of \$5,000 for excelling in the RCS Waste Reduction and Recycling Program. She explained how the schools worked to increase their recycling rates, and commented on other efforts the company has sponsored in the community. Dan Bridges, General Manager, Recology Cleanscapes, acknowledged and expressed his appreciation to the students for their efforts.

At 7:24 p.m., Mayor Winstead called for a recess to take photographs with the teachers and students. At 7:28 p.m., Mayor Winstead reconvened the Council meeting.

3. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Winstead shared that Council and staff are wearing red and white ribbons in recognition of Marysville-Pilchuck students returning to school this week. She provided a debriefing of the dinner meeting with 32nd District Legislators. Mayor Winstead then announced that due to her employment she will be recusing herself from any future Point Wells discussion, executive sessions, and decisions in the interest of appearance of fairness.

Councilmember Hall commented on touring the Recology Recycling Center.

Deputy Mayor Eggen attended the Sound Cities Association Meeting on transportation, and reported on developing a recommendation letter for legislation regarding a transportation package.

Councilmember Salomon reported that he and King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski kicked-off the King County Youth Action Plan Task Force, and they discussed proposing a possible levy to raise funds for youth services.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom McCormick, Shoreline resident, commented on sending an email to Council regarding the 2015 Legislative Priorities and requesting technical corrections to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) concerning the use of Transportation Benefit District funds and provisions on tolling rules. He requested that the document be added to the record. He then commented on Paramount Petroleum and BSRE paying their fair share for use of the roads.

Tom Jamieson, Shoreline resident, commented on the 2015 Legislative Priorities. He communicated his opposition to: raising the lids for property tax and car tabs when property tax exemptions are granted; Council meeting with legislative incumbents on the eve of Election Day; the characterization of utility tax; and on taxing fire flow.

Dan Dale, Shoreline resident, commented on attending a meeting regarding the Polaris building and traffic/parking issues on 12th Avenue NE. He explained that tenants park on the street because the apartment complex charges for parking, and talked about safety issues and criminal activity. He recommended looking at this project as a case study for the station subareas. He warned of potential conflicts of interest with Planning Commissioners and development projects.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

7. ACTION ITEMS

(a) Public Hearing and Council Discussion on Proposed 2015 Budget and 2015 - 2020 CIP

Robert Hartwig, Administrative Services Director, provided the staff report on the Proposed 2015 City Budget of \$72.6 Million. He reviewed where the sources of funds are coming from,

where the money is spent, a breakdown of budget funds, operating funds expenditures by function, the 2015 CIP, and Surface Water Utility expenses.

Mayor Winstead opened the Public Hearing.

Tom Jamieson, Shoreline resident, applauded the City for doing an excellent job on notifying the public on the budget process. He then expressed disappointment that the presentation did not include detail on budget increases and decreases, and that there was no discussion by the City to address the impact of State shared revenue reductions. He requested that Council be stricter on spending.

No one else in the audience indicated a desire to offer testimony at the Public Hearing. Mayor Winstead closed the Hearing.

Mr. Hartwig provided a review of City Compensation and explained that the total compensation change from 2014 to 2015 is a 2.5% increase. He reviewed cost of living adjustment (COLA) history, salary survey results, and recommended personnel changes. He concluded the presentation by describing the next steps in the process.

Deputy Mayor Eggen spoke to the compensation policy, and staff competency and retention. He clarified that there was not a “salary freeze” in 2010 and 2011, and that the 0% COLA increase was a result of the Consumer Price Index not going up.

Councilmembers Roberts asked if the budget contains a COLA for extra-help employees. He acknowledged the potential reduction in State revenue and the addition of a Shoreline patrol officer in the future, and asked how the City would respond to these budget impacts. Ms. Tarry responded that an extra-help employee pay structure is being developed and that information will be presented to Council. Mr. Hartwig added that the full impact of the budget, including a revenue and expenditure picture, will be provided for all additional requests.

Councilmembers thanked staff for responses to questions in the budget matrix. Councilmember McConnell commented on the trend in decreasing spending and downsizing, especially in Planning & Community Development, and on the City staff’s longevity and job satisfaction.

Mayor Winstead expressed appreciation to staff for the work completed on the budget.

(b) Adoption of 2015 Legislative Priorities

Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Program Manager, provided a preview of the 2015 Legislative session. He emphasized the State budget gap due to the McLeary Decision will put State shared revenue and a transportation package at risk. He presented Council’s 2015 Legislative Priorities are: Local Government Fiscal Sustainability; Funding for 145th Street Corridor Project; Preservation of City Utility Authority; and Clarification of Marijuana system rules. He then reviewed 2015 Issues Shoreline Supports are: Transportation funding; Restoration of State infrastructure funding; Ronald Commons Capital Budget Request; City Tools that support Transit Communities; and Paint Product Stewardship legislation.

Councilmember McGlashan moved adoption of the 2015 Legislative Priorities as presented. The motion was second by Councilmember McConnell.

Councilmember McGlashan expressed concern about a State transportation package and stressed the importance of supporting local transportation options.

Councilmember Hall moved to amend the 2015 Legislative Priorities to add item 5, “Support increasing State revenue from non-regressive revenue sources to support education funding, the human services safety net, and general State and local governments to maintain existing levels of services”, and to revise #2 under Legislative Issues to read “Restore funding for the Public Works Trust Fund. Maintain and restore funding for other infrastructure programs”. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

Councilmember Hall commented on Shoreline’s Financial Sustainability Committee findings of advocating efficiency in government, wise spending, maintaining current levels of service, and growing the economic base. He shared that Council continues to hear that people want more services, parks, sidewalks, police services, and pointed out the community voted to maintain basic city services. He stressed the importance of finding ways to be more efficient. He commented on Shoreline's voting history on the Proposition 1 Levy Lid Lift and passage of school levies to support education, and feels there will be community support to provide the State with funding for schools, human services, and to maintain the basic services provided by the City and County.

Councilmember Roberts concurred. He commented on the challenge to meet the Court mandate to comply with the McCleary Decision. He shared the State provides many services that allow members of society to survive and explained that he does not want mental health funding or assistance for the homeless to get cut. He stated that education cannot be the only item the State is required to fund and that those other responsibilities should not be put on cities. He supports strongly advocating for state funding for human resources.

The motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Eggen noted that the citizen satisfaction survey showed support for maintaining human services programs.

Councilmember Roberts moved to amend the main motion to add a new #6 to Legislative Issues that the City supports to read: "Clarify the Washington State Transportation Commission's (WSTC) role in approving tolls imposed by a local Transportation Benefit District (TBD)." The motion was seconded by Councilmember McConnell.

Councilmember Salomon moved to amend the amendment to add the following language: "and without the approval of the WSTC in instances where tolls do not impact a State road, and clarifying the authority of the TBDs to use TBD funds to maintain city streets." The motion was seconded by Councilmember McConnell. The motion failed 2-5, with Deputy Mayor Eggen and Councilmember Salomon voting in favor.

The motion to amend the main motion passed unanimously.

Councilmembers Roberts moved to amend the main motion to amend #3 of the Legislative Priorities to read: "Oppose legislation that modifies existing city authority to assume water/sewer districts and support clarifying the city utility tax 'proprietary' vs. 'governmental' issue. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall, and passed unanimously.

The main motion to adopt 2015 Legislative Priorities, as amended, passed unanimously.

(c) Adoption of Resolution No. 365 for Public Defense Standards

Alex Herzog, Management Analyst, provided the staff report. He explained that public defense standards are required by State statutes. He identified standards are duties and responsibilities of counsel, caseload limits, annual training requirements, and use of investigation services.

Councilmember Hall moved adoption of Resolution 365 for Public Defense Standards. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Salomon.

Councilmember Hall commented on the responsibility of ensuring that the City is in compliance with State law. Councilmember Salomon spoke to the importance of this issue and ensuring a defendant accused of a crime, and unable to afford counsel, can be represented by an attorney.

The motion passed unanimously.

8. STUDY ITEMS

(a) Discussion of SCA Membership and 2015 SCA Budget Position

Scott MacColl provided background on Sound Cities Association (SCA) stating it represents 36 of 39 King County cities and advocates on behalf of cities. He reviewed SCA's proposal to raise dues by \$2,290 bringing the total to \$32,335 annually. He recalled previous Council discussions regarding SCA membership and Shoreline's participation levels. He outlined options to support are: Option 1) continue membership, support dues increase; Option 2) continue membership, oppose dues increase; Option 3) oppose dues increase and withdraw from SCA Membership.

Councilmembers, Hall, McGlashan, Roberts, and Mayor Winstead expressed support for option 2. They commented on the benefits to continue membership. They expressed concern about transparency, the voting process, value of Shoreline dues, and commented on conflicts between SCA's position and what is in the best interest of the City. They asked about the justification for the fee increase and why an additional staff person is needed. Frustration was voiced about the City of Bellevue not paying dues but partaking in the benefits of membership. They asked about a Council delegate representing Shoreline at the SCA December 3rd meeting in Renton.

Deputy Mayor Eggen and Councilmember McConnell expressed support for Option 1. They acknowledged appreciation for the concerns voiced by Councilmembers, and commented that the process for voting on committees remains unresolved. They shared that membership on SCA is a

benefit to the community to influence regional policy consistent with residents' needs, stated although it is not perfect that it is good for Shoreline residents, and commented on the difficulty to support employee wage increases without raising fees.

Ms. Tarry explained that there is still time for Council to select a delegate to represent Shoreline at the SCA meeting on December 3rd.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At, 9:18 p.m., Mayor Winstead declared the meeting adjourned.

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk