

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, November 6, 2017
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: Councilmember Salomon

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Scott MacColl, Intergovernmental Program Manager; and Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: Kenmore City Council: Mayor David Baker, Councilmembers Milton Curtis, Stacey Denuski, Nigel Herbig, Brent Smith; and City Manager Rob Karlinsey and Assistant City Manager Nancy Ousley

Lake Forest Park City Council: Mayor Jeff Johnson, Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford, Councilmembers Semra Riddle, John Wright, Phillipa Kassover, Mark Phillips; and Lake Forest Park City Administrator Peter Rose

At 5:46 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Roberts.

Cities Update

Kenmore City Manager Rob Karlinsey shared about the City's Downtown Development Project. He explained that the project includes mixed-use buildings with commercial, restaurants, and the Hangar Community Building with the goal of creating a walkable downtown. He talked about the need for buildings to go vertical to accommodate more density. He shared that the Lodge at Saint Edwards is being restored to its full value to preserve the historic integrity of the building and expressed excitement about the 50 acre Lakepointe Development Project on Lake Washington where Sammamish River enters the lake.

Lake Forest Park Mayor Jeff Johnson shared that the City incorporated in 1961 and is a bedroom community situated in a forest like environment, and stated the residents prefer to keep it as such. He shared the City's major projects include studies for creeks and culverts, a Safe Highway, and Safer Streets. He commented on the City's efforts to ensure State Routes 104 and 522 are safe, can accommodate more transit, and are walkable and bikeable. He shared that they are developing a Central Subarea Plan to accommodate growth and upgrade the Town Center, and a Park, Recreation and Open Space and Trails Plan. He stressed the importance of developing partnerships with neighboring cities.

Shoreline City Manager Debbie Tarry shared that the City adopted a Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan that includes a plan for a future Community and Aquatics Center, adding park space in the Light Rail Station Subareas, and requires a \$100 Million investment in the first six years. She shared that the Surface Water Master Plan has been updated and a proactive approach will be implemented to reduce flooding and improve water quality. She shared that the City's new customer focused website debuted last week and includes integrated features for persons with disabilities. She shared about the City's ongoing Diversity and Inclusion efforts, including cultural shares, support for the LGBTQ community, and internal training for staff. She talked about the upcoming Shoreline School District Development projects and Shoreline Community College's on-campus housing project.

Sound Transit 2 & 3

Scott MacColl, Shoreline Intergovernmental Program Manager, referenced an article from Sunday's paper about Sound Transit's efforts to reduce costs and still ensure that the Lynnwood Link Extension Project is viable. He shared that the opening of the future Light Rail Stations has moved to 2024.

Deputy Mayor Stanford stressed the importance of working together to prevent cuts to ST3 and said she is glad Shoreline has the ST2 Project. She commented on the need for transit connections to the 185th Street Station and said there is still work to do and that citizens' concerns about cut through traffic need to be addressed. She said the City is also working to provide non-motorized access to the Town Center and corridor connections to get people to and from the ST3 Station at Town Center and safely across SR 522.

Councilmember Kassover shared about Lake Forest Park's Open House for the Safe Highway and Street Studies. She said residents expressed concerned with Bus Rapid Transit because of the bottleneck at the 145th Street and Interstate 5 (I-5) Interchange. She suggested hosting a joint open house to discuss the 522 Corridor and plans for the 145th Street Interchange. She pointed out that there are already traffic problems on State Route 104 and Ballinger Way and that traffic will probably increase with the opening of the 185th Street Light Rail Station.

Councilmember Riddle suggested using technology to combat cut through traffic, like contacting Google Maps to have streets removed as alternative routes from map directions, and creating a separate drop off area for autonomous cars and Uber drivers. She commented on Lake Forest Park's priority to make it safe for pedestrian and bicyclist to cross SR 522. Councilmember Wright commented on the importance of also having bus and motorized connections to Lake Forest Park's Town Center. He said transit access and feeder lines need to be preserved and talked about capitalizing on investments in cities to address park and rides, safety and corridor improvements, solve problems, and spur economic development within Town Center. He pointed out the need to focus less on property taxes to fund local government.

Councilmember Curtis pointed out that 145th Street is owned by multiple jurisdictions and asked how that communication process is going. Mr. Norris responded that Shoreline City Staff is working with Sound Transit and Washington State Department of Transportation Staff on the Interchange, and that more conversations are starting as the corridor planning process begins. Ms. Tarry noted that 145th Street and Lake City Way is a key intersection to address, and

communicated that it has been a challenge to have the City of Seattle in the room for these discussions. Mr. Norris added that the proposed change of the 185th Street Light Rail Station parking garage to the eastside of I-5 has significantly reduced costs, and said he does not believe that Lake Forest Park will be effected by additional cut through traffic.

Deputy Mayor Stanford recommended a joint approach to engage the City of Seattle to ensure that the 145th Street will work. Councilmember Herbig commented on the importance of the City of Seattle being at the table for discussions, and stated as Light Rail moves north, the potential for traffic passing to Shoreline increases. He recommended creating a voice of one and communicating these issues as a regional problem. Councilmember McConnell and Mr. MacColl recommended using the SeaShore Transportation Forum to have these discussions and encouraged outreaching to the members. Councilmember McConnell said the importance of connectivity to the Stations is being communicated to Metro and Community Transit for new and better extended routes, and suggested participating in a joint meeting with the City of Seattle following the election.

Mr. Rose stated that a corridor consultant is looking at the 145th Street/Bothell Way intersection and Shoreline's plan for better phasing and timing, and stressed the importance of ensuring bus stops are located in the right locations. Mayor Baker expressed concerned that buses will be full to capacity, questioned the frequency of service that will be provided, and said plans need to ensure that residents can get to and from the Light Rail Stations.

Mayor Roberts stated that Shoreline staff members are working with Community Transit and Metro for a seamless transition, talked about plans for pedestrian/bike improvements at and around the Stations in ST2, but said he is not certain about plans to deal with cut through traffic to the 185th Street Station.

Efforts to Address Sheltering

Mayor Roberts shared Shoreline's efforts to assist with homelessness include providing funding support to Compass Housing, Mary's Place, and Vision House. He shared that the City devoted a property for an affordable housing development and is currently working with King County Housing and Community Development on this project.

Councilmember Riddle commented that Lake Forest Park partners with service providers like the Center for Human Services, Mary's Place, and other private non-profits to help address these issues. She discussed the dangers facing elderly single women and noted that the homeless and disadvantaged in the City are a hidden and transient population.

Councilmember Kassover shared about her work on the North Urban Human Services Alliance Board that advocates for and provide human services to the homeless, and encouraged Councilmembers to join. She commented on the need to communicate as one voice to the County and the State that poverty is also a suburban problem.

Councilmember Herbig shared that Mary's Place, with 80 beds, recently opened in Kenmore and that the City partners with other human services partners to provide services and shelter. He agreed that homelessness is a regional issue.

Mayor Johnson shared about his work with the Union Gospel Mission and the services the Mission provides to homeless and drug addicted youth, figuring out real solutions to make their lives better, and encouraged Councilmembers to volunteer.

Councilmember Hall commented on the need for the Association of Washington Cities and Sound Cities Association to understand that all poor people do not reside in South King County and that poverty is not only a South King County problem.

Accommodating Seniors

Mayor Baker pointed out that 35% of the homeless population on the street are Seniors, and said they are being squeezed out of housing and required to choose between eating or purchasing medicine. He questioned how more housing can be provided to seniors and suggested the development of a Regional County Task Force on Housing. He talked about the difficulties Seniors facing homeless have, and said the younger generation of homeless can be retrained, but this is not the case with the Senior homeless population.

Mayor Roberts shared that the Shoreline City Council increased funding to the Senior Center, and are very proud to support it. He said the Center serves one-third of Shoreline residents, one-third Lake Forest Park residents, and one-third of residents from Seattle and other neighboring cities.

Councilmembers confirmed the need for the Cities to partner together on these issues and provide a united front and a regional voice.

At 6:46 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk