

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee
DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office
PRESENTED BY: Bob Olander, Deputy City Manager

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

In early September the City Council reviewed options for establishing a Bond Advisory Committee. The Bond Advisory Committee would review potential capital projects and provide recommendations to the City Council for a possible bond election in the future. In September the City Council determined to proceed with Option A which would permit consideration of a bond vote by the citizens of Shoreline in the spring of 2004. The City Council indicated that we should proceed with appointing the Bond Advisory Committee and part of the committee's recommendation would be the timing of a bond election vote.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYZED:

The City Council indicated a preference for a focused effort with primary emphasis on park and recreation needs and possibly sidewalk projects. In the Citizen's Survey conducted in January 2002, 60% of the respondents indicated that they would very likely support a bond issue for sidewalks with 30% indicating support for park improvements. Based on the Citizen Survey and Council discussion, staff proposes that the Advisory Committee consider the following:

1. Park, Recreation and Cultural Services capital needs and projects.
2. Sidewalk projects, focusing on arterials, collector arterials, high hazard areas, and school routes.
3. A possible maintenance and operation levy to maintain new park facilities that may be authorized under part one.

Citizens Advisory Committee:

The City Council also indicated a strong preference for a larger Advisory Committee to fully represent the neighborhoods and user groups in Shoreline. It is recommended that the total membership be targeted for 18 but be left flexible for now in case the Council finds it desirable to add members after reviewing applications. Possible committee membership could include representatives from the School District (1), PTA (1), Little League (1), Soccer Association (1), business community (2), neighborhood councils (3), Parks Advisory Committee (1), Planning Commission (1), pedestrian safety group (1), and potentially one or two Councilmembers. This will leave an additional five or six

positions available for at-large appointments. Staff recommends that we advertise for committee applicants and that a Council sub-committee review and make recommendations to the full Council for appointment.

Next Steps:

Suggested next steps include:

1. Recruit and select Advisory Committee
2. Develop committee scope and charter
3. Develop potential project lists
4. Hire facilitator for committee
5. Hire consultant to provide cost estimates for projects

As indicated on the attached schedule, there will also be "check-ins" by the committee with the Council and several opportunities for public input. The goal is to have a final committee report and recommendation to the Council by June, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

It is estimated that consulting services for cost estimates, maintenance estimates, and some minor public surveying would cost approximately \$40,000. This amount can be found within existing professional service budgets.

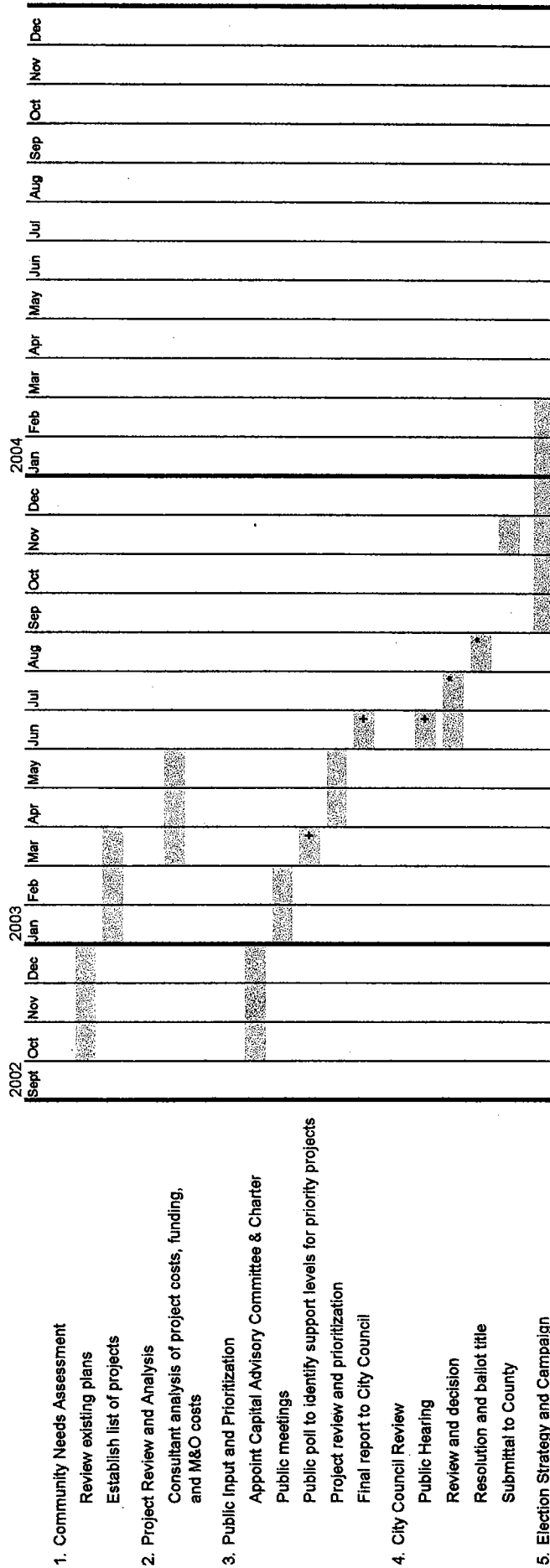
RECOMMENDATION

Based on prior Council discussions and the public survey, staff recommends the City Council authorize the recruitment of a Bond Advisory Committee that will focus on a possible two-part bond issue. Proposition One would involve Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Projects, and Proposition Two would provide for new sidewalks. The Advisory Committee will also consider the need for an accompanying maintenance and operation levy. If Council authorizes this approach the next steps are to recruit an Advisory Committee and for the City Council to approve the Committee Charter and appoint its members. Staff is seeking Council consensus and general direction for the approach outlined in this staff report.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney N/A



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