

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, September 12, 2016
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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; Rob Beem, Community Services Manager; and Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: Beratta Gomillion, Center for Human Services Executive Director, and Kevin Osborn, Hopelink Center Manager

At 5:50 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Roberts.

Kevin Osborne, Hopelink Shoreline Center Manager, said Hopelink provides amazing services to the Community. He shared that increased rents in Seattle are causing people to move to outlying areas and that they are still struggling financially to make ends meet. He said Hopelink has expended \$16,448.60 in Checkbook funds; \$7,037 in City of Shoreline rental funds; and \$5,929.29 in Community Housing Grant, Community Development Block Grant, Veterans, and Housing Stability funds. He said all the monies will be expended by late November 2016. He shared that seniors with modest incomes, and little or no retirement, are now seeking services, and questioned how to prepare for this increasing population.

Mr. Osborn expressed appreciation for the Light Rail Station planning and urged Council to continue to support and advocate for east to west transportation connections and affordable housing. He announced that Hopelink will move into their new office at Ronald Commons in January 2017, and anticipates that they will close only one day for the move. He said he is working with the Richmond Highlands Neighborhood Association on a plan to welcome the new residents of Ronald Commons. He added that Compass Housing is also on schedule to open on time and they expect to be at full capacity in four months.

Mayor Roberts asked if the numbers of applications requesting services have increased. Mr. Osborn responded that they are about the same as last year.

Beratta Gomillion, Executive Director, Center for Human Services, reported that the Center has 55 full-time staff, 28 part-time staff, 10-20 interns, and 370 volunteers that provided over 11,645 hours of service in 2015. She reviewed the core behavioral health and family support services that the Center provides for low to very low income clients. She provided highlights of the

“Learning to Build a Circuit Board” and “Reading with Rover” summer camp programs. She shared that the Center is one of two locations supported by King County’s Mental Health Department that provides infant work services. She shared that the Center applies evidence-based practice throughout their programming.

Ms. Gomillion stated that the number of people with emotional behavioral challenges and co-occurring problems, like mental illness and substance abuse, has increased. She said they are also serving a lot more people that are homeless. She spoke about the unintended consequences that the Affordable Care Act has had on behavioral health, explained why diverse populations in the north end are not being appropriately accounted for, and shared the challenges of retaining high quality workers.

Ms. Gomillion said North King County is not receiving enough funding from the County or the State to support behavioral services, and encouraged Council to help by advocating for increased funding for North King County. Councilmembers recommended advocating for behavioral services funding for the north end through the Best Start for Kids Advisory Board, North Urban Human Service Alliance (NUHSA), and the Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee. Councilmembers also discussed including this in their legislative priorities discussion and they suggested that Ms. Gomillion make a presentation at the North End’s Mayors Meeting.

Ms. Gomillion thanked Council for supporting the Chrome Books program that was funded this year and said she appreciates Council’s understanding of the need for behavioral service programs. She said future needs include funding for staff training, computers, heat and a new roof. She encouraged Council to continue to bring awareness about north end human service issues to city, county, and state agencies. She also shared that she is partnering with ICHS to secure Best Starts for Kids grant funding.

At 6:39 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk