

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 10, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers - Shoreline City Hall
17500 Midvale Avenue North

PRESENT: Mayor Hall, Deputy Mayor McConnell, Councilmembers McGlashan, Scully, Chang, Robertson, 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) Proclaiming Student Champions Day

Mayor Hall welcomed student champions and their coaches from King's Schools, Shorewood, and Shorecrest High Schools and commended the recipients for their achievements in academics and athletics in the 2018-2019 school year.

3. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

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

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor McConnell reported that at the recent SeaShore Transportation Forum meeting, she heard updates from the Seattle Department of Transportation and regarding the King County Parks Levy. She noted the King County Parks Levy is coming up on the November Ballot and it is exciting that King County is proactive in procuring open spaces and securing funding for maintenance.

Mayor Hall reflected that the State of the City event went well and was well-attended. Additionally, he said that, at the King County Cities Climate Collaboration Summit, it was nice to hear some of the recent work done in Shoreline acknowledged, including the growth of Built Green projects and the zoning to support transit and transit-oriented uses.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Glen Halverson, Shoreline resident, said he feels there have been adverse impacts from the rechannelization of Richmond Beach Road and shared examples of his observations. He expressed the opinion that the community would be better served if the road was returned to two lanes.

Ginny Scantlebury, Shoreline resident, shared her concerns about the Richmond Beach Road Post Project Report. She suggested contacting local businesses to hear how they have been impacted by the change; highlighted a potential for traffic impact with the planned addition of a crosswalk; and stated that she feels the delay times listed in the Report are underestimated.

Tom McCormick, Shoreline resident, spoke in support of the rechannelization of Richmond Beach Road. He listed the benefits of the conversion that accommodate all users. He said that as the City looks ahead to the 185th Street Light Rail Station being open, new efforts will be needed to provide a multi-modal corridor from Richmond Beach to the new station.

Tom Peterson, Shoreline resident, said he is thankful for the rechannelization of Richmond Beach Road. He reported that he is looking forward to the report from the traffic department and to learn what outcomes the science and statistics show.

Justin McConachie, Seattle resident and Puget Sound Energy representative, spoke in support of Ordinance No. 860. He thanked staff for the smooth and collaborative process and said the intentional work is reflected in the results of the proposed franchise agreement.

Stacey Pedersen, Shoreline resident, stated that she is looking forward to seeing the traffic study results of the rechannelization of Richmond Beach Road. She said her main concern is that there is no easy access to the coffee shop on Richmond Beach Road for drivers coming from the north or east. She remarked that the westbound stop at the 5-way interchange is dangerous because of lack of sightlines and shared suggestions on improving safety and access in the area.

Laethen Wene, Shoreline resident, reported that the orange pedestrian flags are missing on 175th Street.

Norma Jordan, Shoreline resident, observed that Richmond Beach Road has very little leeway for change because of its configuration. She said the characteristics are special to the community and reflected on the recent year-long study done by community members which recommended against the rechannelization based on safety and efficiency. She said she is disappointed that the City did not pay attention to the study results and shared examples of reasons behind her opinion.

Harley O'Neil, Jr, Shoreline resident, and business owner on Richmond Beach Road, said the Richmond Beach Coffee Company and Spin Alley have been negatively impacted by the rechannelization. He reflected on his participation on a committee for the Aurora Corridor when center turn lanes were determined dangerous, and said he was surprised to see one added to Richmond Beach Road. He said he likes the bike lanes and asked Council to look for improvements to the existing design.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Councilmember McGlashan and seconded by Councilmember Chang and unanimously carried, 7-0, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:

(a) Approving Minutes of Regular Meeting of 4/22/2019

(b) Approving Expenses and Payroll as of May 24, 2019 in the Amount of \$3,416,169.94

***Payroll and Benefits:**

Payroll Period	Payment Date	EFT Numbers (EF)	Payroll Checks (PR)	Benefit Checks (AP)	Amount Paid
4/7/19-4/20/19	4/26/2019	84351-84605	16249-16280	74035-74042	\$916,970.98
4/21/19-5/4/19	5/10/2019	84606-84870	16281-16311	74278-74283	\$733,379.23
					<u>\$1,650,350.21</u>

***Accounts Payable Claims:**

Expense Register Dated	Check Number (Begin)	Check Number (End)	Amount Paid
4/30/2019	73971	73971	\$47,358.57
5/2/2019	73972	73979	\$106,159.46
5/2/2019	73980	74014	\$1,818.93
5/2/2019	74015	74034	\$31,060.91
5/9/2019	74043	74073	\$283,085.66
5/9/2019	74074	74107	\$1,018.09
5/9/2019	74108	74117	\$13,337.80
5/9/2019	74118	74153	\$104,463.91
5/15/2019	74154	74186	\$205,010.79
5/15/2019	74187	74221	\$2,035.09
5/15/2019	74222	74252	\$595.00
5/15/2019	74253	74277	\$475,309.00
5/21/2019	74284	74285	\$63,471.84
5/23/2019	74286	74309	\$70,553.07
5/23/2019	74310	74362	\$8,142.18
5/23/2019	74363	74369	\$23,320.47
5/23/2019	74370	74404	\$261,270.77
5/23/2019	74405	74412	\$67,808.19
			<u>\$1,765,819.73</u>

- (c) Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract with Doolittle Construction LLC in the Amount of \$444,100 for the 2019 Bituminous Surface Treatment Project**
- (d) Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Contract with Reid-Middleton, Inc. in the Amount of \$170,000 for Design of the 15th Avenue NE Pavement Preservation Project**
- (e) Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Commute Trip Reduction Interlocal Agreement with King County**
- (f) Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Twin Ponds Park Possession and Use Agreement, Right of Entry Agreement, Temporary Construction Easements, and Permanent Electrical Easement with Sound Transit**

8. STUDY ITEMS

- (a) Discussing Richmond Beach Road Post-Project Report

Kendra Dedinsky, Traffic Engineer, delivered the staff presentation. Ms. Dedinsky reviewed the rechannelization project and explained that this type of conversion is a proven safety countermeasure for roads similar to Richmond Beach Road. She described the outreach and information available during the decision-making process and shared some of the common concerns received from the community. Reporting on the project outcomes, she said it is too soon to gauge changes to safety and explained why. She reported that the City has tracked some minor speed reduction on the corridor and shared specifics. She displayed information on assessed travel times and said both peak AM and PM travel times have had slight increases in transit time. Mayor Hall said he is disappointed that the data indicates there is still significant speeding on the road.

Ms. Dedinsky said the Fire Department reports that the emergency response time from Station 64 to 20th Avenue Northwest has increased by nine seconds and reflected that this change is consistent with the reported travel time increases, annually. She shared details on the diversion and cut through traffic monitoring and said there are two locations that need to be re-monitored because of equipment vandalism during evaluation. She said the City will plan follow-up actions for the single monitored location that had an uptick in traffic volume. She described post-project concerns and shared considerations for potential revisions to the roadway.

When asked if there was a way to track the numbers of bicyclists or pedestrians, Ms. Dedinsky said there is not software to support this and offered that the annual statewide pedestrian/bicyclist counts have increased.

Councilmember Scully said that the two primary concerns he hears about are the merge on Dayton Avenue and the entrance to the Richmond Beach Coffee Company, with which Councilmember McGlashan agreed.

Ms. Dedinsky said the City would start working with nearby property owners soon to evaluate all potential opportunities for improvement to the intersection of Richmond Beach Road and 15th Avenue NW and to the driveway entrance to the adjacent Richmond Beach Coffee Company. When asked if moving the driveway would be the simplest solution, Ms. Dedinsky said the intersection is not ideal since it has a skewed alignment. She displayed conceptual designs and said all reconfiguration opportunities will be evaluated; she also mentioned a roundabout could be a good solution for this location.

A majority of Council commented on their appreciation for the additional safety the rechannelization offers.

Councilmember Chang said she drives Richmond Beach Road frequently. She observed that the initial reports indicate the rechannelization is working as intended. She said it will be important to continue to monitor the volume/capacity ratio to see if changes need to be made.

There was discussion about the impact of the Metro bus stop near the merge area on 3rd Avenue NW and Richmond Beach Road. Ms. Dedinsky said that while the City has approached Metro about relocating it, there is not an easy solution. Several Councilmembers commented on the need to reevaluate this location and it was suggested that if Metro Transit has capital funding, another option could be a pull out for the bus. Ms. Dedinsky agreed and said she has primed Metro for this possibility.

Deputy Mayor McConnell shared feedback she has heard and said that the hard data speaks for itself. She said she looks forward to comparing more data after another year of evaluation.

Mayor Hall shared his observation that the number of signs placed in the right-of-way near the businesses at 8th and Richmond Beach Road obscure sightlines for drivers.

(b) Discussing Ordinance No. 860 – Puget Sound Energy Franchise

Christina Arcidy, Management Analyst, delivered the staff presentation. She gave an overview of the Puget Sound Energy (PSE) Franchise renewal process and said the negotiations had been positive and collaborative. She described the changes to the renewal terms and the work done to increase clarity. She reviewed the mandatory franchise considerations and stated that upon evaluation by staff, PSE was found in compliance. She concluded that staff recommends Council consider the franchise as negotiated between PSE and the City and then displayed the next steps toward adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 860.

When asked to clarify who would hold financial responsibility if the City asked PSE to relocate infrastructure for a project and then asked them to relocate the same infrastructure again within a five-year span, Ms. Arcidy confirmed that the City would be responsible.

The Councilmembers agreed to see proposed Ordinance No. 860 as a Consent Item on June 24, 2019.

(c) Discussing Ordinance No. 859 – Establishing a New Chapter, SMC Chapter 5.25
Filming Regulations and Amending SMC Chapter 3.01

Nate Daum, Economic Development Manager, delivered the staff presentation. He explained that the City Council's 2018-2020 Workplan includes a goal to strengthen Shoreline's economic climate and opportunities by facilitating collaboration. He reflected that the City works with many small businesses that are associated with filmmaking professionals and Shoreline's support for the industry supports their growth. He said that supporting filmmaking in the area meets the goals of the 2018-2023 Economic Development Strategic Plan components of growing a media production industry and supporting Shoreline Community College. He reviewed the previous actions of the Shoreline Film Office and said as media opportunities continue to increase, the Shoreline Film Office is leveraging the growth and helping local artists tap into the economic activity. He said that based on Council direction, staff developed a policy proposal built on model code.

Mr. Daum said the that City does not currently have regulations for fees in place for filmmaking on City property beyond its standard right-of-way and parks and open space use permits. He said film crews have been interested in shooting in Shoreline but are hindered by permit requirements. He displayed a comparison of film regulations and permit fees of other film-friendly cities in the Pacific Northwest. He said the result of his research indicates that Shoreline's competitor cities are less expensive. He shared information on the City of Seattle's Fees and Practices and described the tiered permit types offered there. He recommended implementing a model consistent with that of other cities in the region to provide ease-of-understanding for filmmakers interested in Shoreline. Mr. Daum described the benefits of regional alignment and the stakeholder recommendations of centralized permit coordination, permit design, and permit fees. He displayed a list of the staff recommendations for filmmaking regulations, outlined the suggested exemptions, and shared a list of pros and cons for Council discussion.

Mr. Daum listed the questions submitted by Councilmember Roberts prior to the meeting and responded to each one. Margaret King, City Attorney, added that Washington Cities Insurance Authority may offer guidelines that provide additional information or direction. Upon discussion of the definitions of 'commercial' and 'personal' use, Mr. Daum and Ms. King said the intent is to regulate commercial enterprises and suggested revisiting the definitions. Mr. Daum defined roving productions and described the intent behind the proposed regulations for both professional and student filmmakers. Councilmember McGlashan stated an interest in discounts or waivers being made available to student filmmakers enrolled at Shoreline Community College.

Councilmember Scully suggested simplifying the proposed code by eliminating the tiers. He then shared his opinion that staff has been focused on the film industry for a long time and he would like to get the filmmaking regulations wrapped up and refocus economic development efforts towards drawing commercial and retail businesses to the area.

Councilmember Robertson said she is in favor of the proposed permit process and fee schedule change. She said there is a "cool factor" in drawing the film industry to Shoreline and there was conversation about promotion of filming happening beyond the required noticing and the ways

Shoreline could team with the Chamber of Commerce to offer resources to the film companies. Mr. Daum displayed a breakdown of the film/video industry expenditure distribution to demonstrate the wide array of areas in which film money is spent.

Deputy Mayor McConnell said she is in favor of fostering the arts in Shoreline and agreed that the current permit rates are prohibitive.

Mayor Hall asked if fees for traffic control were included in the permit fees. Mr. Daum said no, the permit fee does not cover associated fees. Mr. Daum said it is the City's intention that any hard costs borne by the City would be additional charges to the applicant. Mayor Hall asked if there is something in the ordinance that makes that expectation clear and Mr. Daum replied that the Ordinance would direct staff to develop a comprehensive film manual, which would provide clarification. Ms. King suggested adding a provision to the code that says the manual will cover additional costs and require reimbursements. Mayor Hall advised that the City articulate the public benefit and be clear this is not a gift of public funds.

It was agreed that Ordinance No. 860 should return to Council as an Action Item on June 24, 2019.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:59 p.m., Mayor Hall declared the meeting adjourned.

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk