

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, January 23, 2017
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; Randy Witt, Public Works Director; Lance Newkirk, Public Works Operations Manager; and Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: Ronald Wastewater District: Board President Gretchen Atkinson; Board Vice President George Webster; Boardmembers Chris Eggen, Arnold Lind, Robert Ransom; Mark Gregg, District General Manager; and George Dicks, District Maintenance Manager

At 5:50 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Roberts. Mayor Roberts welcomed District Commissioners and staff, and introductions were made.

John Norris, Assistant City Manager, provided a historical review of the Ronald Wastewater Assumption process, beginning with the 2002 Interlocal Operating Agreement to unify wastewater services with City operations. He recounted the creation of the Committee of Elected Officials (CEO), and the development of the Assumption Plan and the Assumption Implementation Team. He provided an update on the work completed by the Team and shared cultural integration activities Ronald employees have participated in with the City. He emphasized the importance of providing a smooth, fair, and equitable transition for Ronald employees, and said each employee will be provided an individualized transition plan. He talked about adoption of the Sick Leave Carryover Agreement, and shared information about fiscal, facility, and Shoreline Municipal Code implications. He said the Assumption is scheduled to take place on October 23, 2017.

Mark Gregg, District General Manager, shared information about the integration of Ronald's Asset Management System with the City's, and shared the systems will run separately until the Assumption.

Ronald Commissioners pointed out that the combined Ronald and City budgets will influence what goes in the City. They discussed the 185th Street Gravity Main Project and potential debt issuance; new Wastewater Treatment contracts with the King County Wastewater Treatment Division and the City of Edmonds; and the importance of having a representative on the

Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee. They conveyed possible financing options and asked questions about reducing Ronald's Reserve Fund. Mr. Norris explained that the CEO will regroup to discuss financing options and lowering reserve amounts if the District is interested in issuing debt to finance a capital project.

Mr. Gregg shared that the King County Wastewater Treatment Division has requested Ronald to enter into a 50 year contract for wastewater treatment service, and expressed the Board's concern about locking into a 50 year contract. He shared the contract would provide an opportunity to negotiate a better rate, explained that King County treats 90% of their flow, and said the Snohomish County Treatment rate is better than the King County Treatment rate.

Councilmembers expressed concern about a 50 year contract, and recommended negotiating giving up flow to Edmonds in exchange for the contract.

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

Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk