

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, August 31, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: Councilmember McGlashan

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 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 with the exception of Councilmember McGlashan.

Councilmember McConnell moved to excuse Councilmember McGlashan for personal reasons. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hall and passed unanimously, 6-0.

3. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

There were no Council Reports provided.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith McClelland, North City Business Association, reported that the 2015 Jazz Walk was a successful event. He named and expressed gratitude to all the partnerships that contributed to its success.

Tom Poitras, Shoreline resident, said that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) froze Mr. Lobsang Dargey's assets and asked how it will impact the property at Westminster Way that was intended to jump start the Aurora Square revitalization. He asked if there are other projects planned for Aurora Square.

Liz Poitras, Shoreline resident, commented that a distinction needs to be made between quantity and quality development when communicating about the light rail station rezone. She referred to an article in *Currents* and pointed out examples of what increased density looks like. She said the City needs to address residents' perception of density.

Ginny Scantlebury, Shoreline resident, commented that Mr. Dargey is the subject of a SEC investigation and talked about the impact it could have on the Aurora Square development. She said the SEC hearing scheduled Sept 14, 2015 could go on for years and expressed concern that the property is blight. She said she is concerned that the same thing might happen in the 185th Station Area Rezone and commented that residents want smaller developments at a slower rate.

Debbie Tarry, City Manager responded that the City is disappointed to hear about the SEC's findings and the Potala property. She said the City Attorney has contacted their attorneys letting them know the City expects them to maintain their property. She said the City is also working to get a meeting with the property project manager to find out what is happening. She shared that the City has already received funds for what has already been done on the project.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Hall moved that Agenda item 9.a be moved to 8.b. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Eggen and passed unanimously, 6-0.

The agenda was approved, as amended, by unanimous consent.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

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

- (a) Minutes of Business Meeting of July 27, 2015 and Minutes of Special Meeting of August 3, 2015**
- (b) Approval of the 2015-2019 Updated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan**
- (c) Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Innova Architects to Prepare Plans, Specifications and Estimate for the Shoreline Pool Major Maintenance Project**

8. ACTIONS ITEMS

- (a) Public Hearing and Adoption of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Allocation**

Rob Beem, Community Services Division Manager, informed Council that every two years the City develops a human services funding plan identifying fund allocations to support human services endeavors. He explained that each year a separate Council action is required to adopt the

CDBG Allocation Plan. He reviewed the Plan and presented two new recommendations for funding: the Minor Home Repair Program, and the Ronald Commons Hopelink Service Center.

At 7:23 p.m., Mayor Winstead opened the Public Hearing.

Tom Jamieson, Shoreline resident, said he opposes General Fund funding because he anticipates the City will not have enough money and will need to ask for a levy lid lift. He stated that the City needs to live within the budget.

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor Winstead closed the Public Hearing.

Councilmember McConnell moved to adopt the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Funding and Contingency Plan and authorize the City Manager to execute agreements for implementing the funded projects. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Roberts.

Councilmember McConnell commented that the CDBG programs are vital to the preservation of the stability of our seniors and the vulnerable populations of the community. She expressed the City needs to continue to support the Ronald Commons Project.

Deputy Mayor Eggen asked about federal government funding and how money has been used in the past. Mr. Beem responded that the Federal Government provides a block grant portion and the City allocates General Fund dollars. He said in prior years funding supported the Ronald Commons, the Minor Home Repair Program, and in the distant past, infrastructure improvements. He said the funds must be used to benefit low to moderate income citizens.

Councilmember Salomon commented that budget funding is an expression of values and is applied to what is most important. He commented that Shoreline has a high senior population and pointed out that the Senior Center is experiencing budget cuts. He commented on the importance of helping to fund the Senior Center to provide seniors an opportunity to participate in activities.

The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

- (b) Motion to Approve the Sound Transit Light Rail Station Design Review Public Process

Rachael Markle, Planning & Community Development Director, explained that the Shoreline Municipal Code regulates the design review process. She reviewed public process options and said that after meeting with Sound Transit (ST), City Staff recommends holding a joint open house with Sound Transit. She reviewed methods the Council could take to provide design direction to Sound Transit and reminded Council that City Codes would also apply.

Deputy Mayor Eggen moved to approve the "Open House" based public review process for commenting on Sound Transit's 30%, 60% and 90% designs for Shoreline's stations, garages and other associated light rail facilities. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McConnell.

Deputy Mayor Eggen stated that the motion outlines previous discussion by Council. He said he supports having a more open public process instead of a committee and that he would like to see more than four open houses to offer more choice and opportunities for residents to provide input.

Councilmember McConnell said she is glad the first meeting is a joint meeting where important information will be immediately shared. She stated that citizens' input is valuable.

Councilmembers Roberts asked for clarification on the joint meeting with ST. He expressed concern over the lost opportunity for an early open house and that the meetings will not be Shoreline centric but rather discuss all the stations being designed in Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood. Ms. Markle responded that ST will provide an overview of the system but the meeting will focus on Shoreline stations and garages. She explained that Shoreline will be hosting the first open house and inviting ST, and staff will request that the meeting be Shoreline specific.

Councilmember Hall reminded Council that the motion on the table is to gather input on the design of Shoreline stations. He said the advantage with an early meeting is that Council has an opportunity to hear from the community and transmit formal comments as a municipality representing its citizens. He asked when ST expects to provide direction to the contractor to begin designing the stations. He said the most significant opportunity for the community to impact design is to provide input before the design begins. He shared some examples of things Council has heard from the community are: constructing a bike/pedestrian bridge, pedestrian access from the south side of 145th to bike/pedestrian bridge, expanding the 145th bridge, reducing bus loops, replacing a culvert at Thornton Creek, daylighting the creek and possibly meandering it under the tracks, and designing the station so everyone can get there safely. Ms. Markle responded that the date the City Staff was gearing up to review the designs changed from January to March.

Deputy Mayor Eggen concurred that an early meeting is important and asked if there is a commitment from ST on widening 145th Street, or installing a pedestrian bridge, and if ST would be paying for them. Councilmember Hall added that the widening of 145th Street and a bridge should be factored in, and ST should be asked to fund them. He commented that the Community should be asked to identify the most important aspects needed for the Station and details of funding would be figured out.

Deputy Mayor Eggen summarized that the initial meeting would be to put together a final list of items desired for the station, and to kick off the process to make them happen, including requests for funding.

Mayor Winstead said she supports having more open public meetings and said she is hopeful that people will come out early and participate in the process.

The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Winstead declared the meeting adjourned.

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

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