

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

Monday, March 14, 2016

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall  
17500 Midvale Avenue North

5:45 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Manager; Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk; and Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: Julie Wise, King County Elections Director, and Kendall LeVan Hodson, Chief of Staff

At 5:49 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Roberts.

Julie Wise, King County Elections Director, described her career path to her current elected position, and shared that she most recently served in the capacity of Deputy Director for Elections.

Ms. Wise presented that elections priorities for the County are stakeholder engagements to build partnerships and relationships with cities and the Community; improved voter access; support of the Washington State Voting Rights Act; and voter pre-registration for 16 and 17 year olds. She stated that the following 2015-16 Bills are on the Governor's desk: HB 1919 Clarifying the time of special elections; HB 1858 Prohibiting the names of County Auditors and the Secretary of State from being included on ballot envelopes and voter's pamphlets when running for reelection; HB 2623 Concerning recounts of statewide advisory measures; HB 2624 Concerning election errors involving measures; and HB 2852 Establishing standards for election data and reporting. She said legislation for King County includes prepaid postage on return envelopes and ballots, and requiring the State to pay for their election costs. She shared her goals are to improve voter access, implement voter registration automation, and conveyed that moving the walk in voter registration deadline closer to Election Day is her top priority for 2016.

Councilmembers asked questions about voter registration barriers, citizenship verification, online registration, and if sponsors of statewide initiatives pay to have an initiative placed on the ballot. Ms. Wise responded that there is pressure from the Department of Homeland Security to issue enhanced driver's license for drivers in Washington State. She clarified that you can vote online

up to 29 days prior to an election, and said the Legislature and sponsors of statewide initiatives are not charged to be included on the ballot.

John Norris asked if King County Elections has a statewide group to partner with on legislative issues. Ms. Wise responded that they partner with the Washington State Association of County Clerks.

Ms. Wise shared her excitement about developing partnerships and attending more legislative sessions in Olympia to advance legislative priorities. She is drafting a feasibility study to support the placement of 30 permanent election dropboxes and shared that they are currently looking at locating them at libraries. She asked if Shoreline would be interested in receiving one. She noted that other potential locations near Shoreline are Lake City and Northgate, and said she is open to suggestions. She announced that King County Election documents will now be printed in Spanish and Korean.

Councilmembers shared that the City of Shoreline is preparing for a Levy Lift Renewal. They discussed potential King County Election dropbox locations, drive up ballot drop-offs, and suggested providing clarity for ballot measures titles. They recommended a central location for a dropbox in Shoreline, preferably at the library located on N 175<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ms. Wise shared that next year's challenges include a \$50 Million Biannual Budget Deficit and increasing voter participation in Local Elections. She then demonstrated King County's new Election Website and the Interactive Voter Turnout Map, and reviewed voter turnout data for the City of Shoreline.

Mr. Norris asked about King County's voter turnout expectations for this fall's General Elections. Ms. Wise responded that they would like to see an 83-86% voter turnout.

At 6:51 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

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Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk