

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

Monday, April 22, 2019
5:45 p.m.

Conference Room 303 - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Debbie Tarry, City Manager; John Norris, Assistant City Manager; Jim Hammond, Intergovernmental Program Manager, and Allison Taylor, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: Yazmin Mehdi, Outreach Coordinator for Representative Jayapal

At 5:45 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Hall.

Mayor Hall welcomed Yazmin Mehdi, Outreach Coordinator for Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal. Ms. Mehdi described her role in the district office and recapped Congresswoman Jayapal's initiatives and committee work. She added that Congresswoman Jayapal is committed to outreach and helping residents navigate Agency assistance and shared examples of the support that is available to all constituents. She asked Council to communicate the availability of services to the residents of Shoreline.

Ms. Mehdi recognized the breadth of development coming to Shoreline in connection with the Light Rail and asked for an update. There was conversation around ways to support infrastructure development, specifically focused on transportation needs. Councilmembers shared that it is important for the definition of transportation funding packages to be multi-modal, not just vehicle, focused. It was communicated to Ms. Mehdi that the City needs legislative support to expand options for small and medium sized cities to be able to fairly compete for Federal transportation funding. Solutions suggested ranged from set-asides reserved for smaller cities to dedicating funding to metropolitan planning organizations. It was stated that the City is well-prepared to apply for Federal grants, but that options are limited.

Councilmembers communicated concern about the impact the Light Rail will have on traffic management on the NE 145th Corridor and the need for a bicycle/pedestrian bridge at 148th Street was emphasized. The City recounted its work to secure funding from a wide range of sources and described the its financial commitment to the project. It was mentioned that a partnership with the City of Seattle is in process and Staff expressed gratitude for the support of the Federal Delegation.

Councilmembers updated Ms. Mehdi on the City's efforts toward stormwater and culvert improvements and associated funding options were discussed.

Ms. Mehdi asked for an update on Shoreline-specific priorities. The first item discussed was the potential Community and Aquatics Center. After describing the condition and location of the current pool, the scope of the project for a new Center was outlined.

A conversation around the City's efforts to sustain affordable housing followed. It was recognized that the City needs to build housing in order to support a growing workforce. Councilmembers mentioned the value of early intervention to help people remain in their homes and the successes in Shoreline's Community Development Block Grants were reviewed. The City updated Ms. Mehdi on the development of the 198th Affordable Housing Project.

It was mentioned that it is important to develop and maintain parks and green spaces as the City grows in density. Councilmembers described the efforts dedicated toward parks improvements and creation of additional green spaces.

The concept of a small business recognition program was discussed, and Staff were asked to explore useful ways to draw attention to local, small businesses.

Mayor Hall thanked Ms. Mehdi for her time and attention to the Shoreline's priorities.

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

Allison Taylor, Deputy City Clerk