

CITY OF SHORELINE

SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 25, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: None.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Roberts who presided.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

Mayor Roberts led the flag salute. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present.

3. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

Debbie Tarry, City Manager, provided reports and updates on various City meetings, projects and events.

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Roberts announced that Councilmember McConnell has been appointed to the Nominating Committee of the National League of Cities.

Mayor Roberts reported that Lorie Hoffman, Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council Executive Director; Vicki Stiles, Shoreline Historical Museum Executive Director; and Bob Lohmeyer, Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Senior Center Director provided the City Council an update on their organizations' past, current, and future activities and events at tonight's dinner meeting.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathi Peterson, Shoreline resident, expressed concern about the installation of smart meters in Shoreline by Seattle City Light. She distributed information regarding smart meters and said they pose a cyber security threat and are a risk to health, safety, and privacy. She requested that the Council work with the City of Seattle to provide easier and less expensive ways for Shoreline residents to opt out of using smart meters, and recommended they watch the documentary *Take back Your Power*.

Julien Loh, Puget Sound Energy (PSE), commented that PSE urges the City Council to support the authorization of a One Year Right-of-Way Franchise with PSE, and said the staff of both agencies are working on executing a long term renewal. He then provided the Council an update on the PSE Rate Case settlement.

Janet Way, Shoreline Preservation Society, held up a sign that read *Save Hamlin Park* and updated the Council on her activities regarding this effort. She said she talked to hundreds of people that are against placing a maintenance facility at the Park. She said there are other locations in the City that can meet the needs of the maintenance staff without the destruction of a beautiful and forested park that residents love.

Mark Lundy, Shoreline resident, commented on the deteriorating social environmental conditions around North 182nd Street and Lynden Avenue North, and Fred Meyer and Deseret Industries. He said the vagrant homeless population has exploded in this area and his family no longer feels safe. He provided specific examples of the problems and talked about the trash and other hazardous waste accumulating in the streets. He recommended adjusting the parking laws to resolve the problem and prevent people from camping on city streets.

Councilmember Salomon shared that a neighbor's Trump sign was set on fire in their yard which caused their fence to burn down. He said efforts to intimidate people based on race or class, etcetera, are not acceptable, and what was done to this resident was also not acceptable. He said it was far outside the bounds of political discourse and how people should be treated.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Winstead and seconded by Councilmember Hall and unanimously carried, 7-0, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:

(a) **Approving Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 7, 2017**

(b) **Approving Expenses and Payroll as of September 8, 2017 in the Amount of \$931,188.72**

***Payroll and Benefits:**

Payroll Period	Payment Date	EFT Numbers (EF)	Payroll Checks (PR)	Benefit Checks (AP)	Amount Paid
8/13/17-8/26/17	9/1/2017	73921-74174	15185-15217	67956-67961	\$596,778.28
					<u>\$596,778.28</u>

***Wire Transfers:**

Expense Register Dated	Wire Transfer Number	Amount Paid
8/28/2017	1124	\$7,977.08
		<u>\$7,977.08</u>

***Accounts Payable Claims:**

Expense Register Dated	Check Number (Begin)	Check Number (End)	Amount Paid
8/31/2017	67878	67887	\$1,248.00
8/31/2017	67888	67900	\$122,828.12
8/31/2017	67901	67933	\$76,744.92
9/1/2017	67934	67955	\$125,612.32
			<u>\$326,433.36</u>

- (c) **Adopting Ordinance No. 782 - FCC Rule Amendments for Eligible Wireless Facilities**
- (d) **Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract with Reid Middleton, Inc., in the Amount of \$413,732 for Westminster Way N and N 155th Street Intersection Improvements**
- (e) **Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with Seattle Public Utilities for Providing Utility Casting Adjustment on the Meridian Avenue N, 190th to 205th Overlay Project**
- (f) **Adopting Resolution No. 418 - Join Puget Sound Regional Climate Preparedness Collaborative**
- (g) **Authorize the City Manager to Execute Additional Contracts with Integris LLC in an Amount up to \$85,000 for Citywide Process Improvement Consulting and Training including Support Related to the Financial/Human Resource Software System Implementation**

8. STUDY ITEMS

- (a) **Discussing Ordinance No. 798 - Authorizing a One Year Right-of-Way Franchise with Puget Sound Energy**

Alex Herzog, Management Analyst, explained that the existing franchise with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) expires on October 31, 2017, and Ordinance No. 798 authorizes a One Year Right-of-Way Franchise with PSE to provide natural gas in the City. He explained that the negotiations for a new long-term franchise have begun but have not been finalized. He said the One Year Franchise contains the same terms and conditions as the current one, and that adoption of the Ordinance is scheduled for October 9, 2017.

Councilmember Scully clarified that this is a non-exclusive franchise and it is not advancing PSE over other businesses. He said it is appropriate that the item return on the Consent Calendar.

(b) Discussing Requirements to Provide Voter Registration Materials to Tenants –
Sponsored by Deputy Mayor Winstead and Councilmember McGlashan

Alex Herzog, Management Analyst, shared that tonight's discussion addresses landlords providing voter registration materials to tenants to help remove barriers registering to vote as people move into new locations. He listed documents required by State law that landlords have to provide to tenants, and said voter registration materials can be added to that packet of information. He reviewed regulations recently adopted by the City of Seattle requiring landlords to provide voter registration materials to tenants. He said if Shoreline were to adopt this regulation, that there is a need for further policy and process development, additional staff for outreach and enforcement, and funding.

Deputy Mayor Winstead commented on the low voter turnout in the most recent election and explained how moving locations presents barriers for people to register to vote. She said it would be great having landlords provide registration forms to people as they move into a new location to help them stay registered. She said she would like to see this item brought back to Council.

Councilmember McGlashan explained one of the reasons he co-sponsored this item was to receive more information about it. He said on face value it looks good, but expressed concern about staff allocation, costs, and enforcement of the regulations. He requested more information on what it would take to outreach to the multi-family complexes, how much it would cost, and what the penalties would be for non-compliance. Mr. Herzog responded that the City has not done an in-depth analysis on costs and regulation enforcement yet. He said Seattle uses an infraction process that is complaint based. Seattle tenants also have a right to private action in civil court, and they can break a lease agreement if the landlord is found to be in violation of the regulations.

Deputy Mayor Winstead asked what staffing levels would be required and explained that there should not be a cost for registration materials. Mr. Herzog said staffing has not been looked at. Ms. Tarry added that the staffing level has not been determined and that she is looking for Council's feedback about moving the item forward.

Councilmember Hall said anything Council can do to get more people to vote is a good thing, and suggested first providing voter registration materials to multi-family leasing offices for them to distribute to their tenants. He said he think it is ultimately a good idea to make it a requirement, but Council needs to give more thought to how much time and priority to give it. He said his preference is to keep the item on the workplan, but he is not ready to move forward with an ordinance.

Councilmember McConnell stated the proposal is a good idea, but questioned if it is related to the City Council's core mission. She also expressed concern over implementing regulations without an enforcement component. She stated she supports Councilmember Hall's suggestion, and requested more information on the staff resources needed, program costs, and how the City

would receive registration materials. She stated she does not want to use staff resources to enforce the regulations, as she would prefer to put money towards human services. Mr. Herzog shared that Seattle provides information to landlords electronically for them to pass on to their tenants.

Councilmember Salomon questioned whose responsibility it should be to get people to register to vote. He pointed out that the current information landlords are required to provide to tenants are related to the act of renting, and voter registration materials are only tangentially related to renting. He said it is not difficult to register to vote and people need to take responsibility to enforce their wishes and preferences in voting. He said he does not think it is the landlord's responsibility to provide voter registration materials to tenants, and he does not see the value in using tax dollars to force them to do so when the voter can do it themselves for free.

Councilmember Scully said he supports the proposal to make it mandatory, but expressed concern over allowing civil right to private action. He said it would allow for people to sue their landlord to get out of their lease, however not necessarily because they were not provided voter registration materials, but because they want out of their lease for some other reason. He said he would prefer a complaint based city enforced system. He said he does not want to spend staff time on this, would not support a heavy handed approach, and prefers a voluntary program with a small fee.

Mayor Roberts expressed support for moving forward with the ordinance and said making an automatic process for people to receive voter registration should be included in the Council's legislative agenda and priorities. He said voter registration should follow the person, like driver license renewals, and that putting voter registration materials in front of people is a good idea. He shared that a broader discussion is needed regarding renter protections. Mayor Roberts said he has not heard consensus from the Council to move forward with the regulations.

Ms. Tarry clarified that she heard Council's interest in exploring alternate ways to provide voter registration materials to new tenants. She said staff will talk with King County Elections to see what outreach they are doing and how the City might assist them, as well as talk with Shoreline businesses to see how to increase voter registration in Shoreline.

Mayor Roberts announced that tomorrow is National Voter Registration Day and encouraged people to register to vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m., Mayor Roberts declared the meeting adjourned.

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk