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

Monday, June 10, 2002
6:00 p.m.

Shoreline Conference Center
Highlander Room

City Council

PRESENT: Mayor Jepsen, Deputy Mayor Grossman, Councilmembers Chang, Gustafson, Hansen, Montgomery and Ransom

ABSENT: None

Planning Commission

PRESENT: Brian Doennebrink, Chair; Commissioners Marlin Gabbert, Stanley Kuboi, Bill MacCully, Robin McClelland, and Rocky Piro

ABSENT: Commissioners Doering, Harris and Sands

STAFF: Steve Burkett, City Manager; Robert Olander, Deputy City Manager; Joyce Nichols, Community and Government Relations Manager; Denise Pentony; Chief of Police; Tim Stewart, Planning and Development Services Director; and Rachael Markle, Senior Planner

The meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. All Councilmembers were present. Councilmembers, Planning Commissioners and staff introduced themselves.

Tim Stewart, Planning and Development Services Director, distributed the 2002-2003 Planning Commission Work Program and reviewed the items on the plan: 1) annual review of Comprehensive Plan; 2) Development Code amendments; 3) possible permit applications; 4) training and information sharing; and 5) the major update to the Comprehensive Plan that will occur in 2003.

Mr. Stewart also provided an outline of the legislation requiring local communities to provide Secure Community Treatment Facilities (SCTF) for convicted sex offenders who have served their criminal sentence and are civilly committed and conditionally released. For Shoreline, these would be offenders leaving McNeil Island. He also identified the three options available for responding to the legislation's September deadline: 1) doing nothing; 2) amending the Essential Facilities Elements of the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code; or 3) amend the Development Code Use Table.

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He explained that amending the Development Code would involve defining Essential Public Facility either generically or specifically by type to the Permitted Use Table as either permitted, permitted with index, conditional use, or special. Then the SCTF could be allowed only in Regional Business and Industrial zones. This approach could be moved forward and completed by September so that the establishment of the process is not pre-empted by the State. Mr. Stewart mentioned that one consideration for the State is the cost of the land, which could be an issue.

Moving on, Police Chief Denise Pentony was asked to describe how such a facility would look. She said it would appear much like a maximum security facility, including razor wire and armed guards. A SCTF would house approximately 14 individuals. Each county is required to provide an SCTF facility to house the sex offenders released from prison who are from that county. The number for King County is approximately 14.

Mayor Jepsen mentioned that Shoreline is a city that already has many group homes. Although many of these are invisible, some companies that buy homes and operate them as group homes for sex offenders have targeted Shoreline. This means Shoreline is already getting more than its "fair share" of these facilities.

Chief Pentony defined a "civil commitment". She said the State designates certain sexual offenders who have served their sentences but are considered too dangerous to be released into the community. This determination is based on their likelihood of re-offending. These people are committed in a civil process under the Involuntary Treatment Act.

Councilmembers and Commissioners discussed how unfortunate this legislation is and how little sense it makes not to consolidate this type of facility instead of setting them up in each county that has sex offenders about to be released.

Mr. Stewart concluded that staff will proceed to prepare options for Councilmembers to consider at a workshop.

The last issue for discussion was Planning Commission representation at City Council meetings. Mayor Jepsen outlined that Council's desire to have the Planning Commission Chair present at Council meetings to convey Planning Commission recommendations to the Council.

Councilmember Ransom suggested that if a vote on an issue were 5 – 4 at the Planning Commission, it might be wise to have majority/minority reports.

Mayor Jepsen thanked the Commissioners for their hard work and declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Joyce Nichols, Community and Government Relations Manager

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SUMMARY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 10, 2002
7:30 p.m.

Shoreline Conference Center
Mt. Rainier Room

PRESENT: Mayor Jepsen, Deputy Mayor Grossman, Councilmembers Chang, Gustafson, Hansen, Montgomery and Ransom

ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Jepsen, who presided.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

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

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Steve Burkett reminded Council that the June 17 workshop has been cancelled. He also noted that a press release has been sent out regarding enforcement of Shoreline's policy that dogs must always be on a leash when outside the owner's private property. He said that King County Animal Control will be stepping up enforcement by issuing citations to violators. He concluded by calling attention to the new interpretative signs at Richmond Beach Saltwater Park.

4. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: none

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

(a) Evelyn Phillips, Shoreline, raised an issue about drivers who are not stopping at the westbound stop sign at the intersection of 10th Avenue NW and NW 200th Street. She reported that by her informal traffic count, there were 73 legal stops and 73 illegal stops in a two-hour period.

(b) David Townsend, Shoreline, asked for resolution of several matters regarding the intersection of 15th Avenue NE and 170th Street, including:

- whether the area between 170th and 165th is a school zone;
- the status of installation of "green arrow" pedestrian signs and "smart studs";

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- the beginning and ending points for the North City corridor; and
 - outcome of the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) Count on 15th Avenue;
- He also wished to review the revised design for 15th Avenue NE.

(c) Don Scoby, Shoreline, also asked for information regarding various types of traffic citations and the State laws outlining driver responsibilities with regard to pedestrians. He said he had been told that seven citations were issued for pedestrian violations in 2000, eight in 2001, and none this year. He felt more citations should be given to enhance pedestrian safety. He commented on the dangers he has faced as a pedestrian in Shoreline.

(d) Debra Todd, Shoreline, reported on plans to memorialize the events of September 11 through a "Day of Unity." She asked for Council support of the events and a proclamation of a "Day of Unity." She said her group plans to involve prominent individuals in the community and that the idea has overwhelming support from the individuals she has contacted.

Addressing Ms. Phillips' issue, Police Chief Denise Pentony explained that traffic enforcement complaints are either referred to the Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program, investigated by the Traffic Department, or assigned to the district officer to monitor the intersection as time allows. She said the department will investigate this complaint.

Councilmember Hansen agreed with Ms. Phillips that this stop signs poses a problem. He mentioned several intersections in Richmond Beach and one in Innis Arden about which he hears complaints.

Mayor Jepsen suggested more visibility for traffic enforcement by parking "retired" patrol cars in conspicuous places to encourage compliance with traffic laws.

Responding to Mr. Townsend, Mr. Burkett said the area in question is not a school zone. Children do not have to cross 15th Avenue NE to get to school. Pedestrian arrows have been considered, but the City has elected to not do any other incremental changes at the intersection at this time. "Smart studs" will be evaluated by the design team. He concluded that the City is currently conducting an ADT count on 15th Avenue NE.

Paul Haines, Public Works Director, added that there is signage on the road that could be used in a school zone. This is a carry over from the past when the School District boundaries may have crossed 15th Avenue NE. He said the signage will not be changed until it can be verified by the School District that there are no plans to change the school boundaries in the future.

Mr. Haines described meetings with Mr. Townsend and other groups interested in pedestrian safety. He felt those he had talked to understood that there is a process to resolve all the issues in the North City Corridor. On June 24 the work plan for pedestrian safety, neighborhood traffic mitigation and the North City Business District

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improvements will come forward. Pedestrian safety is the component of the project that will move the most quickly.

Responding to Mayor Jepsen, Mr. Haines said the scope of the project is from 145th Street to 188th–192nd Street.

Councilmember Hansen confirmed that the segment from 155th Street to 172nd Street will be the priority portion of the project. Mr. Haines said resources will be concentrated in this area, but all phases of the project will be moving forward.

Addressing Ms. Todd, Mayor Jepsen said the City will support a September 11 event to whatever degree it can. Certainly a mayoral proclamation can be provided. Staff will follow-up to determine what else might be involved.

Councilmember Montgomery suggested a "Day of Unity and Remembrance."

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Montgomery moved approval of the agenda. Councilmember Ransom seconded the motion, which carried unanimously, and the agenda was approved.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Montgomery moved approval of the consent calendar. Councilmember Hansen seconded the motion, which carried 7-0, and the following items were approved:

Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 13, 2002

Minutes of Special Meeting of May 20, 2002

Approval of expenses and payroll as of June 10, 2002 in the amount of \$ 982,146.14

Resolution No. 186 approving the final plat of the Hageman Subdivision at 16326 Linden Avenue North

Motion to approve the First Amended Employment Agreement with Steven Burkett and an incentive payment for 2002 in the amount of \$2,000

Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an interlocal agreement between the City of Shoreline and the City of Lake Forest Park relating to tennis programs

8. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT

(a) David Townsend, Shoreline, reported on the creation of the T.I.A. Foundation, dedicated to traffic intersection awareness. The purpose of the foundation is to educate and inform school children, drivers and the public of traffic intersection risks and traffic safety issues. He said there will be a Green Light Relay on June 15, 2002 sponsored by the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Youth Council and the YMCA. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for the community to come together to raise awareness and money for pedestrian safety in memory of Tia Townsend. Proceeds will go to the foundation. There will be a variety of activities, including games, music, and food.

(b) Don Scoby, Shoreline, asked for information on the number of traffic citations given for a variety of infractions. He also asked for information regarding the State laws relating to pedestrians.

Mr. Burkett directed Mr. Scoby to the City Clerk for his information requests.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:12 p.m., Mayor Jepsen declared the meeting adjourned.

Sharon Mattioli, CMC
City Clerk