

CITY OF SHORELINE

SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL

SUMMARY MINUTES OF SPECIAL WORKSHOP DINNER MEETING

Monday, October 7, 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 and Allison Taylor, Deputy City Clerk

GUESTS: Shoreline School District Staff: Rebecca Miner, Superintendent; and Marla Miller, Deputy Superintendent
Shoreline School District Board: Mike Jacobs, President; David Wilson, vice President; Boardmembers Heather Fralick and Dick Nicholson; and Student Representatives Michael Crosson and Cynthia Ruelas

At 5:45 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Hall, who welcomed the guests and reviewed the agenda for the evening.

Debbie Tarry, City Manager, shared highlights of recent development activity in Shoreline. She said that 2018 saw an uptick in new construction and that the City anticipates consistent growth for the next few years, including a mix of single and multi-family projects in the Light Rail Station areas. She described the planned development of Shoreline Place and listed details of the Development Agreement with Merlone Geier Partners.

Ms. Tarry cited that the population increase in Shoreline from 2010 to 2019 was 6.3%, one of the lowest in King County. Mayor Hall added that there is a public perception that the City is growing faster than it actually is. He said that while the City wants to continue to offer services comparable to faster growing communities, there is not always the revenue to do so.

Rebecca Miner, School District Superintendent; gave an update on the District’s ongoing construction. She described the status and phasing of both the Einstein and Kellogg Middle School projects, and said they are on track to complete the work for the start of school in 2020. She listed the early involvement of the Instructional Program Planning Committee and explained that the design emphasis is one of ‘instruction driving construction’. She displayed concept design images of the middle school campuses and photographs of the recently completed Parkwood Elementary and Aldercrest Annex buildings and listed the enhancements and upgrades of each.

At 5:58 p.m. Councilmember Roberts arrived.

Ms. Miner stated that enrollment has seen an insignificant increase this year and reflected that growth occurred predominantly on the east side of the District. Councilmember Robertson asked if there had been decisions made on boundary changes and Ms. Miner responded that the Board would be considering this topic at this evening's meeting.

There was discussion around the enrollment predictions of the demographers used by the District, and recognition of the fact that many of the single family homes in the area no longer have school age children. Ms. Miner said many millennials are delaying parenting or not having children at all, which will need to be taken into consideration for future enrollment predictions. Councilmember Scully said he believes there is a potential for more children than anticipated.

It was indicated that while new multifamily housing does not necessarily bring an influx of children to the community, it happens more often when there are subsidized units in the building. Ms. Tarry said that while the number of bedrooms in the residential units at Shoreline Place has not yet been established, there is a current cap of 500 units available for a Multi Family Tax Exemption, which would generate affordable housing to be offered at 80 percent of the Area Median Income.

Ms. Miner listed highlights of the current school year and shared teaching and learning successes and projects.

Ms. Tarry gave an overview of Shoreline's Proposition No. 1 on the November ballot. She described the planned Shoreline Aquatic, Recreation, and Community Center (ShARCC), displaying the concept design and a vicinity map of the potential location. She showed graphics with the planned improvements for Briarcrest, Brugger's Bog, Hillwood, and Richmond Highlands Parks.

Ms. Tarry reviewed the Lynwood Link Extension timeline and gave an update on the construction status. She described the Bus Rapid Transit route (STRIDE) that will connect with the Shoreline South/145th Street Station and added that a key feature of the project is that it will facilitate commutes between area higher educational facilities. Ms. Tarry said that the Community Transit route (SWIFT) from Snohomish County will connect with the 185th Street Station. Mayor Hall pointed out that with the addition of the Light Rail stations the School District's Shoreline Center will become more regionally accessible, bringing new opportunities. There was general discussion of Metro and mass transit options, specifically on the 185th Street corridor.

Mayor Hall thanked the District Boardmembers and Staff for joining the Council for an evening of updates and information.

At 6:33 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Allison Taylor, Deputy City Clerk