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CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING

Monday, October 8, 2018

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

5:30 p.m.

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

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; Eric Friedli, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services; Shawn Ledford, Police Chief; and Allison Taylor, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: **Shoreline School District:** Rebecca Miner, Superintendent, Marla Miller, Deputy Superintendent; David Tadlock, Meridian Park Elementary School Principal

Shoreline School Board: David Wilson, President; Mike Jacobs, Vice President; Board members Heather Fralick and Dick Nicholson; Soumya Keefe, Shorecrest Student Representative; and Saagar Mehta, Shorewood Student Representative

At 5:31 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Hall.

Debbie Tarry opened the meeting with an update on the City's Development activity and spoke about the new construction valuation increases, partially due to the draw of the Light Rail extension. She gave an overview of the current public projects and spoke on the status of the proposed, in process, and completed residential and mixed-use projects. New construction valuation for 2017 was reported at \$121.9 million. Ms. Fralick asked if the City could predict which housing projects that were likely to attract families with children, and Ms. Tarry explained that forecasting this is not simple.

Rebecca Miner detailed the extensive construction work happening throughout the School District and described the timeline for completion and plan for services at each site. While the new construction at the Edwin Pratt Early Learning Center, Parkwood Elementary, and Kellogg and Einstein Middle Schools are the broadest scope, Ms. Miner also mentioned extensive renovation work in other schools. Councilmember McConnell asked if all schools would have one-button lockdown capability, and Ms. Miner explained the measures the District is taking to enhance security at every site. Councilmember McGlashan asked if there were plans for development at the Shoreline Center and was told there are not.

Ms. Miner said that the district-wide enrollment, which is difficult to predict, has dropped below the projected count for the 2018-2019 school year, and nearby districts don't seem to be making up the difference. This lower enrollment means revenue from State funding will decrease, so expenditures will need to be adjusted accordingly. She reported that the District is on track to meet the State targets in class size reductions, which will be facilitated by the transition of sixth grade to the renovated middle schools in 2020. Mr. Nicholson asked if the City had statistics on trends/projections of families with school-age children moving into new construction projects. Ms. Tarry said the City would research for information, but Mayor Hall said that from a permitting perspective that information was not tracked.

Deputy Mayor Salomon arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Councilmembers Chang and McConnell encouraged the District to consider year-round open house and tour options. Councilmember Chang stated that families considering educational options are looking for information in the fall, which is easily gained from private schools, but not so available in the public schools. Soumya Keefe commented that Shorecrest has student ambassadors available by appointment to host prospective students.

Ms. Tarry gave an update on the new School Resource Officer (SRO), Deputy Jon Salter, who splits his time between the high schools. This program is funded by the City General Fund (68%), the School District (24%), and the State Criminal Justice (8%). While there is clear interest in adding a second SRO, the City said the District would need to increase its contribution to the costs. Ms. Miner spoke to the SRO's proactive engagement with students, and both student representatives echoed this observation. Deputy Mayor Salomon asked if there were metrics to track success, and Mayor Hall agreed that performance-based metrics might provide valuable information. Councilmember Scully suggested that since an entire community contributes to school safety it would be difficult to establish a metric specifically measuring SRO-driven successes. Ms. Miner added that metrics cannot measure "what didn't happen" and said she was unaware of statistics of incidents before Shoreline had an SRO, for comparison purposes. Chief Ledford shared that not many officers are drawn to the more routine, administrative work required in schools, and that he is defining a mechanism to attract quality candidates. He praised Deputy Salter's positive relationship-building with students. Ms. Miner revealed that as an effort to normalize the police presence in schools a new program is in place that offers free lunch on all campuses to all officers.

Ms. Tarry gave updates on the 198th and Aurora Development and Partnership, a supportive housing project for people with behavioral health service needs and people experiencing homelessness, and the upcoming Sales & Use Tax for Sidewalks Ballot Measure (Proposition No. 1) for funding construction of new sidewalks.

Reporting on the feasibility of a new Community & Aquatic Center, Ms. Tarry said the pool at Spartan Rec Center is only projected to remain operational through 2022-2023 without major renovations, and announced that it is time to establish a comprehensive, long range plan for a new Center. She explained that in preparation for a future facility, the Council has authorized acquisition of the Storage Court on Midvale Avenue. Councilmember Scully said there is

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tremendous need for partnership, community support, and stakeholder involvement in approaching this endeavor. Mr. Friedli described some of the specific features targeted as necessary for the future facility and reminded everyone that this space would replace existing facilities and not increase competition with the YMCA. Councilmember Roberts asked when the deadline to submit a November tax bond measure was, and was told June. Mayor Hall said the City and the District must work together, since they jointly either get, or lose, a pool. Ms. Fralick asked if there was a way to gauge interest in a new pool in comparison to other issues, and opinion polling was discussed. Mr. Wilson inquired what competing issues would be up at the same time and was told King County may have a Parks Bond on the November ballot.

Deputy Mayor Salomon asked for an Executive Summary of the School District's 4-year budget, and Ms. Miner said she would provide it to Council.

At 6:47 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Allison Taylor, Deputy City Clerk