

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

Monday, January 8, 2007
6:00 p.m.

Shoreline Conference Center
Highlander Room

PRESENT: Mayor Ransom, Deputy Mayor Fimia, and Councilmembers Gustafson, Hansen, McGlashan, Ryu, and Way

ABSENT: none

STAFF: Bob Olander, City Manager; Julie Modrzejewski, Assistant City Manager; Joyce Nichols, Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Director

Mayor Ransom called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Olander shared information from last week's King County City Manager's meeting where cities discussed lessons learned from the December wind storm. He said Puget Sound Energy (PSE) was especially hard hit because it lost so many of its large transmission towers and had to fix those to be able to begin restoring power to neighborhoods. He identified communication with customers of the electric utilities as an area that both PSE and Seattle City Light (SCL) need to improve. People were frustrated by not knowing when power was likely to be restored.

Next, Mr. Olander reviewed the set-up and operation of the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). He said many things went well; and but we have several areas to work on for next time. One area was in centralizing dispatch for service calls so police, fire, and CRT calls do not receive multiple responses. Another area was the need for additional generators for back-up power. Staff will be working on those issues as the debriefing process continues. Mr. Olander also described our "storm watch" procedures in the event we have inclement weather this week.

On another topic, Ms. Modrzejewski discussed the plans for the City Council retreat scheduled for April. She asked Council for its thoughts on issues to consider. Mr. Olander suggested that Council not set new goals in April because we have just begun work on the 2007-08 work plan and goals. He said there were other issues for the retreat that would be valuable, including discussions with staff and reviewing progress on other Council priorities.

Councilmember Way suggested that one day would probably be sufficient since we won't be revising the whole work plan.

Ms. Modrzejewski said the dates under consideration are April 20-21 and April 27-28.

Councilmember Ryu noted she's out of town April 27-28. She suggested using a facility in Shoreline, possibly the Shoreline Conference Center.

Mr. Olander suggested reserving a day and a half and seeing if it can be completed in one day.

Councilmember Gustafson suggested the Spartan Recreation Center as the meeting location.

Ms. Modrzejewski asked if the Council has a preference on a facilitator; Michael Pendleton is available for the January 29 retreat, but she asked if Councilmembers had a preference for April.

Councilmember Way suggested Susan Howlett, who has provided consultant services in the areas of grant training and board development.

Deputy Mayor Fimia suggested there be an agreement prior to the retreat on what outcomes the Councilmembers wanted, and an agreement on leaving the 2007-08 goals as-is. She suggested a facilitator work ahead of time on some issues, such as building trust, that would make for a better retreat and outcome.

There was also discussion regarding the January 29 retreat schedule and there was Council consensus to meet from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Spartan Recreation Center, if possible.

Mayor Ransom declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Joyce Nichols, Communications and Intergovernmental Relations Director