

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, October 26, 2015
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: John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Program Manager; and Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: Mountlake Terrace City Council; Mayor Jerry Smith, Mayor Pro Tem Laura Sonmore, Councilmembers Rick Ryan, Doug McCardle, Bryan Wahl, Seaun Richards, and Scott Hugill, Interim City Manager

At 5:47 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Winstead.

Mayor Winstead expressed gratitude to the Mountlake Terrace (MLT) City Councilmembers for attending the meeting. She commented that the two cities share a lot of common issues and that this is a great opportunity to engage in partnerships and to learn from one another.

John Norris, Assistant City Manager, talked about Shoreline's planning process for the Light Rail Stations. He said that Council adopted the 185th Street Subarea Plan in March 2015 and that the 145th Street Subarea Plan is projected to be adopted in 2016. He shared Council's goals for the development of a Transit Oriented Community and reviewed highlights of the 145th Street Subarea Plan process. He shared that the City is starting to work with Sound Transit as they prepare to build their Stations and Garages in Shoreline. He stated that Shoreline will be asking Sound Transit to provide financial assistance for bike and pedestrian connectivity to the Stations.

Shoreline City Councilmembers discussed concentrating high levels of density around the Stations, and allowing for a mix of uses. They shared that the 185th rezone area covers 500 acres, provides for a ½ mile walkshed, connects the Station Area via corridors to Aurora Avenue and North City, and utilizes form-based zoning. They commented that Sound Transit is building a 500 Stall Parking Garage, but pointed out that there will still be parking challenges in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Mayor Smith commented that the MLT Garage has 900 parking stalls and that it is full by 6:00 a.m. He shared that MLT has to also address neighborhood parking issues.

Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Program Manager, shared that the City is currently identifying those things that are necessary to make the Stations work, including robust transit

options. He pointed out that the Stations and the Parking Garage are in the Washington Department of Transportation right-of-way, said discussions are taking place regarding the permitting process by Shoreline and Sound Transit and determining if the City has input in the Design of the structures. He shared that the City is pursuing compensation from Sound Transit for the Extra Help staff needed for the permitting process.

Mr. Norris asked if MLT needs to review their City's Municipal Code in preparation for the Station. Scott Hugill, Mountlake Terrace Interim City Manager, replied that this is still unknown. Mr. Hugill shared that Sound Transit is not proposing a new garage for the MLT Light Rail Station, and said they suggested using the Community Transit Garage for parking. He presented the MLT's Gateway Transit Oriented Development Project and said they are hoping to get Sound Transit to build a parking garage for the Station at 236th Street. He also discussed mitigations proposed by the developer to enhance the wetlands, and said Sound Transit has not committed to the proposal.

Councilmember Hall commented that there is no representation on the Sound Transit Board that is closely tied to the Lynnwood Link Extension and recommended that we work collectively to use influence to obtain representation.

Mayor Smith shared that MLT is advocating for a Station at 220th in the ST3 Package. He said they are asking for a Swift Line 1 & 2 to Lynnwood and 164th Street, to be supported through a tax increase.

Shoreline Councilmembers discussed the importance of transit options. Councilmember Roberts suggested talking to Metro about extending the Swift Line to 185th. Mayor Winstead commented on a circulated bus route. She suggested the focus should be on how to make things work efficiently with what is being provided. Councilmember McConnell commented that the two cities share common problems with parking and asked how to best jointly address these issues. Councilmember Salomon commented on the need for east to west connections and BAT Lanes because enough parking lots cannot be built. Deputy Mayor Eggen commented that there is a big conversation on regulating Park & Rides. He shared that the voter base for ST3 is located away from the Station and marketing has to be done to reach these people. He said transportation policy has to find ways to support Light Rail.

Mayor Pro Tem Sonmore commented that these are generational issues and in time people will embrace walking and take public transportation. She asked what can be done to have a common voice, get the message out, and to acquire enough financial resources. Councilmember Richards suggested inviting the City of Lynnwood to the discussion. Councilmember Salomon said it is time to start thinking outside the box to address these issues.

Mayor Smith provided a brief history of the creation of the Ballinger Forum, and explained that it started as a result of homes flooding around Ballinger Lake. He said participants include Edmonds, Lake Forest Park, Mountlake Terrace and Snohomish County. He commented that the culvert was removed, replaced by a bridge, and said that it cannot be replaced without funding support. He commented on the closure of the Ballinger Golf Park and the opportunity to design new retentions. He said stormwater runoff from Ballinger Commons Apartments is a big problem. He announced the next Ballinger Forum meeting is taking place on October 27th at 2:30

p.m. in MLT Council Chambers. Councilmember Hall commented that the culverts have to be replaced to solve the problem.

Deputy Mayor Eggen asked if there is representation from Shoreline attending the Forum meetings. He suggested a coordinated effort by the Cities to address issues related to Lyon and McAleer Creeks. Mayor Smith responded that Shoreline no longer attends the meetings.

Mr. Hugill stated the Ballinger Lake Golf Course is owned by the City and shared that the MLT Council adopted a Ballinger Park Master Plan. He said the Plan incorporates both recreational open space and storm-water management improvements. He said that they are working with the Army Core of Engineers on the project. He asked if Shoreline would be willing to provide a letter of support for the project. Mayor Winstead responded yes, and that staff could work on the details.

Mayor Smith suggested that the City of Shoreline attend the Snohomish County Cities and Towns Meetings. He explained that the meetings provide city officials the opportunity to discuss various issues, legislative agendas, and give them the chance to talk and socialize with each other. Councilmember Wahl added that it is also an opportunity to get together as a region and discuss economic development and marketing opportunities.

Councilmembers discussed sharing the same federal lobbyist and looking for opportunities to partner on 2016 legislative priorities. Mr. Norris commented that existing partnerships among the cities are working well. Mayor Winstead suggested meeting again in a working format.

At 6:48 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk