

CITY OF SHORELINE

SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL

SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, February 26, 2018
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: Mayor Hall

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Miranda Redinger, Senior Planner; Paul Cohen, Planning Manager; and Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk

At 5:52 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Salomon.

Ms. Redinger provided Councilmembers with information received at the June 2017 Climate Reality Leader Training presented by Al Gore, Former Vice President of the United States. She spoke about the global shift in climate temperatures and displayed a map depicting worldwide temperature increases. She said by 2050 the average annual temperature in the Pacific Northwest is anticipated to be 5.8° F warmer than it is today.

Councilmember McConnell arrived at 5:57 p.m.

Ms. Redinger described how increased temperatures contributed to worldwide catastrophes like Hurricane Harvey, Maria, and Irma, and talked about the resulting financial, health, and environmental impacts, and loss of life. She provided illustrations of the negative impacts increased temperatures are having on the Northwest Region. She explained that the world's food supply, water, and global health are vulnerable and impacted by increased average temperatures and changing rainfall patterns. She shared that decreases in precipitation, over the past two years, has resulted in extreme worldwide droughts, and caused wild fires, loss of agriculture and forests, worldwide hunger, and driven up food prices.

Ms. Redinger stated that solutions to address the climate crisis include increasing global wind energy capacity, and utilizing light-emitting diodes (LEDs), electric vehicles, solar energy, and building energy efficiency. She displayed pictures depicting examples of solar energy use, shared that jobs in the solar industry have doubled in the United States, and turbine service technician is the fastest growing job.

Ms. Redinger applauded the Councilmembers for their commitment to positively impact the environment and the climate as demonstrated in the Light Rail Station Subarea planning,

Shoreline's Climate Action Plan, and the City's participation in programs like Built Green, U.S. Green Buildings, and Salmon Safe.

Councilmembers discussed the importance of using clean power sources and reducing carbon emissions by using solar power energy for houses and vehicles. They suggested installing electrical vehicle powering stations on the Interstate 5 Corridor, from Washington to California, and providing locations to swap out electric vehicle batteries. They questioned when the cost of an electric vehicle will be compatible with a gas one, and asked about the use of Tidal Power. They discussed the inefficiency of using natural gas in new construction and having buildings be powered by renewable energy.

At 6:45 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Bonita Roznos, Deputy City Clerk