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CITY OF SHORELINE

SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, September 24, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.
Shoreline Conference Center
Mt. Rainier Room

PRESENT: Mayor Ransom, Deputy Mayor Fimia, Councilmember Gustafson, Councilmember Hansen, Councilmember McGlashan, and Councilmember Way.

ABSENT: None.

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:39 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Mayor Ransom, who presided.

2. FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

Mayor Ransom led the flag salute. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Ryu.

Councilmember Way moved to excuse Councilmember Ryu. Councilmember McGlashan seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

(a) Proclamation of "Community Planning Month"

Mayor Ransom proclaimed the month the September 2007 as "Community Planning Month" and presented the proclamation to Rocky Piro, Planning Commission Chair. Mr. Piro thanked the City for recognizing the important role that planning plays in the resident's quality of life. On behalf of the Planning Commission, he thanked the Council for attending the extra meetings and said this puts the Commission in good form going into this busy month.

3. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER

Julie Modrzejewski, Acting City Manager, provided the City's Manager's report. She congratulated the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department for the dedication ceremony of South Woods. She added that the South Woods Preservation Group (SWPG) deserves a lot of credit for this acquisition. She noted that the Council discussed the Fircrest Master Plan at dinner and the state will hold open public meetings on October 10 and November 8. This announcement will be advertised in the *Currents* and on the City's

web site. She reported on the success of the City's first business recycling event held last Thursday. She also announced there are new Metro service hours in the City. She said the new service hours involve Routes 372 and 373. She said the 2006 State audit has been completed and the City had no significant findings. She commented that residents can be assured the City has enough procedures and practices to ensure there is proper accounting of their tax dollars. She said the third of three Get Ready Shoreline Emergency Preparedness meetings will be held September 25. The Aurora/Ballinger Way Corridor Commercial Zone Workshop will be held on September 27. She commented that the Aurora Project has received two awards. The "Globe Award" was received from the American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) for excellent enhancement of the natural environment. Second, the Washington American Planning Association (WAPA) awarded the City with an Honorable Mention. The next Citizen Advisory Housing Committee (CAC) meeting will be held September 25, and the next Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board meeting will be held on September 27. There will be a Cromwell Park Master Planning meeting on September 26, and finally there is a Civic Center/City Hall meeting on October 2.

4. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Councilmember McGlashan stated that he visited the Brightwater portal tunneling machine in Bothell and there were students from the Montessori school visiting too. He said King County Councilmember Larry Gossett spoke. He noted that as a board member of the Northshore Community Services, they launched a Helpful Connections Guide and it will be distributed to schools and human service outlets.

Councilmember Way reported on her attendance at the South Woods dedication and displayed a sign that was given to SWPG members. She said it was a proud moment for the City.

Councilmember Hansen said the Interurban Trail dedication was on Saturday and it was a lot of fun. He said the weather was reasonable and there were kids of all ages in attendance. He spoke favorably of the Trail and said it was the culmination of efforts of lots of people.

Mayor Ransom said he also attended the Interurban Trail dedication and it was delightful. He added that it has taken twelve years as a Councilmember at a cost of \$11 million. He said he also attended the South Woods dedication. He commented that the City originally bought 3 acres, but it has completed the 15.6-acre acquisition for \$7.5 million and now owns the whole parcel. He said over a week ago he attended the National League of Cities Human Development Committee meeting. He said it focused on national health care, human services, and education. He highlighted that Seashore didn't vote on its new contract but it will be voted on next month.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

(a) Virginia Paulsen, Shoreline, expressed her appreciation to Councilmember Way and her work in securing South Woods. She said Deputy Mayor Fimia and others spoke last week. She said there were definitions given for words at the podium over the past months so she wanted to give a definition. She defined "bully" as a person who hurts, frightens, or threatens. She said that is what she has observed here. She said there is additional attention given to workplace abuse, which is a systematic attempt to bully people and it involves group denial that this is occurring and a norm of silence. She said if it isn't recognized when it occurs, it won't be addressed. She said it is an inappropriate use of the public forum and it must stop.

(b) Noreen Federow, Shoreline, said she has found discrepancies in the Washington Health Survey for Individual Coverage (WHSIC). She commented that there needs to be reform because there are people trying to get insurance that are being discriminated against. She said there are questions asking if the person filling out the survey was diagnosed ten years ago with cancer. However, there are laws which state that insurance companies aren't supposed to go back ten years for preexisting conditions. Based on this, insurance companies have been disqualifying people if they have had cancer. She said the people have no recourse and it affects everybody. She said this is a serious issue and the City can help fix it.

(c) Chris Eggen, Shoreline, said he attended the South Woods dedication, and it is a beautiful second-growth wooded area. He thanked the SWPG, the Parks Bond Committee, and the City Council for bringing it into the public domain. He highlighted that Sustainable Shoreline has a wildlife habitat project which includes a Ronald Bog work party this weekend on Sunday. He said more information is available from Bonnie Biery at birdsbeesfishtrees@gmail.com.

(d) Fred Klingan, Shoreline, asked if King County has reimbursed the City for the routine maintenance of vehicles. He said the County maintains a 3% reserve fund for major overhauls, which is replenished through a burden rate. He said the Auditor reported the burden rate was incorrect and in 2006 the fund was found to be several million dollars over the 3% limit due to overcharges. The King County Sheriff's Department is one of the larger fleet operators. The auditor further suggested that a refund of the overcharge to these cities would be appropriate. Lastly, the auditor reported that in the fall of 2006 the Office of Management and Budget transferred \$5.8 million dollars to the County's general fund. He suggested that the City should take action to obtain a refund through the Suburban Cities Association (SCA).

(e) Stan Terry, Shoreline, commented on the "\$500,000 fiasco." He said it has cost the taxpayers a great deal of money and fattened the "fat cat" lawyers. He felt the outcome was not satisfactory because the defendants were neither vindicated nor assigned guilt. He said it is left up to people to determine what transpired based on their own feelings. He commented that the money could be used for police, parks, or to benefit taxpayers who provided the money. He said that had the money not been paid by the City, the lawsuit would have been resolved much sooner. He claimed that the "deep pockets" of the City allowed the lawsuit to continue.

(f) Mike Landis, Shoreline, discussed the air condo proposed development at 15208 – 15222 Greenwood Avenue North. He said an air condo limits the amount of yard space with no room for kids to play. He said they are dangerous because there are no sidewalks and no park in the vicinity for children.

(g) Wendy DiPeso, Shoreline, commented that the lawyers were the winners in the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) lawsuit, especially the plaintiff's lawyer. She said there is already a lawsuit in Renton concerning the OPMA. She said Mr. Burkett's deposition talked about meeting with multiple Councilmembers regarding City business, which appears to be a violation of the OPMA. She commented that meetings require an action taking place. She said the focus on the lawsuit has been destructive. Even Doris McConnell, who is running against Deputy Mayor Fimia, said it takes energy to be angry and the citizens are tired of it. She said citizens see Deputy Mayor Fimia as a victim. She thinks energy is better spent in something positive. She added that Deputy Mayor Fimia's track record speaks for itself. She suggested that the plaintiff's "put down their arms" and work toward positive ends to start the healing process.

Ms. Modrzejewski said she will discuss Mr. Klingan's comments with the City Manager because he serves on the police oversight committee. She added that the Planning and Development Services department is investigating the air condo issue.

Joe Tovar, Planning and Development Services Director, said a letter dated September 20, 2007 went to the citizens from the City Manager. He has informed the developer that his meeting did not meet the requirement for a neighborhood meeting under the Development Code and that City staff will attend this meeting with the developer. He said City staff is working on a second report concerning air condos. He clarified that air condos are approved in Snohomish County but not in Shoreline.

Deputy Mayor Fimia inquired about the zoning at the subject address. Mr. Tovar responded that the zoning is R-6, or seven homes proposed on slightly over an acre. He explained the term condo denotes that the ownership is different than "one owner per platted lot." Deputy Mayor Fimia asked if it is an administrative decision. Mr. Tovar confirmed that it was.

Mayor Ransom directed the City staff to differentiate how air condos differ from cottage housing.

Deputy Mayor Fimia spoke concerning the potential overcharge from King County. She proposed that the City work through SCA, noting that the potential overcharge could be "the tip of the iceberg" in terms of how taxpayer funds are being spent. She said there needs to be a systematic assessment of return on investment collectively by the cities.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember McGlashan moved approval of the agenda. Councilmember Gustafson seconded the motion, which carried 6-0 and the agenda was approved.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Gustafson moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember McGlashan seconded the motion, which carried 6-0, and the following items were approved:

- (a) Minutes of Special Meeting of July 16, 2007
Minutes of Workshop Dinner Meeting of September 4, 2007**
- (b) Approval of expenses and payroll as of September 12, 2007 in the amount of \$ 989,826.85**

8. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) South Echo Lake Property Discussion**

Ms. Modrzejewski highlighted the primary points explained in the staff report. She said a proposal came in April this year from the owner of the South Echo Lake property. The proposal includes a donation of the buffer property which is 66,542 square feet. If this property is accepted, the responsibility for implementing the rezone requirements would shift to the City rather than the current property owner. In addition the property owner has requested the buffer property be named "Rotary Park." In June 2005, the City of Shoreline and the property owner entered into a rezone agreement for the entire South Echo Lake property, which included this buffer property. This agreement included conditions on how it was to be developed. The entire agreement contains 19 conditions, and 8 of the 19 conditions are on the buffer property. She added that the Planning Commission made recommendations concerning the contract rezone which were approved by the Council. She displayed a photo of the property and highlighted that the discussion was about Tract A. She said the property includes 245 feet of the Echo Lake shoreline and it serves as a wetland buffer. Based on the fact that it is in a critical area, the City would be very limited in the types of uses that can go here. This area would have a passive use and be a sensitive area.

Continuing, Ms. Modrzejewski said staff looked at the cost-benefit to citizens and determined what the benefit evaluation criteria would be. She said the City also looked at the costs for building and maintaining the property as specified in the agreement. She explained that public ownership, gratuity, and the security of public access were seen as benefits. She noted that the one-time cost estimate for the property is \$353,000, and the ongoing operational cost was \$24,000 per year. She pointed out that the City has already mandated that the property be open to public access via the contract rezone agreement, and the current property owner would have to bear that one-time and ongoing property maintenance cost. In addition, she said the City would incur no financial costs attributed to restoration and construction conditions. She restated that the only thing the City staff

looked at as a part of this cost benefit is the cost and maintenance of the required conditions and the maintenance of the property. Another point is that the prevailing future use of the property must be aligned with the contract rezone, the Shoreline Development Code, and the critical areas ordinance. She noted that future uses of this site are very limited. She concluded that the City staff recommends rejecting the proposal.

Mayor Ransom explained his reason for putting this on the agenda. He said for 10 years he thought the 8.6 acres at this site would have been a very good potential park for the City. He said the City could have bought it for \$6 million. He felt it would have made a great common area for the proposed City Hall, YMCA, and apartments. He pointed out that if the City owned the entire property, the City would have received some payment from those establishments. He explained that the buffer is twice as large as the North Echo Lake Park and it provides for a dock, a bonus area, and a triangle of 5,000 square feet which is owned by the Inland Group. He said a letter from them says that if the City accepted the property as a park and built a shelter that isn't in the buffer, they would donate the 5,000 square feet area. The idea, he said, was it would be a picnic shelter, a dock, and a park. He also said that the cost of the plantings, which is estimated by the City at \$350,000, is estimated at \$200,000 by their arborist. He also suggested that the Inland Group handle the maintenance instead of the City, thus eliminating the \$24,000 annual operational costs. He restated that there could be a public dock, over 66,000 square feet of property, plus 5,000 for a picnic shelter area. He recommended this item go to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board (PRCS) for their recommendation since they haven't had a chance to review this proposal.

Mayor Ransom called for public comment.

(a) Harley O'Neill, Shoreline, said he is representing the property owner. He said he has lived in Shoreline over 40 years and has developed properties that have improved the community. In this case, it was his intent to save the Echo Lake waterfront for the community. He said he went into a rezone contract envisioning a city hall there. However, there was a division in the contract rezone negotiations and the City staff process. He hoped the Council would accept the proposal and felt the benefits will be seen in the future. He said he is shocked the City staff doesn't recommend spending any money to preserve it for the community. He said there is a lot of angst between different Council members, but politics must be put aside so the issue can be considered objectively.

(b) Bill Meyer, Shoreline, said he has seen good and bad projects throughout his life in this country. He said the property is available now and if it is passed up, the citizens will lose the opportunity to picnic, fish, and enjoy the property. He said "If you pass this up, you pass up something like South Woods."

(c) Brian Derdowski, Sammamish, on behalf of Echo Lake Buffer Associates, said he filed an appeal against the Echo Lake Development and since then the ownership group has retained him. He said the report was very thorough. However, it is incorrectly based on the assumption that the value of the land is zero. He said the report didn't reflect

the stark difference between public and private ownership. If privately retained, the owner does what the rezone says and the buffer will be restored to the highest standard. There will be no dock, beach, public access to the lake, boat safety, signage, kiosks, or interpretive platforms. Moreover, there will be minimum ADA standards put in place and reasonably limited public access, with no picnic benches or public bathrooms. Additionally, there will be no guarantee about a future rezone coming into the City. On the other hand, under public ownership there is the opportunity for a “win-win” situation. He said there are private and public groups that would be willing to collaborate with the City on the property. Currently, there is a management plan being worked on for an outer buffer area, so the property could have more of an active use. He pointed out that amenities are not possible with private ownership, and the sense of pride of public space is priceless. He said with public ownership the City will be able to integrate this property with the YMCA, the Interurban Trail, and the public trail. He urged the Council not to let this “good-hearted” donation go away.

(d) Ron Zuwanich, Seattle, on behalf of the Echo Lake Buffer Associates, thought the management analysis is “pennywise, pound foolish.” He commented that this is a great thing for the City and it isn’t an “end run” to have the partnership avoid the development costs. He urged the Council to accept this gift and move forward.

(e) Dennis Lee, Shoreline, said at first glance it looks like the developer is trying to give away land that isn’t worth anything. However, the property has possibilities and perhaps after consideration by the PRCS department, there can be an agreement. He asked if the City would need to spend the money right away. He suggested a cooperative agreement involving grant money from neighborhood associations and “sweat equity,” where the stakeholders get involved in restoring the wetland. He believed the community would benefit from a feeling of ownership and he supported the City accepting the property.

(f) Wendy DiPeso, Shoreline, noted that Mr. O'Neill benefited from the original agreement, so there is the appearance that it'd be easier to give it away. She questioned why the developer would want to give it away. She felt it would be better to give it to the public. She felt there should be a third option and was interested in having a public involvement process. She commented that “this is hard to put a price tag on.”

(g) Will Hall, Shoreline, said he is a member of the Planning Commission, but is speaking as an individual on this topic. He said he supports parks and felt that the South Echo Lake site is a good location for one. Once the contract requirements are fulfilled he would support pursuing the area as a park. He pointed out that the conditions of the contract rezone were packaged together. It was done after an extensive amount of public meetings and a SEPA appeal, which led to negotiations which had many tradeoffs. One of which was that the City agreed to waive the tree retention requirements, and buffer enhancement conditions were added. Some of the requirements benefited different parties, but it was a difficult and complex package. He suggested that if the Council is serious about this acquisition, it should take this through the same public hearing process. He encouraged the Council to consider the value of the site as a park, once the terms and

conditions have been satisfied with the developer and the community. He concluded that there are several minor changes that have been made since the agreement and he urged the Council to stick to what was conducted through the public hearings.

(h) Virginia Paulsen, Shoreline, concurred with the staff recommendation to reject this proposal for environmental reasons. She said she spent hours with the Snohomish/King County Environmental Council which assesses environmental impacts. She said millions of birds are being lost due to habitat loss and sensitive area losses. If owned by the public, people will have picnics and leave debris and garbage on the site. She said people generally do not take care of the environment and the City doesn't really need this park at this time. She added that accepting this property will not only cost the City, but it will cost the creatures that utilize it now. She concluded that the animals won't be able to adapt to the environment if the City accepts this property and it is opened to the public. She favored keeping the contract with Mr. O'Neill as it is today.

Councilmember Gustafson asked if the PRCS Board has looked at this information and had a chance to make a recommendation to the Council. Ms. Modrzejewski said the PRCS Board hasn't reviewed this item.

Councilmember Gustafson said it is important to him that it be heard by the PRCS Board. He appreciated Mayor Ransom's presentation and those of the speakers. However, he said one of the groups that the City has is the PRCS Board, and he truly believes that they are critical and can take a look at it. He preferred this item be heard by the PRCS Board and have the Board make a recommendation to the Council.

Dick Deal, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, replied that the PRCS Board agenda is set for their next meeting on Thursday, but it could be added to their October 25 agenda. He said the Board has not reviewed this project and it wasn't intended to be a park at that time. He briefly discussed what it would take to be designed with parking, which would be very difficult. He added that restroom access is also another critical issue. He commented that the Board will look at the whole set of issues. Concerning the timeline, he said the only urgency is that there will be no certificate of occupancy issued until the project is completed. He said it could possibly take several months.

Councilmember Gustafson said the long-range vision on this property really started with City Hall. However, he still felt the vision would include connectors to the Interurban Trail and he viewed this as a tremendous resource for the City.

Councilmember Gustafson moved to refer this item to the PRCS Board for review and a recommendation. Mayor Ransom seconded the motion.

Councilmember Gustafson said that the Council has heard lots of opinions tonight, but the PRCS Board processes all those opinions. He said he still felt the Council will have to make the decision, but would like to have the PRCS Board input and for them to have some discussion.

Councilmember Way agreed that there should be more discussion because she has questions about the outcome. She said there is plenty of room for options, rather than just a “yes” or “no” answer. She would like to know what the process will be when the Council gets a recommendation from the PRCS Board.

Ms. Modrzejewski said she thinks there is a modification to the proposal that has been given to the City by the Inland Group that the Mayor shared tonight that would need to be included in this proposal.

Councilmember Hansen favored directing the staff to work out what they can do to acquire it, but he can't accept the agreement as outlined tonight. He would favor some changes to the agreement, but there is room for more compromise. He said he would like to see the City work out a plan in which the property ends up in public ownership. He agreed with it going through the PRCS Board.

Deputy Mayor Fimia moved an amendment “to refer the proposal to the City Manager to consult with the PRCS Board, the City staff, and the developers for further consideration, analysis, and recommendation.” There was Council consensus to accept this as the main motion.

Deputy Mayor Fimia agreed with the comments of Mr. Hall in that “a deal is a deal.” She said she hesitates to bring this to the PRCS Board because they don't have the whole picture with what went on with this rezone and the competing things on the table. She said it is great to eventually have it be a public domain. She commented that Mr. O'Neill stated he wanted the land to be open to the public, but then one of the representatives says it could be restricted. She said she can't support spending the money when it was already in the contract that they were to renovate it and maintain it for public use. She said she doesn't want this to imply that the Council is asking for a recommendation from the PRCS Board; the Council is asking for a recommendation from the City Manager with PRCS Board input.

Councilmember McGlashan agreed that the property should be in public ownership, but there should be a middle ground. He added that there is no discussion about public-private partnership and it seems like the conditions can't be minimized. He said it is a confusing issue and the best thing is to commit it to the City Manager for clarification. He also said tonight is the first time he has ever heard about a 5,000-square-foot park.

Councilmember Way added that in a public-private partnership, sweat-equity has a huge potential in neighborhoods and with non-profits to bring down the costs. She asked why the Rotary isn't putting funds into this since they requested it be named after their organization. She also asked what the public process would entail.

Ms. Modrzejewski highlighted that if the City's financial situation was unlimited the recommendation might be different. She pointed out that the City Hall project is important and reminded the Council that as part of the City Hall project the City is considering a parking garage which is going to cost the City more than the original

projection. The City staff is “being tight on the purse strings” and the reality is that the City staff is looking at earmarking funds. She reminded the Council that the burden for improving the property falls on the property owner, which in this case is good for Shoreline taxpayers.

A vote was taken on the motion to refer the proposal to the City Manager to consult with the PRCS Board, the City staff, and the developers for further consideration, analysis, and recommendation, which carried 6-0.

RECESS

At 9:31 p.m. Mayor Ransom called for a five-minute recess. At 9:43 p.m. the Council meeting reconvened.

(b) Capital Projects Update

Tricia Juhnke, Capital Projects Administrator and Maureen Colaizzi, Parks Projects Coordinator, provided the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) update. Ms. Juhnke provided an overview of the 2007 capital projects and the stated the total amount for those projects was \$28 million. Capital project spending increases to \$41 million in 2008, as there will be a lot of focus on capital projects. She said the schedule is aggressive and there will be a lot of emphasis on schedules and budgets. She noted that most of the projects are listed on the City’s web site.

Ms. Colaizzi provided updates on the parks projects. She reminded the Council that in May 2006, the citizens of Shoreline approved the Parks Bond levy and there are eight bond-related park improvement projects and three land acquisitions that were approved by the bond funding. She added that there were also two capital improvement projects. She discussed the following projects, including the status and cost for each:

Acquisitions - \$10,250,000:

South Woods (NE 150th Street & 25th Avenue NE) – Completed - \$6,000,000

Seattle Public Utilities Property (NE 165th & 16th Avenue NE) – In negotiations - \$3,300,000

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden (20312 15th Avenue NW) – In negotiations - \$950,000

Park Improvements and Upgrades - \$5,750,000:

Richmond Beach Saltwater Park (2021 NW 19th Street) - Design phase - \$2,640,000

Cromwell Park (18009 Corliss Avenue) - Design phase - \$1,000,000

Twin Ponds (15401 1st Avenue NE) - Design phase - \$900,000

Hamlin Park (16006 15th Avenue NE) - Pre-design phase - \$750,000

Baseball/Softball Field Improvements (City-wide) - Design phase - \$250,000

Off-Leash Dog Park (site to be determined) - Pre-design phase - \$150,000

Shoreline Center Tennis Court Lighting (18460 1st Avenue NE) - Construction - \$60,000

Trail Corridors - \$2,500,000:

Interurban Trail Pedestrian Crossing at 145th Street - Completed - \$20,000

She also highlighted that there are grants applications pending for the acquisitions listed.

Councilmember Way inquired about the Hamlin Park projects and the transition the project has gone through. She recalled that when the project first started with the Parks bond, there was about \$100,000 more originally planned for this. She added that she thought the purchase would include some of the surrounding area, such as Hamlin Creek, which runs next to it. She looked forward to an analysis that would include the existing areas and hoped the City could find a place to enhance the Hamlin Park budget.

Ms. Colaizzi responded that \$750,000 has been approved for Hamlin Park, and the planning process has just begun. She said there may be more improvements at Hamlin, but there will only be \$750,000 spent. Hopefully, there will be additional grant funding. Hamlin Park will be a part of a general review but the focus will be on specific areas where the City can get the most recreational benefit.

Councilmember Way said funding for Hamlin Park should also be discussed at the trail corridors meeting.

MEETING EXTENSION

At 10:00 p.m., Councilmember Gustafson moved to extend the meeting to 10:15 p.m. Councilmember Hansen seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Ms. Colaizzi said the City is looking citywide for improvements, but the focus on Hamlin will be slightly different because the bond will be spent on the comprehensive list.

Ms. Juhnke provided an overview of the Roads Capital fund. She stated that the annual road service maintenance repair is completed and 3.5 miles of roadway were done, to include slurry seal on 5.4 miles of roadway. Concerning sidewalks, she said two routes have been funded. The first is on 25th Avenue NE and the second is along Dayton Avenue N. She said 25th Avenue NE is completed and Dayton Avenue should be completed by the end of 2007. She estimated that in 2008, the Fremont, Ashworth, and 195th NW routes should be grant-funded and completed. She highlighted that Dayton Avenue N. should be opened this Thursday. However, there will still be ongoing construction. She discussed the Richmond Beach Overcrossing and said the City is still in negotiations with Burlington Northern. She added that the current agreement will need modification, but the Council should see it on their agenda in the next few months. This project should be advertised in February 2008, but work won't start until 2009. She announced that Ronald Bog South is in the design phase and the City is coordinating with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to see one phase of construction beginning in the summer of 2008. Pan Terra Pond and Pump is at 60% design, and advertisement will go out in March 2008 for a better bidding climate. The N. 167th and Whitman Drainage Project is at 60% design and construction should begin in early 2008. She concluded that

the City staff is focused on developing and meeting project schedules. She also said 2008 will be a busy and active year for construction in Shoreline.

Mayor Ransom called for public comment. There was no one wishing to provide public comment on this item.

Deputy Mayor Fimia commented that the City staff is “awesome” and is juggling so many projects at an aggressive schedule. She appreciated the update. She suggested that the trail corridor process include businesses, because she felt the City can do some partnership with them on signage behind their buildings. She asked about the light on 170th Avenue and 15th Avenue.

Ms. Juhnke responded that there is a consultant doing a preliminary assessment on that project and the first step is to come to the Council to authorize the grant.

Deputy Mayor Fimia said in the future she would like to see all the information, including schedule, status, and budget, for each project summarized on one page. She noted this has been provided to the Council in the past.

9. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:17 p.m., Mayor Ransom declared the meeting adjourned.

Scott Passey, City Clerk