

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, November 17, 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 7:05 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.

3. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember McConnell stated that she attended the Ronald Wastewater Assumption Committee of Elected Officials, and commented on working on transition planning and policy making. She announced the next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Eggen stated that he attended a Transfer Plan Review Workshop, and commented on discussing plans to analyze waste reduction options for the King County Transfer Station network.

Councilmember Salomon stated that he attended the King County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Legislative Forum. He commented on the challenge to fully fund mental health programs. He shared the meeting was well attended and that this is a big challenge for a lot of people.

Mayor Winstead stated she attended the Veterans Day Celebration at City Hall, sponsored by the Shoreline Veterans Association, and commented that it was well attended.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Murray, Kenmore resident, Physical Education Instructor and High School Coach for Shoreline School District, thanked Council for supporting the Shoreline Pool. He commented on the number of athletes that benefit from the pool as students and future workers.

Teresa Strathy, Lake Forest Park resident, commented on the value of having the pool in the Community, and the health benefit and safe environment the pool provides. She shared that her daughter participated on the Shorecrest swim team, taught swim classes, served as a life guard, and because of the pool, is currently swimming at the college level.

Ann Zylstra, Lake Forest Park resident, commented on the activities and services provided by the pool and the need to ensure kids are safe around water. She shared that her kids competed on the Shorecrest Swim team, took swim lessons and life guard training at the pool, and one of her children is currently employed at the pool. She requested continued support for the pool.

Marla Miller, Deputy Superintendent for Shoreline School District, spoke on the Surface Water Utility Rate Policies regarding the District's Surface Water Fee Credit. She commented that the District's credit amounts to three full time teachers not reimbursed by the State, and that it will be a cost that the District will have to manage. She asked if the City could look at creative stormwater program management practices, and if an incentive program could be provided for public property owners.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberts, seconded by Councilmember McGlashan, and unanimously carried, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:

- a) Minutes of Special Meeting of October 27, 2014 and Minutes of Business Meeting of October 27, 2014

8. STUDY ITEMS

- a) Discussion of the Extension of the Interlocal Agreement with King County for Animal Control Services

Alex Herzog, Management Analyst, provided the staff report on Animal Control Services. He presented background information on the current contract and services provided. He stated that although no action is required this evening, King County is asking for a letter of intent to extend the agreement for 2016-2017. He reviewed that the service would be 40 hours per week minimum, and identified the type of animals each facility accepts. He reviewed cost models for King County and PAWS and explained that pet licensing revenue is applied to cost. He reviewed PAWS Shelter Services, the schedule for extending the contract, and services received under the current contract.

Councilmembers asked about procedures for stray animals, the impact of social media on reuniting dogs with their owners, if County services are satisfying the needs of the community, and if PAWS intake numbers are decreasing. They pointed out that licenses are significantly lower than the number of pets in Shoreline, and reiterated the need to promote animal licensing in Shoreline. They noted that if the City continues to contract with PAWS, Shoreline's licensing requirements need to be enforced by them.

Mr. Herzog responded that that the intake numbers for stray animals remain flat. He stated he will bring back data from the citizens' survey regarding service satisfaction, and mentioned that he has heard positive feedback when talking to citizens over the phone. He then provided call response time percentages.

Councilmembers expressed their support with moving forward with the extension of the Interlocal Agreement with King County for Animal Control Services.

b) Discussion of Surface Water Utility Rate Policies

Mark Relph, Public Works Director, explained that the Surface Water Utility (SWU) is an enterprise fund, and that all revenue and expenditures remain within the fund. He shared that tonight's discussion focuses on the Education Fee Credit (EFC) and Private Stormwater Facility (PSFC) Credit programs. He explained that these two programs collect approximately \$547,000 in revenue which accounts for 17% of \$3.3 Million in total annual revenue. He reminded Council that the 2015 Budget and the 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan assumes that the school credit will sunset next year and the facility credit will remain in the rate structure.

Dan Repp, Utilities and Operations Manager, presented information on the EFC program which provides a 100% rate reduction on Shoreline School District Property, and the PSFC program which gives a one-rate category fee reduction for facilities passing maintenance inspections. He commented on the credits offering no clear purpose or benefit to the SWU or its ratepayers; the lack of equity within program; and on no linkage between performance and credit given. Mr. Repp reviewed the alternatives for the EFC are: allowing the Ordinance to expire, or increase rates over a three year period beginning in 2016. He reviewed the alternatives for the PSFC credits are: status quo, phasing out the program, or amending the PSFC. He then highlighted the pros and cons of each alternative. He stated staff is recommending allowing the EFC to sunset in 2015 as authorized in Ordinance No. 642; the PSFC to be phased out over a period of two years beginning in 2016; and that the Utility use the revenue to pay debt service costs.

Councilmembers commented on the new permit for PSFC requiring a higher level of stormwater retention, and asked if the original purpose of the credit no longer exists. They asked if stormwater credit projects/programs were encouraged by King County or the City and if credit can be given for a specific number of years and then expire. They asked if a new fee schedule category can be created for churches and schools, if the City depends on large lots to help with surface water management, and if the City puts itself at a disadvantage for not incentivizing.

Councilmembers expressed concern over a flat rate being applied to every user whether for an impervious lot or a natural kept rain garden, acknowledged it would take a lot of time to make a perfect program, and commented that the current best option is to let the benefit expire or

decrease the rate reductions. Councilmembers stressed the importance of being equitable, and recalled that Council previously decided not to implement a multi-tiered residential fee structure. They offered support for slowly phasing out the education credit. They advised staff to think about ways to reward responsible stormwater site management, and provide incentives for going above and beyond stormwater retention requirements.

Mr. Repp explained that the original credit was developed in the 1980's and that regulations now are substantially higher. He stated that most facilities were installed prior to 2008 and do not meet today's standards, but are getting the same credit. Mr. Relph added that projects were built around development proposals according to code regulations and not because of a credit program. He commented that approximately 80-90% of facilities have a build date prior to 2008. He explained that it would be challenging to justify a differential rate structure based on exceptions and show that the credit is a benefit to the Utility. He noted that the rate table allows for fee adjustments for upgrading property. Mr. Repp added that a focus on retention performance will assist in ensuring equity, and noted the phase out will be structured to provide a full credit for 2015, 50% credit for 2016, and eliminated in 2017.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:14 p.m., Mayor Winstead announced a five minute recess to be followed by Council's recess into an Executive Session for a period of 20 minutes as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss with legal counsel matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or litigation. City staff attending the Executive Session included: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; and Margaret King, City Attorney. At 8:31 p.m. Councilmember Hall left the Executive Session. At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Winstead emerged to announce a 5 minute extension to the Executive Session. At 8:45 p.m., the Executive Session was over.

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Winstead declared the meeting adjourned.

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk