

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 28, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: None.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

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

(a) Proclamation of Black History Month

Mayor Hall read a proclamation declaring the month of February 2019 as Black History Month. He asked all citizens to reflect on past successes and challenges of African Americans and look to the future to improve society. DarNesha Weary, the Association Director of Member Engagement for the YMCA of Greater Seattle, and members of the Northside Step Team accepted the proclamation. Ms. Weary described the dedication of the dance team and dancers Mikayla Weary, Cedella Dean, Keiara Johnson, Mikayla Sullivan, and Melanie O'Brien shared the history of the art and the importance of the team and dance in their lives.

3. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Chang shared that she attended the recent King County Regional Transit Committee meeting. She reported that in early 2019 the committee will be establishing a workplan with a focus on King County Metro's long-term plans in conjunction with the Sound Cities Association.

Councilmember McGlashan said he attended the Sound Transit Board Meeting, at which the Staff updated the Board on the status of the Lynnwood Link project. He reported on the work that will be started soon and shared that Sound Transit will have a Shoreline area Community Meeting with updates on the project on February 26, 2019.

Councilmember Scully gave an update on the All Home Advisory Board, saying it is in the middle of a governance review on homeless outreach. He shared that the organization's goal is to create a centralized authority to eliminate duplication of service and to ensure that people who do participate in the process get the services they need, where they need it.

Councilmember McConnell shared a reminder about the upcoming activities near and around the Viaduct/Tunnel in recognition of the closure and opening of the new route.

Mayor Hall said that this evening's Council Dinner Meeting included the Parks Funding Advisory Committee. He explained that the Committee is a group of volunteers who have been looking at fund raising opportunities and prioritization for future parks improvements. He said upon completion of the research they will be delivering their recommendations to the City Manager.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

JonAnn Cruver, North City resident, spoke on the future of the Senior Center on behalf of the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center. She spoke on the importance of serving the wide needs of the senior demographic and urged Council to include the Center in the decision making while planning a Community Center.

John James, Shoreline resident, spoke in favor of dedicating space for a Senior Center within the Community Center design. He said that as a corporate sponsor of the Senior Center he is impressed with the services provided there and shared examples of the breadth of the activities and sense of community the Center offers.

Theresa LaCroix, Shoreline resident, spoke on behalf of the Senior Center and requested that the City include 6,000 square feet of dedicated space and a commercial kitchen for a Senior Center in the proposed Community and Aquatics Center. She asked Council to recognize the possibility for a great partnership in the new Community Center.

Gloria Kawabori, Lake Forest Park resident, said she is impressed with the number of classes offered and shared that she has taken advantage of many of them. She reminded Council that it has been said that the way a community regards and treats its elders reflects the soul and the heart of the community.

Kathleen Randall, Shoreline resident, encouraged the Planning Commission to be forward-thinkers and install underground utilities for the potential Community and Aquatics Center to avoid the possibility of weather-related outages.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberts and seconded by Councilmember Chang and unanimously carried, 6-0, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:

- (a) **Approving Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 19, 2018
Approving Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 26, 2018
Approving Minutes of Special Meeting of January 7, 2019**

- (b) **Approving Expenses and Payroll as of January 11, 2019 in the Amount of
\$2,535,939.69**

***Payroll and Benefits:**

Payroll Period	Payment Date	EFT Numbers (EF)	Payroll Checks (PR)	Benefit Checks (AP)	Amount Paid
12/16/18-12/29/18	1/4/2019	82368-82614	16061-16083	72828-72833	\$657,634.19
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***Accounts Payable Claims:**

Expense Register Dated	Check Number (Begin)	Check Number (End)	Amount Paid
12/31/2018	72696	72707	\$112,738.62
12/31/2018	72708	72724	\$7,915.35
1/3/2019	72725	72731	\$86,648.12
1/3/2019	72732	72732	\$580.00
1/3/2019	72733	73740	\$6,582.76
1/10/2019	72741	72760	\$104,209.58
1/10/2019	72761	72775	\$102,821.34
1/10/2019	72776	72778	\$305.00
1/10/2019	72779	72799	\$1,017,536.68
1/10/2019	72800	72814	\$8,886.49
1/10/2019	72815	72817	\$36,625.66
1/10/2019	72818	72824	\$393,041.32
1/10/2019	72825	72827	\$414.58
			<u>\$1,878,305.50</u>

- (c) **Adopting Resolution No. 433 – Employee Handbook Updates**

- (d) **Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Contract with Pertect Inc. in the Amount of \$1,483,824 for the N 175th Street - Stone Avenue N to Interstate 5 Project**

- (e) Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Contract with BHC Consultants in an Amount Not to Exceed \$83,565 for Preliminary Design of the Stormwater Pump Station and SCADA Improvement Projects**
- (f) Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with The Blueline Group, LLC in the Amount of \$120,000 for On-Call Development Review and Construction Inspection Services**

8. ACTION ITEMS

- (a) Interviewing City Council Applicants for City Council Position #6

Mayor Hall reflected that over 50 candidates applied for the City Council vacancy and six were identified as finalists by the Council. He said that this morning Rebeca Rivera withdrew her candidacy, so five people remain for the interview process tonight. Prior to Council posing the interview questions, Mayor Hall described the process for each candidate. The interview questions were the same for all candidates.

Question 1: Councilmember McConnell asked the candidate to share why they are interested in serving the City Council and how their experiences and skills would make them the best qualified candidate.

Question 2: Councilmember Scully stated that often the City Council must adopt policies to address competing goals. He said that one area that can be challenging are goals to protect the environment and goals that protect an individuals' right to use their property as they would like. He asked how the candidate would balance the goals of protecting the environment and allowing people to use their property.

Question 3: Councilmember McGlashan said that in addition to Council meetings, Councilmembers generally serve on regional committees, attend community events, and meet with community groups, residents, and businesses. He asked how the candidate would balance the time required to serve on the Council with other responsibilities, interests, and activities they may have.

Question 4: Councilmember Roberts asked the candidate to tell the Council about a time when they were on a team and did not like the direction the team was going. He asked what the Candidate's response was, and what they learned.

Question 5: Councilmember Chang asked the candidate to share how they have familiarized themselves with the issues the City Council will be required to address in the next few months, and what are the two primary issues the candidate believes will be most important for the Council to address, whether from those on the current workplan, current Council goals, or new issues the candidate thinks needs to be added.

Question 6: Mayor Hall asked that as Shoreline is increasing in diversity, what will you do to be inclusive of our entire population, especially encouraging residents who may not have previously participated in the City's Boards, Committees, or Neighborhood Associations?

Question 7: Mayor Hall asked that, if appointed, would the candidate intend to run for election in the Fall?

Candidate #1, Jennifer Greenlee

Question 1: Ms. Greenlee said she is interested in serving on the City Council because she has been a resident since 2011 and has been looking for more opportunities to get involved in the community in which she enjoys living. She said that she is an attorney by education and works for the City of Seattle, so is familiar with the political environment and policy making. She has spent time as an investigator and is capable in decision making after collecting facts and doing research. As a mediator she would bring her listening skills and seeing differing opinions and identifying the underlying issues that cause conflict.

Question 2: Ms. Greenlee replied that it is important to look at the overall impact on the neighborhood and community, not just the individual. She said benefits, economic and other, have to be considered.

Question 3: Ms. Greenlee said that many of her recent obligations outside of work have ended so she would be able to devote time as needed. She elaborated that she has been involved in a statewide committee and a City of Seattle committee for the past several years, but those responsibilities have ended.

Question 4: Ms. Greenlee responded that she did not have a good team environment example but has been in a leadership position where she had to take a group of people from non-productive behaviors and move them towards how the group needed to function. She shared about taking on management of a team at the Washington State Human Rights Commission that had been experiencing conflict and dysfunction, and said she has the ability to listen to people and bring them on board with her vision.

Question 5: Ms. Greenlee explained that she has tried to stay informed about what is going on in Shoreline in several ways, including social media groups, the City Council page and City e-notifications for Council agendas, and watching City Council meetings online. She said the overarching issue she thinks is important is supporting growth and density in a way that is equitable and preserves the character of Shoreline. She elaborated that this topic leads into considerations of traffic and transportation, affordable housing, and making sure the needs of the City are met as the population increases.

Question 6: Ms. Greenlee offered that one of the ways to make connections is to go where the people are and to be willing and open to listening. She said she would not wait for people to come to her, but also would attend community events and gatherings in order to have conversations with residents.

Question 7: Ms. Greenlee replied that she had not decided but was considering the possibility.

Ms. Greenlee concluded stating that someone once told her “if you are not at the table, you are on the menu”. She said when this opportunity presented itself she wanted to be at the table. She explained that in her time in Shoreline she has noticed the changes in the community and said she enjoys all that Shoreline has to offer. She stated that she would like the City to keep its neighborly feel even as it grows.

Candidate #2, David Chen

Question 1: Mr. Chen shared that one of the reasons he wanted to be part of City Council is the perception he has of individuals that share the leadership. He said he grew up in Shoreline, and the City is very special to him. Serving on Council would provide the opportunity to be a conduit to the residents and give them a platform to address their priorities. He elaborated that the underlying strengths of the community and the promotion of civic engagement were important to him. He said he has had the opportunity to serve in many board governance roles, which have similarities to Council’s role. He said he has loved being part of workgroups focusing on affordable and transition housing and homelessness, and that he feels there is a huge confluence in City, non-profit, and private organizations coming together to address these issues.

Question 2: Mr. Chen responded that balancing is really about clarity on expectations and priorities. He referred to the “tragedy of the commons” and explained that it was a situation where public land could be subject to damage or degradation because there is not clarity around ownership. He said he believes in firm private property rights with established and enforced boundaries that do not act as a detriment to the greater community.

Question 3: Mr. Chen thanked his family and friends for all the support he has for childcare, and said it is specifically because of the community building Shoreline promotes that he is able to engage and be involved. He spoke to servant leadership and the benefits of proximity.

Question 4: Mr. Chen said that the hallmarks of any team should be respect and civility. He recommended that in times of disagreement it is best to challenge and improve the process without being contrarian. He spoke to the traits of a good leadership and the importance of standing behind the consensus of the group.

Question 5: Mr. Chen shared that he has spent time reading Council materials and has created a highlighted workplan for familiarizing himself with Council issues. He said that the transparency of the City government has made accessing that information facile. He said major topics for the community include economic resiliency, barriers to entry into permanent housing, and the related ongoing epidemic of addiction.

Question 6: Mr. Chen stated that the first step to being inclusive is understanding the operational definitions in place and how successes are measured. He suggested looking at ways to make small impacts that would increase access to community events and shared his early experiences with helping his family access resources. He said talking to leaders in underserved communities would help target actual needs.

Question 7: Mr. Chen said he intends to run for a Council seat, if appointed. He said it was important to him and his family to serve the community and act as a good role model, offering consistent and sound leadership and creating a legacy for the community. He said he would like the opportunity to have conversations with residents who never thought they would be engaged with the City government.

Mr. Chen concluded that he is honored to be considered for a Council position and thanked Council for their work. He described Shoreline as a “City of Peers”, where everyone has a voice and can, and does, contribute. He said he hopes to leave a legacy of community involvement.

Candidate #3, Betsy Robertson

Question 1: Ms. Robertson stated that her involvement with the City has grown steadily over the last several years, beginning with membership on the Parks Board. She described being able to work on improving a City she is proud of as one of the greatest pleasures of her life. She shared memories of her first connections to Shoreline and said her involvement has made her want to do more for the City, and work on a higher platform. She described herself as an active listener with an ability to understand and authentically represent people from all walks of life.

Question 2: Ms. Robertson said that she is familiar with this problem from her work on the Parks Board. She said people need to be able to do what they want to do on their property, and it is the job of City representatives to inform and educate them on the impact of their decisions. She described the importance of setting reasonable parameters for the health of the community while still protecting individual rights.

Question 3: Ms. Robertson responded that she considers herself an “unofficial evangelist” for Shoreline. She shared her pride in the City and that she would welcome additional opportunities to represent it. She said life is about managing competing priorities and serving on Council would be an important part of her life. She shared the ways in which she handles her time and said she would allocate time in a way that is appropriate to the office.

Question 4: Ms. Robertson reflected on a time she was asked to take on a project that she felt did not align with the values of the organization. She said she asked questions and expressed concerns, but when overruled she executed the assignment to the best of her ability.

Question 5: Ms. Robertson replied that she has spent time looking through previous Council meeting materials and had the advantage of already working on some of the Council’s priorities through her current participation in City business. She said the future of the proposed Community and Aquatics Center is a huge issue. She added that keeping Shoreline affordable and handling homelessness is a critical issue to be discussing as a City and as a region.

Question 6: Ms. Robertson said that it is important to encourage communication and participation whenever possible. She said that she chairs a multicultural event at her daughter’s school and that as a member of the Parks Board she is an advocate for cultural services and believes the City should serve the multitude of cultures it represents.

Question 7: Ms. Robertson said that if appointed, she intends to run for City Council in the Fall.

Ms. Robertson concluded that she is not driven by political ambition and is most comfortable working behind the scenes. She said she is motivated to serve Shoreline and to represent underserved individuals and neighborhoods and to use her strengths to make the city stronger. She offered that there is great value in the experience she has had in working for the City, as she is familiar with City processes and values and has already demonstrated a commitment to service. She explained that her appointment would bring geographic and gender diversity to the Council. She said she lives in a neighborhood where development is being felt, and it is a perspective that must be represented.

Candidate #4, Eben Pobe

Question 1: Mr. Pobe stated that he values joy and inner fulfillment and looks for how he can improve any place he is. He said he has lived in Shoreline for six years and has found it to be a wonderful place. Looking to contribute to the success of the City, he enrolled in the first CityWise class to better understand City operations and strategies. He said he has a passion as a community servant to bring his skills to Council to help make Shoreline a better place.

Question 2: Mr. Pobe replied that impact should be considered in every action an individual decides to take. He said he strongly believes that everyone has a right to use their property as they wish but should evaluate the pros and cons before acting. He said it is the City's duty to provide education around impact, since people might not be aware of the repercussions of their decisions.

Question 3: Mr. Pobe said that the way a person uses time can be efficient or inefficient, and he is an efficient person. He offered that he would be glad to actively serve on external committees with the best interests of the citizens of Shoreline in mind.

Question 4: Mr. Pobe shared that he has respectfully disagreed with actions on teams he has been on in the past, always with concern for continuing collaboration and achieving a shared purpose. He shared details of his work as a liaison and explained that he kept the contributors focused on working together to achieve a single purpose.

Question 5: Mr. Pobe reflected that reading is a big part of his preparation, and said he also finds value in in-person discussions. He said the two topics of importance to him are messaging of the planned tree retention and replacement for the Sound Transit Light Rail Project and the development of the proposed Community and Aquatics Center.

Question 6: Mr. Pobe said that recently the Shoreline School District released statistics that confirm the increasing diversity in the City. He said he is a strong advocate for inclusion of individuals from different backgrounds, perspectives, and skills and if given the opportunity to serve on Council, he would work to get more people involved. He thanked the Council for hiring a Diversity and Inclusion Manager and in creating the CityWise project, which gave him a great understanding of the internal and external operations of Shoreline's government.

Question 7: Mr. Pobe said he would run for City Council in the Fall if appointed. He thanked Council and Staff for making such an effort to involve members of the community. He said that he still is aware there are very few people of color around him, although he feels the Council and Staff are doing everything possible to change this. He said that in his conversations with Shoreline residents from Africa he understands that not everyone feels they are heard. He committed to making sure Council's efforts for diversity would not go to waste if he is appointed.

Mr. Pobe concluded that he was excited to be a candidate and is looking forward to the opportunity to serve.

Candidate #5, Rebeca Rivera, withdrew her candidacy prior to the interviews.

Mayor Hall recessed the meeting at 8:44 p.m. and reconvened it at 8:49 p.m.

Candidate #6, Genevieve Arredondo

Question 1: Ms. Arredondo shared that she is disillusioned with what is happening in national government, and said people are not listening or talking to each other and that large groups of people who are often marginalized are being left out of the conversation or degraded. She said these actions have inspired her to make a difference in her local community, which will have a larger impact on the world. She shared that she was born in Mexico and immigrated to the United States as a child. She said she feels her skills and background would benefit Council by helping connect to the growing immigrant population and engage them in the process and include them in the building of the community.

Question 2: Ms. Arredondo replied that while you want to give credit to the work people have done to obtain property and build their homes, at the same time protecting the environment is integral. She said that it is a balance and depends on the specifics of the issue. She offered that solutions and compromises need to be explored, and if it is an issue that will affect the health and vitality of the greater community then that impact needs to be considered.

Question 3: Ms. Arredondo explained that she currently works part time, so has time to commit to attend meetings, and her husband has a schedule that is flexible enough to support family needs.

Question 4: Ms. Arredondo recounted an experience when a person in leadership took credit for the work of others. Ms. Arredondo shared that she took the time to explain to the person how this was affecting the team. She said that her advice was not taken into account, so in subsequent team meetings she made the effort to create a positive and open environment and highlight the work of her team members.

Question 5: Ms. Arredondo said she has watched past Council meetings, read Vision 2029, familiarized herself with them 2018-2020 Council Goals, and researched the demographics of Shoreline. She said the two goals that stand out to her are racial equity and social justice, which

to her includes policing forces having good relationships with the public and regular community connections. She commended Council for the efforts they make to ask for input. She said it is also important to ensure Shoreline has economic vitality to attract both large investors and small businesses and stay a strong community.

Question 6: Ms. Arredondo said she will continue to go to community events and meetings as well as use her Spanish language abilities to reach out to people who may not feel connected. She offered that she would go door-to-door to introduce herself to residents. She said it is important to talk to, include, and invite, as many kinds of people as possible to contribute to the community.

Question 7: Ms. Arredondo said she would run for City Council in the Fall.

Ms. Arredondo concluded by listing the factors that led her to apply for the Council position. She shared her drive to listen to community members and address their needs proactively. She reflected on the impact being an immigrant made on her and said she has spent the majority of her adult life making sure the most marginalized populations have equal access. She addressed the growing concern of the rising cost of living and the need for diverse housing choices. She said it is important to not only provide social services and meet the needs of the growing population but also protect the history of those who have built Shoreline. She described herself as a woman of action who is not daunted by obstacles and described her approach to problem-solving. She spoke to her vision for Shoreline and commitment to doing the work necessary.

(b) EXECUTIVE SESSION: Evaluate Candidate Qualifications
RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)

At 9:06 p.m., Mayor Hall recessed the Council into an Executive Session for a period of 30 minutes as authorized by RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to elective office. He said the Council is expected to take final action following the Executive Session. There were no Staff in attendance.

At 9:37 p.m. Mayor Hall reconvened the meeting.

(c) Appointing and Oath of Office for New City Councilmember to fill Council Position
No. 6

Councilmember Roberts moved that the City Council appoint [_____] to fill the Council position vacated by former Councilmember/Deputy Mayor Jesse Salomon and to serve until a qualified person is elected at the next general election in November 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McGlashan.

Councilmember Chang moved to amend the motion to insert the name Betsy Robertson. The motion was seconded by Councilmember McConnell.

Councilmembers reflected on the high quality of all finalists and thanked them all for offering to bring their skills to City Council. It was noted that Ms. Robertson brings both geographic diversity and prior City/community involvement to the Council.

The amendment carried 6-0.

The main motion as amended was approved unanimously, 6-0.

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk, administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Councilmember Betsy Robertson.

Councilmember Roberts moved to extend the meeting for ten minutes, which was seconded by Councilmember McConnell, and approved unanimously, 7-0.

(d) Electing a Deputy Mayor

Ms. Simulcik Smith described the process for electing a Deputy Mayor to serve the remainder of the 2018-2019 term.

Councilmember Chang nominated Councilmember McConnell, and Councilmember McGlashan nominated Councilmember Scully.

Councilmember McConnell was elected Deputy Mayor by a vote of 4.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 p.m., Mayor Hall declared the meeting adjourned.

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk