

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The purpose of these minutes is to capture a high-level summary of Council's discussion and action. This is not a verbatim transcript. Meeting video and audio is available on the [City's website](#).

Monday, April 18, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Held Remotely via Zoom

PRESENT: Mayor Scully, Deputy Mayor Robertson, Councilmembers McConnell, Mork, Roberts, Pobe, and Ramsdell

ABSENT: None.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present.

- (a1) Proclaiming Volunteer Appreciation Week
- (a2) Proclaiming Earth Day

Mayor Scully announced the proclamation of Volunteer Appreciation Week and Earth Day in Shoreline.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

4. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER

Debbie Tarry, City Manager, reported on various City meetings, projects, and events.

5. COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Robertson gave an update from the North King County Homelessness Coalition stating they are in the final stages of interviews for a new Executive Director and reported that eight residents moved into more stable housing this month and two more are scheduled to move next month.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Council heard comments from the public from approximately 7:05 p.m. to 7:23 p.m. Written comments were also submitted to Council prior to the meeting and are available on the [City's website](#).

Corinne Mossman, Shoreline resident, commented on the proposal to allow duplexes and triplexes and suggested that, in order to preserve the more established neighborhoods, a good area to add density would be between 145th Street and Ballinger Way in-between I-5 and Highway 99.

Barbara Twaddell, Shoreline resident, shared that it is a bad idea to allow duplexes and triplexes in single-family zoned areas because the goal is to increase density near transit access, not far from it.

Jackie Kurlle, Shoreline resident, said she appreciates the update on the Enhanced Shelter and looks forward to hearing more about it and she agreed with Barbara Twaddell's comments regarding to triplexes and duplexes.

Courtney Ewing, Shoreline resident, referenced the Comprehensive Plan and stated that the growth target does not align with the number of proposed development units to be opened within the next seven years. She asked how fire, police, hospital, and school services will adjust to the growth and expressed agreement with the comments regarding the duplex and triplex codes.

Nancy Morris, Shoreline resident, said protecting birds needs to be addressed when trees are removed. She stated that there are several important facets involved in facing challenges of climate emergencies and trees are not the complete answer; there are ways to incorporate living assets in development.

Janet Way, Shoreline resident, expressed alarm with the proposal for duplexes and triplexes and suggested a larger planning process to inform the public of the proposal and analyze the impact on infrastructure.

Derek Blackwell, Shoreline resident, restated his list of challenges with the proposed development to replace Garden Park Apartments and discussed issues with the neighborhood meeting held by the developer. He asked for a second meeting.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Robertson and unanimously carried, 7-0, the following Consent Calendar items were approved:

- (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 28, 2022**
- (b) Adoption of Ordinance No. 960 - Amending Shoreline Municipal Code Chapter 12.30 Public Tree Management**
- (c) Adoption of Ordinance No. 961 - Unlimited Tax General Obligation (UTGO) Bond 2022 - Park Improvement and Park Land Acquisition**

(d) Adoption of Ordinance No. 962 - Amending Ordinance No. 829 Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes

(e) Adoption of Resolution No. 490 - Declaring the Surface Water Utility Program Street Sweeper Surplus and Authorizing its Sale in Accordance with Shoreline Municipal Code Chapter 3.50

8. STUDY ITEMS

Discussing Ordinance No. 943 - Amending Shoreline Municipal Code Chapter 13.10 Surface Water Utility for a New Source Control Program

Surface Water Utility Manager, John Featherstone, explained the surface water utility handles any water on the surface of land including ponds, streams, and lakes as well as stormwater from rainfall that flows through forested and urban areas and gets soaked into the ground or joins local receiving waters. He discussed the significance of managing the surface water utility because water picks up pollutants as it travels and can cause flooding in areas impermeable to fluids. Mr. Featherstone then spoke about the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit and explained that it gives the City permission to discharge stormwater into waters of the State such as Puget Sound and he shared various requirements of the permit that affect surface water programs. He gave an example of illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) as a permit requirement to enhance preventative measures to avoid water pollution and address spills which he said would look like working with property owners to inspect and educate on the risks of pollution generating activities and to find solutions that work best for them. Mr. Featherstone said select public and private sites deemed a high risk of pollution generating activities will be subject to the Source Control Program and notified of their enlistment by the end of this year and added that the Phase II Permit requires a code enforcement component for sites where education and outreach alone is not effective although cases are infrequent. He summarized the code change as an expansion of the circumstances where staff can inspect a site and ask sites owners to implement best management practices.

When asked about strategies to prioritize locations to participate in the program and the program's financial plan, Surface Water Program Specialist, Christie Lovelace, responded by explaining that staff looks at the type of pollution generating activities occurring and the history of compliance. Mr. Featherstone added that the program has historically had a budget of \$87,000 annually which has been sufficient but will be refined through the biennial budget amendment process, and then through the Master Plan Update.

It was asked if the program will help will compliance or if it operates to identify noncompliant businesses and Ms. Lovelace answered that the program aims to take a proactive approach to reduce pollution and said staff will respond to reports of illegal dumping and spills for cleanup and investigate the source of pollution along with engaging in inspections and education outreach. Upon inquiry about the level of concern for sites with large parking lots and how the City becomes aware of pollution incidences, Mr. Featherstone explained that parking lots are considered to be a baseline condition but not included as a high risk of pollution unless the lot is especially large or there is a history of spills. He said all field operative staff are trained to

recognize sources of pollution but staff also rely on any sources of reports that an investigation is needed.

(a) Discussing the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Update: Draft Bicycle Plan

Nora Daley-Peng, Senior Transportation Planner, said the Draft Bicycle Plan is the last in the set of draft modal plans for the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) update that will be used to guide the development of the City's transportation system. She shared that staff have inventory of the existing and future street network, trails, sidewalks, transit and bike facilities, and are working to identify gaps between the existing system and the TMP vision and goals as well as working to define the type of facilities that should exist for each mode of travel and where they should be located in order to develop a list of projects needed to fill the gaps identified and flesh out the TMP's policies and programs. Ms. Daley-Peng explained that staff shifted their focus from accommodating different types of cyclists to a context of traffic speed and volume and have determined four levels of traffic stress (LTS) from LTS-1, fully separated from vehicle traffic to LTS-4 which include arterials where no bike facilities exist and cyclists must navigate cars. She explained the project team's draft vision to achieve a complete network of streets that support safe, comfortable, and convenient travel by bicycle for all ages and abilities. Ms. Daley-Peng concluded her presentation by sharing that the project team is conducting Outreach Series 3 the next day and are developing a draft transportation project list to bring to Council in the early summer.

There was concern about directions and signage on the route to the 148th Light Rail Station traveling from Shoreline Community College, and Ms. Daley-Peng said it takes design elements to create low stress connections such as approach and confirmation signage to help travelers with navigation and traffic calming measures to manage street volume. She added that staff are looking closely at network connectivity on the 145th Street Off-Corridor Bike Network to provide convenient travel to the Light Rail Station.

A point was raised about the categorization of streets within station areas as the roads could see high volumes of traffic and a designation according to street volume was suggested in order to recognize variability. It was also suggested that buffered bike lanes be a design standard where possible as opposed to solely paved lanes and sharrows. Some Councilmembers expressed interest in exploring the idea and Mayor Scully encouraged staff to view the network development as a door-to-door safety concept. Ms. Daley-Peng said there are traffic diversions staff can design on a network basis to discourage auto trips.

(b) Discussing Resolution No. 487 - Approving the Relocation Plan and City Manager Property Acquisition Authority, and Ordinance No. 956 - Authorizing the Use of Eminent Domain for Acquisition of Certain Real Properties, to Construct the N 175th Street, Stone Avenue N to I-5 Project

Public Works Director, Randy Witt, said Resolution No. 487 will increase the City Manager's authorization for property acquisition to \$1,000,000 and to approve the relocation plan. He described the City Manager's current authorization limit of \$50,000 and other conditions of the authority and stated that the larger limit is needed to complete the fully-funded acquisitions

required to construct the N 175th Street, Stone Avenue N to I-5 Project. He added that relocation claims are not included in authorization limits but included in the relocation plan for relocation estimates exceeding \$50,000 and specified that four properties require full acquisition that range from \$650,000 to \$1,000,000 and relocation costs range from \$140,000 to \$280,000 per parcel.

Next, Mr. Witt explained Ordinance No. 956 as the overlying ordinance for the project that will grant the City condemnation authority, if necessary, given that the City has a finding of public use and will provide just compensation.

Deputy Mayor Robertson said it is important to keep the project moving as quickly as possible and stated her support for both items along with Councilmember McConnell who added that although the limit seems high, the cost for homes in Shoreline is increasing and the sooner an agreement can be reached the better everyone's benefit will be.

Elaborating on the cause for full acquisition and the use of the acquired properties, Mr. Witt explained that the grading of some of the lots and proximity of the home to the project would restrict access or take away use of the property for the owners and he stated that staff will look at uses for the acquired property once the project is complete.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:23 p.m., Mayor Scully declared the meeting adjourned.

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk