

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Adopting Resolution No. 413: Repealing Resolution No. 312 – Reduction of Regional and Statewide Association Dues
DEPARTMENT:	City Manager's Office
PRESENTED BY:	Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Relations Program Manager
ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

At their May 15, 2017 Council meeting, the City Council discussed new Guiding Principles to evaluate future proposed dues/assessments from membership organizations to which the City pays. Council supported the proposed Guiding Principles as presented and requested that staff bring back a resolution to repeal the City's earlier policy guidance on this issue as provided for in Resolution No. 312. Resolution No. 312 encouraged City staff and elected officials to work with City-supported associations to achieve cost reductions in their budgets and membership dues for that year and future years. Proposed Resolution No. 413 would repeal Resolution No. 312.

RESOURCES/FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no direct financial impact of the motion.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council move to adopt Resolution No. 413 repealing Resolution No. 312 regarding the reduction of regional and statewide association dues.

Approved By: City Manager **DT** City Attorney **MK**

BACKGROUND

At their May 15, 2017 Council meeting, the City Council discussed new guiding principles to evaluate future proposed dues/assessments from membership organizations to which the City pays. The staff report for this May 15th Council discussion can be found at the following link:

<http://cosweb.ci.shoreline.wa.us/uploads/attachments/cck/council/staffreports/2017/staffreport051517-8c.pdf>.

This discussion arose due to the City receiving notice that two City-supported associations were proposing dues increases for 2018: the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA). The most recent Council direction regarding association dues was adopted in 2011 as Resolution No. 312 (Attachment A), which encouraged City staff and elected officials to work with City-supported associations to achieve cost reductions in their budgets and membership dues for that year and future years.

Instead of the policy direction identified Resolution No. 312, Council provide direction to staff that they were in support of the proposed Guiding Principles for Supporting External Association Dues Increases (Attachment B) that were presented to Council on May 15. While Council provided direction that they were not interested in formally adopting these Guiding Principles, but rather were comfortable allowing staff and the Mayor or other Councilmembers representing the Council at membership organizations to use the Guiding Principles to guide voting and other decisions regarding dues, the Council did provide direction for staff to bring back a resolution to repeal Resolution No. 312.

DISCUSSION

Proposed Resolution No.413 (Attachment C) would repeal Resolution No. 312 in its entirety. The policy direction provided for in Resolution No. 312 would be replaced by the attached Guiding Principles, which will not be formally adopted.

RESOURCES/FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct financial impact of the motion

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council move to adopt Resolution No. 413 repealing Resolution No. 312 regarding the reduction of regional and statewide association dues.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Resolution No. 312

Attachment B: Guiding Principles for Supporting External Association Dues Increases

Attachment C: Proposed Resolution No. 413

RESOLUTION NO. 312

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THAT CITY DUES SUPPORTED REGIONAL AND STATEWIDE ASSOCIATIONS WORK TOWARD REDUCING THEIR BUDGETS AND MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2011 AND FUTURE YEARS.

WHEREAS, Shoreline and cities across King County are facing significant loss of revenue; and

WHEREAS, Shoreline and cities are struggling to continue to provide services while trying to keep up with increasing costs; and

WHEREAS, Shoreline and other cities have made significant budget cuts that affect needed services; and

WHEREAS, Shoreline is committed to finding additional efficiencies and cost savings; and

WHEREAS, city-supported associations add value both to the city and to the region and state; and

WHEREAS, some associations funded by local governments demonstrated leadership by cutting their dues by up to 15%; and

WHEREAS, city supported associations should also cut costs and pass along those savings to cities; **NOW THEREFORE**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES:

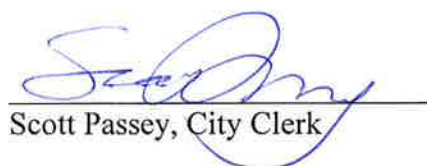
Section 1. The Shoreline City Council encourages city-supported associations to work toward reducing budgets and membership dues and assessments for 2011 and future years.

Section 2. Shoreline staff and elected officials shall work with these associations and their directors as appropriate to achieve these cost reductions for the benefit of Shoreline taxpayers.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 28, 2011.


Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Scott Passey, City Clerk



Guiding Principles for Supporting External Association Dues Increases

1. Recognize that cities have a 1% limit in property tax growth and as such, membership organizations should recognize that their member resources are likely growing at a pace less than inflation.
2. Regular, moderate increases that are tied to an index to maintain service levels should be the practice as opposed to large one-time increases to catch up.
3. Agencies should have written and adopted financial reserve policies and the agencies dues structure should incorporate these policies.
4. Dues or assessment increases to support a higher level of service needs to be in response to membership agencies requesting the higher level of service.
 - a. Discussion with membership/boards on alternatives (lower level of service within existing membership rates vs. the higher level of service).
5. Change in assessment due to changes in assessment factors (e.g. population or assessed valuation) need to reflect
 - a. An adopted method of allocation of proportional share; and
 - b. A methodology that provides stability and predictability for costs year to year for member agencies.
6. Dues/Assessment increases that are in excess of inflation, and not a result of a change in adopted assessment factors, should be brought to the Council for discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. 413

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 312 IN ITS ENTIRETY.

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2011, the Shoreline City Council adopted Resolution No. 312; and

WHEREAS, with Resolution No. 312, the City Council sought to encourage city-supported association to work towards the reduction in budgets and membership dues and assessments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council also directed staff and elected officials to work with these associations to achieve these cost reductions; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Resolution No. 312, the City has developed *Guiding Principles for Supporting External Associations Dues Increase* that will guide voting and other decisions regarding dues; and

WHEREAS, given these Guiding Principles, the policy direction identified in Resolution No. 312 is moot;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **REPEALER.** Resolution No. 312, a resolution requesting that city dues supported regional and statewide associations work toward reducing their budgets and membership dues for 2011 and future years, is REPEALED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JUNE 5, 2017.

Mayor Christopher Roberts

ATTEST:

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk