
Council Meeting Date: April 2, 2007

Agenda Item: 6(a)

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Joint City Council meeting with Planning Commission
DEPARTMENT:	Planning and Development Services
PRESENTED BY:	Joseph W. Tovar, FAICP, Director Steve Cohn, Senior Planner

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

On January 8 of this year, the City Council adopted Resolution 254 "Recognizing the Work of the Planning Commission and Providing Direction Regarding the City's Planning Work Program." Section 1 of R-254 stated the Council's intent and agreement to meet twice annually with the Planning Commission, once prior to its annual spring retreat and once prior to the fall budget process.

The spring joint meeting scheduled for April 2 provides an opportunity for the Planning Commission to report on its progress on the Planning Work Program and for both the Commission and Council members to have a dialogue about upcoming issues and priorities for the coming six months.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Council review the enclosed materials and be prepared to discuss any issues of interest or clarification with the Commission on April 2.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Resolution 254
- B. Shoreline 2010 Work Program

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney ____

RESOLUTION NO. 254

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PROVIDING DIRECTION REGARDING THE CITY'S PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Shoreline City Council and Planning Commission met jointly on October 30, 2006 to discuss implementation of the City's Planning Work Program, City Council Goals for 2007-2008, various means for public participation and citizen outreach, and other issues of mutual concern; and

WHEREAS, it was a productive meeting, many ideas were discussed, and the City Council offered direction on a number of items; and

WHEREAS, it is the best interests of the public, the Planning Commission, and the City staff that the City Council give clear direction regarding priorities for the Planning Work Program and public participation, affirm the important role of the Planning Commission as the City's land use hearing body, and provide for ongoing communication and coordination between the Council and the Planning Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The Shoreline Planning Commission work program for 2007 shall include the following tasks, direction, and understandings:

Section 1. The City Council commits to meeting at least twice annually with the Planning Commission in joint meetings, in April prior to the City Council's retreat, and in October prior to the City's budget process.

Section 2. The City Council affirms that the Planning Commission is the hearing body for both quasi-judicial and legislative rezones. When appropriate, a representative of the Commission will participate in presenting its recommendation to the City Council.

Section 3. The City Council approves the concept of sponsoring a Speaker Series (community conversation) in 2007, directs that these be televised on the City's cable access channel, and that the community at large be alerted to this opportunity through *Currents*, the City website and other appropriate media.

Section 4. The City Council agrees that three members of the Planning Commission shall serve on the Comprehensive Housing Strategy Citizen Advisory Committee as it helps implement Council Goal 5, which is to "Develop a Comprehensive Housing Strategy."

Section 5. The City Council requests that the Planning Commission and Parks Board periodically meet in joint session to provide a sounding board to review and critique the City's progress in implementing Council Goal 6, which is "To Create an Environmentally Sustainable Community."

Section 6. The City Council supports the concepts of legislative rezones and form-base codes in order to implement adopted comprehensive plan policies and to improve the timeliness and predictability of the City's development review process, and asks that the City staff and Planning Commission prepare for Council review a schedule and strategy for utilizing these land use tools.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JANUARY 8, 2007.

Robert L. Ransom, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott Passey
City Clerk

Aurora Project

Aurora Business & Community Team Meetings

Council Decision regarding alternatives

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
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South Aurora Triangle Subarea Plan

Staff prepares Form Based Codes

Plan & Code amendments heard by Planning Commission

Council adoption of Plan & Code amendments

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
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Discussion topics for the April 2 joint meeting

The Planning Commission looks forward to Monday's conversation discussing:

- Highlights of Planning Commission and individual Commissioner's work over the past 6 months (since the Commission and the City Council last met)
- Shoreline 2010 Speakers Series
- Shoreline 2010 work program

Highlights of Planning Commission Work

Since the October 30 joint meeting with the City Council, the Commission has made recommendations on two site specific rezones and several development code amendments. In addition, the Commission has held study sessions on form-based codes, areawide rezones, and the South Aurora Triangle subarea, and met with the Park Board to discuss Council Goal 6, the Environmentally Sustainable Community strategy.

Individual Commissioners have also been active on several ad-hoc committees:

- Comprehensive Housing Strategy Citizen Advisory Committee (meets twice monthly)
- Ridgcrest commercial area redevelopment (two community meetings and additional meetings with UW students)
- Aurora Corridor Project - Aurora Business and Community Team (monthly meetings)

The Commissioners will offer ideas about their involvement on these committees and suggest ways they can be involved in the future if the Council desires.

Shoreline 2010 Speakers Series

As of April 5, the Speaker Series will have hosted three presenters: Mark Hinshaw, Gene Duvernoy, and Tom von Schrader. Two more presenters have committed—Ron Sher who will speak in late May, and Dan Burden, who will speak in early August.

Shoreline 2010 Work Program

Most of the discussion at the joint meeting will focus on the work program, noted as Attachment B. The Commission is interested in several work program items, and asks the Council's concurrence that the Commission (or a subset of the Commission) provide a role in these projects.

Possible areas for potential Planning Commission involvement:

- Civic Center/City Hall Project
- Commenting on alternatives or developing strategic points to consider re: the Aurora corridor (especially the portion within the Central Shoreline subarea)
- Subarea Planning for Briarcrest and Paramount Park
- Environmentally Sustainable Community Strategy—opportunities to provide ideas about walkability, health, and low-impact development.