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SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING

Monday, October 6, 2003
6:30 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 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Jepsen, who presided.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

Mayor Jepsen led the flag salute. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present, with the exception of Councilmembers Grossman and Ransom, who arrived shortly thereafter.

(a) Proclamation of "National Arts and Humanities Month"

Mayor Jepsen presented the proclamation to Cyndi Goddard-Woods, Chair of the Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Arts Council, Scott Keeny, member of the Arts Council, and Roz Bird, Executive Director. Ms. Goddard-Woods invited Council and the public to attend the October Literary Series at the Shoreline Library.

3. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT AND FUTURE AGENDAS

Steve Burkett, City Manager, reported that staff will present the 2004 budget at the October 20th workshop meeting. It will also present an analysis of the public involvement process regarding the Interurban Trail Bridge project.

4. COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Chang reported on his recent trip to Korea in which he had a chance to tour Boryeong, Shoreline's new sister city. He noted that Boryeong City officials are looking forward to meeting Shoreline's delegation during their visit next week.

Councilmember Gustafson reported that affordable housing issues were discussed at the last Joint Recommendation Committee meeting.

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Councilmember Hansen reported that the jail contract and solid waste transactions continue to be two primary issues of debate at the Suburban Cities Association.

Councilmember Ransom reported on his attendance at the National League of Cities Steering Committee for Human Development, where he was involved in extensive policy formations on mental health and immigration issues.

Mayor Jepsen commented on topics discussed at the Northend Mayors meeting, including solid waste rental payments to the County. He wondered how the Suburban Cities Association felt about the County trying to link solid waste rental payments with human services as a way to address its budget deficit. He reminded Councilmembers he would be absent at the next meeting due to the Sister Cities visit to Boryeong, as well as the October 20th meeting due to a work conflict.

Councilmember Chang said he was persuaded to join the delegation traveling to Korea after speaking with Boryeong officials last night.

Councilmember Gustafson commented on the significance of the judge's decision in the lawsuit by the Shoreline Merchants Association (SMA). He concurred with the judge's conclusion that the Aurora Corridor Project will yield many benefits for the City.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

(a) Daniel Mann, Shoreline, said despite the SMA's disappointment with the judge's ruling, it is appealing the decision because it believes the City has not considered all cumulative and socio-economic impacts. He emphasized that the SMA does want a good Aurora project and a meaningful dialogue with the City, but instead it has gotten an invasive and disruptive plan for Aurora Avenue. He hoped that the City would consider the legitimate grievances of its citizens and avoid the senseless waste of public goodwill and resources.

(b) Patty Crawford, Shoreline, pointed out that the judge's order in the SMA lawsuit was written by the City's attorney. She commented on the legal proceedings of the Aegis Project, noting that there is no legitimate SEPA process for the existing south building. She said Aegis violated City code because it built a gravel road with a temporary use permit (TUP). She contended that a gravel road is not a temporary use. She said the City must take action and schedule a remand hearing on the Aegis project to give the public a fair chance to participate. She said letters from the Department of Fish & Wildlife (WSDFW) and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) confirm that the creek on the property is a salmon-bearing stream. She said Aegis' permit was voided; therefore, it is operating without a legitimate permit.

(c) Tim Crawford, Shoreline, commented on the possibility that Council is considering appointing Marlin Gabbert to replace Councilmember Montgomery, who might be leaving the City Council. He suggested that Council consider appointing a

woman, noting that the City Council needs more independent and free-thinking people. He commented on the Aegis project, noting that the City should have been able to measure the buffer by this time. He said that the City is allowing people to use the bicycle lane on NE 155th Street for parking vehicles, and that Aegis employees are using the parking lot at Paramount Park. He said he is tired of Aegis breaking the law.

(d) Janet Way, Shoreline, commented on a fatality that occurred at a construction site in the Ballinger neighborhood. She felt the City should investigate it in order to prevent similar accidents from happening in the future. She said even though appellants against the Aegis project have won in court, Aegis continues to violate the law. She said the City should schedule the required Aegis remand hearing as soon as possible. She felt that justice was not served in the Aurora Corridor lawsuit, and agreed that there is a lack of true dialogue between the City and business owners.

(e) Richard Johnsen, Shoreline, wished Councilmembers well as they travel to Korea to establish official sister city relations with the City of Boryeong. He characterized the event as a momentous occasion for the City, noting that the City is well-represented by Councilmembers, the Shoreline School Board, Arts Council, Historical Museum, and Shoreline Community College. He encouraged various ethnic groups to get involved with the Sister Cities Association.

(f) Cindy Ryu, Shoreline, expressed disappointment with the judge's decision and with the attorney representing the City in the Aurora Corridor court case. He said the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) clearly states there are planned projects for the second and third miles of Aurora, but the City misrepresented the facts by claiming there is only one project planned. She said it is never too late for the community to engage in productive dialogue to resolve the Aurora Corridor issue, noting that citizens have engaged the City in numerous court battles over the years. She said the City can come together and resolve these issues if leaders will set aside their own personal agendas and not create divisiveness by taking matters to court.

(g) Ed Fox, Shoreline, expressed appreciation to City staff for listening to his concerns about the 2003 budget, although he does not necessarily feel it is a cost-effective plan. He said while the City Manager and staff communicate well with Shoreline residents, the perception is that the City Council does not communicate with its constituents. For this reason, he proposed that the Council amend the City Charter to elect Councilmembers by districts. He proposed that Councilmembers conduct semi-annual town hall meetings led by unbiased moderators, and that Council candidates debate in a public forum immediately prior to any election. He also proposed that Councilmember salaries be increased in response to their increased responsibilities under this plan.

(h) Bonnie Mackey, Shoreline, disagreed with prior speaker's comments and thanked the Council for all its efforts on behalf of Shoreline citizens. She felt that the Council has the City's best interests in mind and represents the citizenry equally, regardless of where people live. She commented favorably on a number of City projects,

including the Aurora Corridor and the Interurban Trail. She concluded by thanking the Council for its foresight and wisdom in ensuring that the people who live and work in Shoreline have a viable future.

Councilmembers responded to various public comments. Mayor Jepsen was pleased with the judge's decision on the Aurora Corridor issue, noting that Council has responded to public input by modifying the Aurora plan to lessen impacts on businesses. He said the feedback he is getting from the public tells him that the City is heading in the right direction.

Councilmember Gustafson commented on the extensive public process and compromises that have characterized the Aurora Corridor project. He said he personally met with members of the SMA, and that the City has worked hard to accommodate the needs and requests of businesses.

Councilmember Chang noted that as a property/business owner along Aurora Avenue, he has been involved in the process from the very beginning. He agreed with Ms. Ryu's statement that government needs to try to work out differences through productive dialogue, not through litigation. He said if the leadership would meet with the merchants to discuss the project, they would not be forced to spend money fighting the issue in court.

Mayor Jepsen said that changes to the plan prove that there has been productive dialogue. Councilmember Chang maintained that there has not been productive dialogue, and that the project's socio-economic impacts have not been considered.

Councilmember Hansen commented on the extensive nature of the process, noting that there have been over fifty public meetings. He said dialogue is a "two-way street," and that not all the merchants along Aurora support the SMA position. He emphasized that it is not just an agreement between the Council and Shoreline merchants, but an agreement with the entire City.

Deputy Mayor Grossman also commented on the extensive public process and the many compromises that have been made along the way. He said it is frustrating that some people interpret a difference of opinion as a lack of public process, noting that the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) includes over 400 pages of public comment. He said the hundreds of people who have worked thousands of hours on this project do not want their efforts to be invalidated by a small minority of people, particularly when so many concessions have been made. He said it is disingenuous that the people who complain about high costs are the same people who demanded that the City conduct an unnecessary EIS at a cost of over \$1 million. He concluded by noting that providing draft orders to the judge is a standard legal practice.

Mayor Jepsen added that the SMA also furnished the judge with an order in the event that it prevailed.

Councilmember Hansen commented on his favorable impression of the Highway 99 Project that Federal Way recently completed. He suggested that people visit that area to get an idea of what the Aurora Corridor Project will be like.

Councilmember Chang said the difference between the Federal Way project and Shoreline's is that Federal Way took a proactive approach with property and business owners before, during, and after the project.

Responding to the Mayor's request, Ian Sievers, City Attorney, provided a brief update on the Aegis project. He explained that the City cannot begin a remand process as suggested until the judge orders it. He said more information on the remand hearing should be available by the end of the month.

Tim Stewart, Director of Planning and Development Services, explained the circumstances surrounding the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) to Aegis. He said based on a complaint, Aegis was found to have installed gravel without a permit. He said Aegis applied for and received a TUP, which allows for erection of a tent for their open house event, and for the gravel to remain until a grading permit is issued (or until a date certain in November). Mr. Stewart understood that the amount of gravel installed prior to TUP issuance will ultimately be used in the building construction. He said a building permit for the south site will be issued if the application meets criteria for a Special Use Permit (SUP).

Councilmember Gustafson asked if letters from the WSDFW and WSDOT indicate that the stream in question is a salmon-bearing stream.

Mr. Stewart said that a number of entities have made various comments in response to the draft stream inventory, including WSDFW. He said responses to those comments will be provided by the City's consultant in the near future.

Responding to Councilmember Gustafson, Mr. Stewart clarified that that data will be part of the final adoption of the stream inventory, which is being reviewed by the Planning Commission. Following that review, it will be forwarded to Council for revision or adoption.

Mayor Jepsen disclaimed any discussion about replacing Councilmember Montgomery, as did Councilmember Hansen.

Responding to Councilmember Gustafson, Mr. Burkett said staff will investigate parking issues on NE 155th Street.

Mayor Jepsen assumed that the Department of Labor & Industries would investigate the fatality at the Ballinger construction site. He said each Councilmember can respond to Mr. Fox's proposal separately at some point in time.

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Councilmember Ransom thought the City had already determined the buffer line on the south site of the Aegis project. Mr. Sievers said there is no buffer issue with the south site, but the buffer measurement on the north site continues to be an issue of appeal.

Councilmember Ransom asked staff to respond to the concern about Aegis employees parking in the park, as he believed the facility as approved included adequate parking.

Mr. Burkett said that Aegis will comply with the City's parking requirements, although it is uncertain whether there is adequate parking there for every potential occasion.

Mr. Stewart noted that parking is a major issue in any development proposal, and parking is provided on-site at the Aegis facility. However, parking can be a challenge during marketing events. He added that Aegis approached the City to utilize parking across the street for its marketing event, but the City did not accept its proposal.

6. WORKSHOP ITEMS

(a) Plumbing Plan Review and Inspection Services

Tim Stewart, Planning & Development Services Director, explained that staff has investigated the potential of providing in-house plumbing permit services in an effort to provide better customer service without additional costs. He said although the City provides most other plan review and inspection services, customers must go to King County for plumbing permits. Since the City and County must review and inspect the same project, this overlap can be cumbersome, duplicative, and frustrating. Moreover, this process has resulted in errors and delays. He concluded that consolidating plumbing permits with other building permits would improve customer service and expedite the building process.

Continuing, Mr. Stewart explained that several tasks would be required before implementing the program, including: 1) training for staff; 2) changes in the Hanson Permit Tracking System; 3) changes in City ordinances; and 4) changes in the City fee schedule. Based upon information from King County, he anticipated that the \$52,000 in annual permit fee revenues would cover the total expense for this service, which includes both direct and indirect costs. He said this program could be coordinated with the adoption of the new International set of codes, which will be implemented by all jurisdictions in July of 2004. He said the City can implement the program simply by sending the County notification that Shoreline will assume responsibility for the service. He concluded by recommending that Council discuss the proposal and consider including it in the 2004 budget.

Councilmember Gustafson expressed general support for the proposal if the projected revenues cover the anticipated costs. He said the City should eventually explore the feasibility of providing electrical permits in order to make it a truly "one-stop shopping" experience for Shoreline customers.

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Councilmember Chang expressed support for the proposal, noting that consolidating permits will provide a greater level of customer service. He emphasized that good customer service considers not only money savings but also factors such as timeliness and efficiency.

Mr. Burkett clarified that the proposal does not project cost savings because permit prices would be the same. However, there would be cost savings passed on to customers in the form of limited errors and delays.

Mr. Stewart said that is generally true, although the actual fee structure will require reorganization since King County uses a different system.

Councilmember Ransom expressed concern that there may not be any savings since the plan anticipates using contract labor during peak periods, and contract labor tends to cost more than employee rates. He speculated whether it might be more cost effective to hire a part-time employee rather than pay consulting fees.

Mr. Stewart believed it would not be cost effective due to the volatility of the workload. He felt it would be more cost effective to staff at a minimum level and utilize outside plan reviewers during peak periods. He anticipated that there would be time savings because only one inspector would be needed.

Deputy Mayor Grossman asked if staff has made any estimates on anticipated time savings on a typical single family home project.

Bridgett Smith, Building Official, said staff did not make specific estimates for single family dwellings. She clarified that the savings would primarily be the difference between current response times and the City's standard of 24 hours.

Mayor Jepsen expressed support for the overall idea. He wanted more information about the County's rates for services because he thought the City might be able to provide the service at a lower price.

Ms. Smith said the County's rates are comparable to Shoreline's.

Mr. Stewart clarified that plumbing fees need to be incorporated into the overall fee structure of the City since King County's structure is not consistent with Shoreline's.

Responding to Mayor Jepsen, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Sievers agreed that since it is a plumbing permit is a ministerial decision, any appeals would be directed to Superior Court. Mr. Burkett did not think an appeal of a plumbing permit would be likely.

Mayor Jepsen concluded there to be Council consensus to pursue this proposal in the 2004 budget process.

(b) 2003 Asphalt Overlay and Slurry Seal Update

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Paul Haines, Public Works Director, provided an update of the City's 2003 road maintenance activities and a preview of the 2004 program. His presentation included the following points:

- The 2003 Asphalt Overlay program was completed in July. A total of 7.15 Centerline miles was completed at a cost of \$590,548. This was 1.93 miles more than staff had anticipated the budget would allow. The average cost per lane mile overall was \$42,012.50.
- The Overlay program was done primarily on residential roads. Many of these roads were narrower than current standards, which accounts for the increase in lane miles overlayed since the bid price is based on tons of asphalt used.
- A portion (0.41 center lane miles) of 15th Ave. NE was overlayed between NE 152nd Street and NE 160th Street at a cost of \$82,350.32. The average cost per lane mile was \$48,728 which included additional paving fabric. This cost will be charged to the North City Project.
- The 2003 Slurry Seal program was completed in September. The total 6.93 centerline miles was completed at a cost of \$108,941, at an average cost per lane mile of \$7,860.
- Various factors account for the successful application of slurry seal in 2003, including a change in product, attention to detail, and the use of a skilled contractor.
- City staff and residents are pleased with the successful application of the 2003 slurry seals. The community was well-informed and information was shared well in advance of product application.
- The 2004 Overlay Program will focus on the northwest corner of the City between 8th Ave. NW and Aurora Ave. N. Staff anticipates overlaying approximately 5.2 centerline miles of roadway.
- The 2004 Slurry Seal Program will focus on the central part of the city between N.185th and N.145th, East and West of Aurora Ave. N. Staff anticipates applying slurry seal on approximately 7.3 centerline miles of roadway.
- The 2004 street resurfacing program and schedule assumes \$600,000 for Overlays and \$100,000 for the Slurry Seals, if the court ruling is favorable regarding Initiative 776. If the initiative is upheld, projects will be scaled back proportionally.

Councilmember Hansen asked if staff responded to concerns expressed at a prior Council meeting about slurry seals in the Ridgcrest neighborhood.

Mr. Haines commented that those streets were the result of the failed slurry seals that occurred in 2001. He clarified that although the road is structurally sound, the street is not attractive due to the coarseness of the aggregate (rock size) used.

Responding to Councilmember Hansen, Mr. Haines said the slurry seal is only about one-tenth an inch thick, but it does provide a new waterproof friction surface.

Mr. Burkett noted that a citizen at a recent City Council meeting questioned why different treatments were used on streets in the Ridgecrest neighborhood.

Mr. Haines explained that 10th Avenue NE received a full overlay, but 11th and 12th were part of the slurry seal program. He pointed out that an overlay is a smoother surface, but a slurry seal follows existing contours.

Responding to Councilmember Gustafson, Mr. Haines reported that no complaints were received on slurry seals for 2003, and that overlays generally last 10-20 years depending on conditions and unique features. Councilmember Gustafson wished to ensure that the City maintain detailed records on road conditions. Mr. Haines affirmed that all City streets are reviewed on three-year cycles.

Councilmember Ransom asked staff to clarify for the public the difference between the Type III slurry seal used in 2001 compared to the Type II used this year. Mr. Haines said the Type III mixture used larger aggregate (rocks), which was not suitable for Shoreline weather and road conditions.

Responding to Councilmember Ransom, Mr. Burkett clarified that staff would discuss Initiative 776 as part of the budget process.

Responding to Councilmember Hansen, Mr. Burkett clarified that money the County is collecting for the motor vehicle excise tax had not entered the City's cash flows. He concluded by thanking Mr. Haines and the public works staff for a job well done.

(c) Third Quarter CIP Update

Jill Marilley, City Engineer, presented Council with a status report on CIP projects as outlined in the Council packet. Projects that are in various stages of planning or construction include: Aurora Corridor Project, Interurban Trail Project, Richmond Beach Overcrossing, Transportation Master Plan, Dayton Avenue N and N 175th Street Retaining Wall, 15th Avenue NE and North City Business District, Curb Ramps Program, Annual Overlay Program, Surface Water Comprehensive Plan, Ronald Bog Drainage, Improvements, 3rd Avenue NW Drainage Improvements, City Hall, Paramount School, Park, Cromwell Park Master Plan, Richmond Beach Saltwater Beach Erosion, Spartan Gym Phase II, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan.

Ms. Marilley highlighted several high-priority CIP projects, beginning with the Aurora Corridor Project. She said that the design is moving ahead for the N 145th Street to N 165th Street section of this project. Individual property owner meetings will be held in October and November regarding any ROW needs.

Mr. Burkett explained that completion dates for the 60% and 90% plans have been moved back due to the delay in federal approval. He noted that the final design is projected to be complete in August 2004, with construction beginning in early 2005. He

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said the City will be meeting with various property owners in the Central Subarea to get their input on options for that area.

Responding to Mayor Jepsen, Ms. Marilley explained that the City intends to resolve easement and ROW issues in its meetings with property owners.

Continuing, Ms. Marilley provided details on the Interurban Trail Project. She said bridge alternatives were presented to the community in September, and staff will present the results of those meetings at the October 20th Council meeting. On-street striping for a bicycle lane will be completed along N 200th Street as a separate task from the north section. She said the Gateway section (on state right-of-way) in the north segment will be completed in 2004 as part of south central segment in order to avoid delaying the project.

Councilmember Gustafson asked if there had been any decision about the bike trail connecting to the pedestrian bridge along N 195th Street. He hoped the plan would provide for a safe crossing at N 195th Street.

Ms. Marilley said that idea will be addressed as part of the Transportation Master Plan. She noted that the Transportation Master Plan open houses were very successful in obtaining citizen input.

Mr. Burkett explained that the Interurban Trail is divided into four different segments. He said design will begin on the south central segment this fall, and that the central segment is not completely funded. He said there is still more work to be done in the central area due to the Aurora Corridor design, ROW issues, and issues in the "wedge."

Responding to Mayor Jepsen, Ms. Marilley explained that a small piece of the project located at the City limits is separated out because of permit issues with WSDOT. She said staff found that WSDOT had not been able to issue a permit to use its property for the connection at the City limits.

Mr. Burkett clarified that most of the trail from approximately N 200th Street to N 205th Street is already constructed; the part in question is the trailhead at N 205th Street which lies on state property.

Mr. Haines said the delay is due to the City's plan to construct a gateway at the trailhead. He said the permit review is uncertain enough to warrant separating it from the north segment so bidding and construction can continue on schedule.

Councilmember Hansen thought it a good idea to delay it due to the uncertainty about where it will connect with the Snohomish County section.

Councilmember Gustafson emphasized the need to collaborate with Snohomish County so the trail is connected in a smooth, continuous fashion.

Mr. Haines said the alignment is part of a regional network that was established through agreements. He said staff will double check those original agreements.

Councilmember Hansen felt the trail crossing at N 205th Street will be an important issue because it is a very busy street.

Continuing, Ms. Marilley provided an update of the Richmond Beach Overcrossing project. She said the design is proceeding on schedule, with a report due early December. She said the temporary lane restrictions there will not impede emergency vehicles, and there is no danger to citizens as long as lane restrictions are maintained.

She provided details on the 15th Avenue NE / North City Business District project, noting that the North City Business District portion of the project is currently on schedule and construction award is scheduled for December 8, 2003. She said staff is strategizing how to best utilize the Hazard Elimination System (HES) grant in conjunction with the new three-lane configuration of 15th Avenue NE. She clarified that the agreement with Seattle City Light is not an interlocal agreement as indicated in the staff report, but an administrative/financial agreement. Therefore, the City will manage the contractor and SCL will reimburse the City for undergrounding expenses.

She gave brief updates of other projects, including 3rd Avenue NW Drainage Improvements, Ronald Bog Drainage Improvements, Paramount School Park, and Richmond Beach Saltwater Erosion. She said the Ronald Bog construction contract is scheduled to be awarded in late October/early November 2003, which is a delay of one month due to technical concerns and staffing changes. Minor punch list items remain for Paramount Park, but sidewalk/parking lot work is approaching substantial completion. She said alternatives are being reviewed to reduce the estimated cost of the Richmond Beach Saltwater Beach Erosion project, but construction is still scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2003 (fisheries approval pending if necessary). She noted that the pedestrian bridge would receive some minor repairs.

Concluding her presentation, Ms. Marilley provided an update of the Dayton Avenue/ 183rd Street Closure. She said staff would be meeting with the community to come up with a final closure plan that looks appropriate to everyone. She said the final solution should be completed by the end of the month.

Councilmember Gustafson expressed interest in seeing a traffic report detailing how the closure might affect adjacent neighborhoods. Ms. Marilley said traffic measurements will be taken as soon as the final closure is completed. Mr. Haines explained that equipment installed in that vicinity is currently surveying traffic speeds and directional information.

Councilmember Chang commented that residents on NE 170th Street and NE 172nd Street have complained about increased traffic due to the closure. He felt the City should include those streets in the traffic study. Mayor Jepsen recalled that Council expressed concerns about those streets when closure was first considered.

Councilmember Gustafson wished to ensure that the City has a written agreement with SCL regarding the reimbursement of undergrounding costs. Mr. Burkett said a written agreement is being finalized and will be reviewed by the City Attorney. He noted that SCL has been very cooperative with the City on this project.

7. CONTINUED PUBLIC COMMENT

(a) Stan Terry, Shoreline, expressed support for the Aurora Corridor Project and applauded Council's efforts to resolve differences with opponents. He said although he does not support all the businesses along Aurora Avenue, the project will provide much needed improvements in terms of safety, appearance, environmental protection, and economic enhancement. He said the project's greatest benefit will be a reduction in injuries, fatalities, and property damage.

(b) Janet Way, Shoreline, said that many people have strong support and respect for the business community in Shoreline. She suggested that the bright light at the Paramount Park restroom be turned off during stargazing events, which have become a popular attraction there. She asked the City to address a serious drainage problem next to the park, noting that she observed a torrent of water flowing down 5th Avenue NE and forming a large puddle on 5th Avenue NE. She said the neighborhood went to enormous trouble and expense in appealing the ball field project in order to improve the drainage there. She claimed that additional impervious surface has contributed to the problem.

(c) Tim Crawford, Shoreline, said the Mayor's job is to listen to the citizens exercise their first amendment rights. He asserted that the Mayor's policies have damaged Thornton Creek and its surrounding environment. He said the Aegis project continues to be a scandal for the City, and that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor should not be commenting on it. He contended that City inspectors do not pay enough attention to public works details, and that they should not be given more power vis-a-vis issuing electrical permits.

(d) Richard Johnsen, Shoreline, followed up on his previous comments, clarifying that the Sister City Association would like to hear from all ethnic groups in the City. He asked staff to respond to his concern about whether there is adequate space for motorists to make a left turn onto Ronald Place from N 175th Street. He advised the Public Works department to personally inform residents of N 200th Street that they will lose parking spaces because of the Interurban Trail. He said he still favors the trail going around Aurora Village and down N 205th Street to Meridian Avenue N because it is a safer and more convenient route.

(e) Patty Crawford, Shoreline, agreed with the proposal to elect Councilmembers by district, noting the importance of getting correct feedback from all neighborhoods. She did not believe that City residents are equally represented and pointed out that the Aegis project would not have been built on the west side of the City. She said selected neighborhoods will have to deal with overflow traffic as a result of City

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projects such as the Aurora Corridor. She said the Council needs to critique City staff and hold them responsible. She contended that the City is misinterpreting the Hearing Examiner's recommendation regarding the Aegis project, and that the City has never measured the sensitive area buffer.

Mayor Jepsen encouraged staff to investigate Ms. Way's concern about drainage on 8th Avenue NE.

Mr. Burkett said it is possible to make a left turn into Ronald Place, although there were some modifications made to the striping of the street in response to property owner's concerns.

Councilmember Hansen commented that he would also investigate the drainage problem on 8th Avenue NE.

Mr. Haines explained that the City is trying to preserve as much parking along N 200th Street as possible, and that bicycle lanes have not yet been designed. He said the City will work with all property owners to ensure they know what to expect before the road is restriped.

Mayor Jepsen said the Council was clear about what Aegis was expected to do in order to proceed with construction of their south site.

Deputy Mayor Grossman favored the idea of turning off the lights at Paramount Park in order to accommodate stargazing events.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:58 p.m., Mayor Jepsen announced that Council would recess into Executive Session for twenty minutes to discuss litigation. At 9:20 p.m. Mayor Jepsen announced that the executive session would be extended for another thirty minutes. At 9:48 p.m. the Executive Session concluded and the workshop reconvened.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:49 p.m., Mayor Jepsen declared the meeting adjourned.

Sharon Mattioli, City Clerk

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