

CITY OF SHORELINE
SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, February 11, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.
Shoreline Conference Center
Mt. Rainier Room

PRESENT: Mayor Ryu, Deputy Mayor Scott, Councilmember Eggen, Councilmember Hansen, Councilmember McConnell, Councilmember McGlashan, and Councilmember Way

ABSENT: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:32 pm., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Ryu, who presided.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ryu led the flag salute. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present.

(a) Proclamation of "Black History Month"

Mayor Ryu proclaimed the month of February as Black History Month throughout the City of Shoreline and presented the proclamation to Dr. Ernest Johnson, Professor of Multicultural Studies at Shoreline Community College.

Dr. Ernest Johnson said he is honored to accept the proclamation and it is gratifying to know that the City of Shoreline recognizes the contributions of African-Americans and diversity in our society.

3. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Julie Modrzejewski, Acting City Manager, provided updates and reports on various City projects, meetings, and events. She announced that Police Chief Tony Burt has accepted a promotion with the King County Sheriff's Office and is departing Shoreline.

Councilmember Hansen commented that there are several police officers who have been promoted based on their work in Shoreline and there is a long record of very good officers that the City is proud of.

Ms. Modrzejewski stated that the Shoreline Recycling & Transfer Station reopening ceremony is on February 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Councilmember Way commented that she served on the advisory committee for the transfer station remodel. She highlighted that the facility is LEED certified and protects the stream buffer. She added that this is a model facility that the City can be proud of.

Ms. Modrzejewski commented that the City business offices are closed for President's Day and that there is a Hamlin Park improvement community meeting on February 20 at 7:00 p.m.

4. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Councilmember McGlashan reported on the Shoreline Water District meeting, and they are moving along with their comprehensive plan. Additionally, the union negotiations are continuing and SWD has ordered two new generators which will prevent Shoreline residents from not having water in the event of a power loss. He reported on the Committee to End Homelessness meeting and commented that he was accepted to the National League of Cities Community and Economic Development Policy Board and Steering Committee.

Councilmember Eggen attended training on parliamentary procedure and the role of the mayor in cities. He also attended a Municipal Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting, and the topics were "sharps" waste, illegal dumping, and draft goals for recycling and reduction of waste.

Councilmember Way attended the caucus event last Saturday and thanked the voters that came out in the 32nd District.

Councilmember McConnell thanked former Mayor Ransom for recommending her to serve on the 2008 National League of Cities Human Development Committee.

Councilmember Hansen said there is a Regional Water Quality Committee meeting tomorrow concerning pharmaceutical waste issues. He added that he has applied for membership on the local hazardous waste advisory committee.

Mayor Ryu reported on her Washington, D.C. trip and commented that the schedule was ambitious. She said she met with Representative Murray, Congressman McDermott, and Congressman Inslee. She announced that she attended a Ronald Wastewater District meeting and asked the Council to review the information she brought from them.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Tom Poitras, Shoreline, commented that his neighbors didn't know about the proposal to build or rezone in the Ridgecrest area. He added that the City's intentions aren't clear at the meetings. He asked if it was legal to make major zoning changes without posting information about it at the site. Additionally, he said some of the Planning Commission members warned that the project could be bad for some Ridgecrest neighbors.

b) Wendy DiPeso, Shoreline, urged the Council to support the future resolution on the Lake Ballinger Basin Action Plan. She said that water has no boundaries and it needs to be addressed regionally.

c) Les Nelson, Shoreline, stated he checked the information line and there has been some confusion experienced by citizens about what's happening and when. He commented that the Shoreline ads in the newspaper no longer include the City of Shoreline logo. He commented that the website is good, but he felt notices weren't easy to find there. He urged the Council to pay attention to the public notification process and make it a priority.

Ms. Modrzejewski responded that she is satisfied that the City is complying with the legal requirements for notification on Ridgecrest and other meetings in the City.

Councilmember Eggen expressed concern that people within four blocks of the Ridgecrest site weren't notified.

Ms. Modrzejewski responded that there were over 100 residents at the visioning workshops, but she felt there may be a disconnect now.

Councilmember Way stated that providing public notice is one of the City's main responsibilities and that copies of the Enterprise are not always easy to find because they aren't delivered all of the time.

Mayor Ryu asked if the City can put notice up at the Ridgecrest site.

Ms. Modrzejewski commented that City staff would be happy to address the issue next week because there is time during the next meeting. She added that she will confirm that the City logo is used on City public notice listings in the Enterprise. She stated that the Lake Ballinger Basin Action Plan is on the April 7 Council meeting agenda.

Councilmember Way stated that having noticing policies added to the PC work plan would be good. She also wanted research done on what noticing has been done for the Ridgecrest item.

Councilmember McGlashan stated that the April 7 meeting is a joint meeting with the Planning Commission and requested that the PC participates in the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Scott added that he also wanted the details, goals, and processes of the Ridgecrest meeting public notices.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Eggen moved approval of the agenda. Councilmember McGlashan seconded the motion, which carried 7-0, and the agenda was approved.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember McGlashan moved approval of the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Hansen seconded the motion, which carried 7-0 and the following items were approved:

- (a) Minutes of Business Meeting of January 14, 2008**
- (b) Approval of expenses and payroll as of January 30, 2008 in the amount of \$2,456,328.07**
- (c) Motion to Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with King County Parks to obligate grant funding totaling \$50,000 for Cromwell Park Improvement Project**
- (d) Motion to Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with the Washington State Recreation & Conservation Office to obligate grant funding totaling \$300,000 for Richmond Beach Salt Water Park Improvement Project**

8. ACTION ITEMS

- (a) Motion to adopt the Cromwell Park Master Site Plan and authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Susan Black and Associates for \$173,500 for Design and Construction of Phase 1 Projects**

Dick Deal, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, stated this item provides the Council with an update to the Cromwell Park Master Site Plan. He introduced Peggy Gaynor, of Gaynor Incorporated, Chuck Warsinske from Susan Black and Associates, and Ross Heller, Project Manager for Cromwell Park. He stated that the site is nine acres, was originally designed for storm water detention, and is the headwaters for Thornton Creek. He outlined the history of the public process on this project.

Ms. Gaynor discussed the history of the site and displayed aerial photographs. She stated that in the mid 1950's the site was developed to what it is today. There was Cromwell Elementary and in the middle of the 1990's the courthouse was built. She commented that both of those buildings changed the topography and character of the site. The public process included a series of alternatives and there was public support for the integrated plan, which included burying the peat bog at the edge of outfield, creating an entrance off of Meridian, adding ADA accessible paths, and other amenities.

Councilmember Way asked if the new design would alter the existing forested area. Ms. Gaynor responded that some trees will be removed to expand the wetland and create view corridors. Mr. Warsinske stated the area south of pathway will remain as-is and explained the different gradations and zones going from southwest to northeast. Councilmember Way wanted to know if the removed trees can be reused on the site. Ms. Gaynor responded that some of them will be.

Councilmember McGlashan inquired about the size of the trees to be removed. Ms. Gaynor responded that the removal would not be significant because much of the site will be revegetated.

Mr. Warsinske said that the trees along the 180th corridor have been topped due to power lines and some will be removed so they don't have to be topped in the future.

Councilmember McGlashan asked if the removed trees can be used for artwork on the site so the City can get more out of the 1% art funding. Ms. Gaynor said they can be used for woody debris and weirs. She added that an artist has been retained to address such issues.

Mayor Ryu questioned if the art will be functional on the site and if there will be signage. Ms. Gaynor responded that there will be interpretive art at the park. Mr. Heller revealed the Plan Enhancements slide and stated there would also be some enhancements to King County property.

Councilmember Way asked if there would be bike paths. Mr. Warsinske said bike riding is acceptable on the site and identified the areas where it would be allowed. He stated that there is an oversized drain under the ball fields for detention which meter out into the wetland. He added that the adjacent neighbors want views into the park and there will be plenty of parking in the area.

Councilmember Eggen asked how large the current vault was on the site. Mr. Warsinske responded that there was a 3,000 gallon detention pond east of the courthouse and the water goes into that and meters out down to Meridian and Ronald Bog. This detention will be moved into the wetland. Ms. Gaynor added that this is not a vault, but an open pond. She added that the detention in the current pond and from the Corliss pipe will be moved into the wetland detention. She explained that there are four different water sources that will be balanced for detention and water quality treatment. Councilmember Eggen asked if soil work will be done so it won't flow off of the field. He also wondered if pervious pavements were going to be used. Mr. Warsinske replied that there needs to be a soil profile done on the fields so the water percolates. He noted that the pathways are relatively narrow and don't need to be porous; additionally, the amphitheater is an open-celled, grass-paved system.

Mr. Deal stated there are two projects where porous pavement is being utilized, Richmond Beach Saltwater Park and south of South Woods.

Councilmember Eggen inquired what a linear water quality swale was. Ms. Gaynor stated that you get better water quality with longer swales, with some detention. She displayed some schematic cross-sections of the area and said it is a natural irrigated landscape.

Mr. Heller discussed the cost summary for this project and stated that Phase 2 remains unfunded. He stated that the City is looking for grants and the design phase will involve the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Army Corps of Engineers. Phase 1, which is funded, will have all of the storm water upgrades, recreation elements, and pathways. He presented the project schedule and pointed out that the design phase is from March until November 2008 and construction should begin in early 2009. Additionally, the King County negotiations will occur concurrently with the project, as will the SEPA process and the hydraulic approval process. Mr. Warsinske stated that this schedule allows for an opportunity to bid this in early 2009 timeframe or late 2008, whichever is the best time. Mr. Deal thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance, especially Jerry Shuster.

Mayor Ryu called for public comment on this item.

a) Gretchen Atkinson, Shoreline, said she has lived by Cromwell Park for forty years and has seen lots of changes. She said she has seen funding for Cromwell Park pulled to build soccer parks and looks forward to its completion. She urged the Council to approve this item.

Mr. Deal explained that there was some funding in the capital improvement plan that was directed to the Shoreline Fields A & B for park improvements.

Councilmember Way moved to adopt the Cromwell Park Master Site Plan and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Susan Black and Associates for \$173,500 for the design and construction of Phase 1 projects. Councilmember Hansen seconded the motion.

Mr. Deal responded to an inquiry from Councilmember Way concerning public notice. He stated that the City works very hard on public notice through *Currents*, an email list, the City website, Channel 21, and other means.

Councilmember McGlashan stated that some residents have contacted him about being able to see the play area from the amphitheater. Ms. Gaynor stated that they will be able to look under the trees and will ensure that the parents can see their children in the play areas. Councilmember McGlashan asked if the goal was to remove about 70 trees. Ms. Gaynor said they haven't determined the total number yet. Councilmember McGlashan wondered what would happen to the paths if the bridges aren't included on Phase 1. Ms. Gaynor responded that they are looking at alternative ways to utilize materials that look like bridges because the budget is tight.

Mayor Ryu appreciated the City staff work on storm water and detention. She specifically asked for funding for functional art. Mr. Deal confirmed that staff will come up with a functional design that will be integrated into the project. He highlighted that all of the water drainage is coming through the Corliss line and this project presents an opportunity for infiltration. This water will be cleaned and impounded, resulting in an enhanced storm water system for the area.

A vote was taken on the motion on the table to adopt the Cromwell Park Master Site Plan and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Susan Black and Associates for \$173,500 for the design and construction of Phase 1 projects, which carried 7-0.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:16 p.m., Mayor Ryu declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk