Shorewood High School students plans towards a sustainable Shoreline were presented to the City Council at the July 31 meeting. Shorewood teacher Gery Nunnelee chose the most realistic plans from his Spring '95 ninth grade World Geography classes' Washington State Studies groups. The students used Seattle's Comprehensive Plan as a model.
Top row, left to right: Councilmember Larry Bingham, student Katherine Beauchamp, student Kevin Sagan, Deputy Mayor Robert Ransom, Mayor Connie King, teacher Gery Nunnelee. Bottom row, left to right: Councilmembers Cheryl Lee, Scott Jepsen, Linda Montgomery, and Ron Hansen.

A Message From the Mayor...

As we approach incorporation of the City of Shoreline, I would like to thank the literally thousands of people who have been a part of reaching this marvelous goal. Without all of you, it would have taken much longer or not have happened at all.
The seven of us, your City Council, are here to represent you and do our best to make the City of Shoreline the special place we know it can be. If you have a way of doing something better, to be more efficient, a need, or an innovative idea to make Shoreline a better place to work and live, we are interested in hearing from you. You can reach any of us via phone or mail, but a letter would be more helpful. We can't promise that we can make an immediate change, but it will give us direction. Congratulations and many thanks to you all. -

Introducing Fred Wilmeth, the Interim City Manager

Two-way communication will play a key role in the success of the new City of Shoreline. Interim City Manager Fred Wilmeth believes, “One of the most important tasks facing us as we prepare for incorporation is making sure we structure city government to be able to effectively communicate with our citizens,” he said. The City plans to use whatever means are available to open and maintain a dialogue with its residents.

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City Hall Questions & Answers

Will zip codes remain the same?
Yes, zip code changes are based on population increases only.

Can I use “Shoreline” for the city name on my mail, checks, etc.?
Yes, the Post Office already recognizes “Shoreline” as the city name.

When can I get a City of Shoreline building permit?
After incorporation, when City Hall will have its own planning and building department staff.

What is the population of the City of Shoreline?
50,352 - based on the 1995 Estimate of Occupied Housing Units.

How do I voice my opinion that fireworks should be banned?
Come by city hall or call to talk with Cheryl Lee, Connie King, or Bob Ransom—the Councilmembers who make up the Public Safety Committee; or go to the Public Safety Committee meetings, scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:30pm at the Shoreline City Hall meeting room (in the basement).

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and business community.

Citizens, in turn, have a responsibility to get involved and be informed, Wilmeth said. “If you’re concerned you’re missing something, you should call or come on down – there’s a meeting going on nearly every night at City Hall,” he added.

Setting up a framework for a new city has largely rested on the sevenmember City Council and a core group of six interim employees and several temporary employees. “A city this size typically has a staff of about 200 or so,” Wilmeth said.

Wilmeth has an extensive background in city government, most recently with the City of Mercer Island and as Town Administrator of the City of Steilacoom. His experience in city government and innovative management credentials have prepared Wilmeth for Shoreline’s road to incorporation and important accomplishments in the months to come.

The first group of permanent personnel hired by the City will include employees for the Community Development Department, also called the Development Services Group. “As of August 31, the first floor of Shoreline City Hall will be the place to go if a citizen is looking for a building permit, or has zoning questions,” Wilmeth said. “The big crunch during these final weeks will be to get all of the services in place.”

A second major long-term project facing planning is preparation and Council adoption of a new comprehensive plan within the state’s three-year deadline. The City has adopted King County’s version to serve as an interim plan, pending development of a document that better reflects Shoreline’s unique character and vision of its citizens. Personnel will be hired to perform this task as well.

“Local control, over our own destiny in planning, school boundaries, and police protection – these were some of the reasons citizens voted to incorporate,” Wilmeth said. “We intend to start a comprehensive planning program immediately after incorporation.”

Since citizen involvement is crucial for a successful comprehensive plan, Shoreline residents and the business community will be encouraged to actively participate in this extremely important process.

On August 31 Shoreline will assume responsibility for many other services now provided by King County, although the transition in some instances will not be complete for another two months.

The City has negotiated a three-year contract with King County for police services. The pact calls for the County to provide 46.5 commissioned officers assigned solely to Shoreline. Support personnel will be added as needed. While these officers will collect a King County paycheck, they will wear Shoreline Police uniforms and drive vehicles with Shoreline Police signs on them. In addition, the Police Chief will report to the City Manager, not a superior in Seattle.

“The County will continue to provide services on their nickel for 60 days, but we plan to have the Shoreline Police Department set up and operating by January 1, 1996,” Wilmeth said. “It is our job to liaison with the County department we’re contracting with. What we do as a contract city is to ‘close the loop’ for the client,” the Interim City Manager concluded. If the City can’t help (some areas are outside city jurisdiction), staff will assist citizens in finding someone who can help them.
Council-City Manager Form of Government

Shoreline operates under the Council-Manager form of government. Each of the seven nonpartisan Councilmembers are elected directly by the people. Councilmembers represent the community at large rather than individual districts or areas of the City.

The present City Council has been elected to serve through December 1997. Three members of the new Council taking office in January 1998 will serve two-year terms and four members will serve four-year terms.

The City Council is the legislative body that establishes City law and policies by passing ordinances and resolutions. The Council also adopts the City budget (which is prepared by the City Manager), approves appropriations, contracts for services, and grants franchises. The Council elects one of their members as Mayor to preside at Council meetings and to represent the City at ceremonial functions and intergovernmental meetings. The Deputy Mayor presides over these functions in the Mayor's absence.

The City Manager is appointed by the council to act as the chief executive officer of the City. The role of the City Manager is to direct departments, operations, and activities in accordance with policies set by the City Council. The City Manager administers staff, finances, and programs, including the Capital Improvement Plan, which covers all City-owned facilities and assets.

Citizen Participation

The City Council encourages you to participate and be a part of the process as we start on our way to becoming a new city. There are the many ways you can make a difference.

City Hall, located at 17544 Midvale Avenue North, is open 8:00am to 5:00pm weekdays. Citizens may visit at any time during office hours. The City Manager and staff are available to answer questions, locate documents or assist with information referral to other agencies as appropriate.

Citizens are encouraged to talk directly with City Councilmembers through phone calls or letters or by attending Committee meetings and during the public comment period at regular Council meetings. Councilmembers do not have offices in City Hall, but may be contacted through City Hall.

Shoreline City Council Committees

Meetings are held at the City Hall Conference Room (the back room in the basement of the Shoreline Professional Business Center), 17544 Midvale Avenue North. The committees are as follows:

Administration, Budget & Finance – Budget, Finance, Administration and Personnel, Licenses
Consists of Councilmembers Ron Hansen (Chair), Scott Jepsen, Bob Ransom.

Health & Human Services – Courts, Jails, Probation, Parole & Human Services
Consists of Councilmembers Connie King (Chair), Cheryl Lee, Scott Jepsen.

Parks, Cultural Services & Recreation – Parks, Recreation, Arts & Heritage, Library
Consists of Councilmembers Bob Ransom (Chair), Larry Bingham, Ron Hansen.

Planning & Community Development – Planning, Zoning and Community Development, Building, Land Use, Permits and Appeals.
Consists of Councilmembers Scott Jepsen (Chair), Ron Hansen, Linda Montgomery

Public Safety – Public Safety, Emergency Services, Fire and Animal Control (and fireworks!)
Consists of Councilmembers Cheryl Lee (Chair), Connie King, Bob Ransom

Public Works – Public Works, Transportation (includes streets and surface water management)
Consists of Councilmembers Linda Montgomery (Chair), Larry Bingham, Connie King

Utilities – Gas, Water, Sewer, Power, Solid Waste, Cable, Telephone
Consists of Councilmembers Larry Bingham (Chair), Cheryl Lee, Linda Montgomery
Profile of the Shoreline City Council members

Position 1: Cheryl Lee
Age: 28  Time in Area: 18 years
Education: BS, Mechanical Engineering, University of Washington
Employment: Boeing Commercial Airplane Company, senior engineer
Family status: single
Community Service: United Way Volunteer, volunteer tutor, church Sunday school, director, Puget Sound Blood Center, volunteer; Former UW Mechanical Engineering Dept. grader; former case worker for Asian Counsel and Reference Services; former volunteer at Anderson Nursing Home; recipient of Scholar Athlete Award; recipient of President’s Merit Scholarship.
Other Interests: All sports, especially tennis. Loves fine arts, theater, musicals. Travels and collects matchbooks from around the world; reading.
Shoreline City Council Committee Member: Health & Human Services; Utilities. Chair, Public Safety Committee
Philosophy: “You have to put heart in everything you do. It’s something no one can take away from you.”

Position 2: Larry Bingham
Age: 57  Time in Area: 50 years
Education: BA, Japanese, History, Political Science, University of Washington
Employment: Bingham Enterprises, Inc.

Position 3: Connie King, Mayor
Age: 64  Time in Area: 34 years
Education: Radio Speech, University of Washington; volunteer/business courses, Edmonds Community College, Shoreline Community College, Seattle Pacific University.
Employment: Shoreline Wastewater Management District, commissioner
Family status: married, one son, one granddaughter
Community Service: King County Sewer District, chairwoman; Metro Water Policy Abatement Advisory Committee, chairwoman; former community representative for King County Council; former board member of Shoreline YMCA; former board member of Shoreline Chamber of Commerce; former board member of Metro Council; former chairwoman of Metro Sludge Plan Review
Other interests: reading and gardening
Shoreline City Council Committee member: Public Safety; Public Works, Chair, Health & Human Services
Philosophy: “My family was raised with the kind of attitude of giving something back to the community. My mother was involved in charities and my father encouraged me to participate in community service.”

Please note that Regular City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, at 7:30pm at the Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 First Ave. NE, Mount Rainier Room. Study Session/Workshop Council Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each at the same time and place.

SCHEDULE—
• Administration, Budget & Finance Committee
  First and Third Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm
  Second and Fourth Monday of the month, 6:00pm
• Health and Human Services Committee
  Second Wednesday of the month, 7:00am
• Parks, Cultural Services & Recreation Committee
  First and Third Thursday of the month, 7:00pm
• Planning & Community Development
  Second and Fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30pm
• Public Safety Committee
  Second and Fourth Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm
• Public Works Committee
  First and Third Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm
• Utilities Committee
  Second and Fourth Thursday of the month, 7:30pm
Position 4: Ron Hansen

Age: 55  Time in area: 31 years
Education: BA business administration/accounting major, University of Washington; Certified Public Accountant; Michigan State University, chemistry major;
Employment: Hansen, McLaughlin & Onstad, CPA; Edmonds International Exchange Club
Family Status: Married, three children
Community Service: Snohomish County Kiwanis, president/treasurer; Everett Boy Scouts, assistant director; Job Therapy, prisoner visitation programs
Other interests: golf, travel
Shoreline City Council Committee member: Parks, Cultural Services & Recreation; Planning & Community Development, Chair, Administration, Budget & Finance
Philosophy: “The city should be a facilitator, not a restrictor.”

Shoreline City Council Committee member: Administration, Budget & Finance; Health & Human Services; Chair, Planning & Community Development
Philosophy: “To build our community together with a focus on an increased level of employment, retail and commercial opportunities while maintaining the district character and quality of life of our neighborhoods.”

Position 6: Linda Montgomery

Age: 52  Time in area: 35 years
Education: BA, history, University of Washington; principal’s credential, UW; MA English, Seattle University; Ph.D., educational leadership and public administration, Seattle University
Employment: King’s High School, Principal
Family status: single
Community service: Coordinator of Student Outreach Programs to Guatemala and the Ukraine, coordinator and director; Home schooling, two-year research project, professional and parent seminars and workshops
Other interests: reading, theater, travel
Shoreline City Council Committee member: Planning & Community Development; Utilities. Chair, Public Works
Philosophy: “I would encourage business development and programs that families; that is what gives a community economic vitality and strength, and attracts and keeps people in the area.”

Position 5: Scott Jeepsen

Age: 55  Time in area: 6 1/2 years
Education: BA, Architecture, honors University of Washington
Employment: Seattle Housing Authority, Redevelopment Project Manager
Family status: married, two children
Community services: Board Member, Shoreline Public Schools Foundation; Member, Shoreline Governance Strategies Committee; former President, Richmond Beach Community Council; Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, former Governance Subcommittee Chair
Other Interests: skiing, bicycling, gardening

Position 7: Bob Ransom, Deputy Mayor

Age: 54  Time in area: 24 years
Education: BS, psychology, Portland State University; MS educational psychology, Portland State; MPA in Public Administration, University of Puget Sound
Employment: Ransom Enterprises: Manager/Consultant in Human Resource Management, and Counseling and Psychological Services
Family status: married, five children
Community service: Shoreline transition team candidate coordinator; former Shoreline School Board for eight years; former Shoreline Park District for 10 years
Other interests: Vacations to the mountains; enjoys large home library of history and archeology books
Shoreline City Council Committee member: Administration, Budget & Finance; Public Safety. Chair, Parks, Cultural Services & Recreation
Philosophies: open and fair public hearings; strong police department with zero tolerance of drugs; community-controlled zoning and comprehensive plan; no tax increases, unless demanded by voters for increased services; compassionate and considerate customer services; no B & O tax, a Small Business Coordinator for licenses and permits, and commercial building permits in 90 days.
City Hall’s Three Summer Interns

Shoreline City Hall has three interns to assist them on the road to incorporation this summer. Tim Kang, Annerose Kuras, and Karly Therriault are Shoreline residents and high school students. Their combined experience and enthusiasm makes these interns especially valuable assistants to the City Council and the City Hall office.

Tim Kang is a senior who hopes to get accepted at Columbia University and major in Political Science. He is an assistant to Councilmembers Cheryl Lee and Linda Montgomery. His community volunteer experience includes work at the Shoreline Library and Youth Appreciation Week with Seattle Teen’s Anti-Violence Council. He was also chosen to represent the Korean community in Washington to greet then-President of South Korea, Roh Tae Woo and his wife on their visit to Seattle.

Tim is an honors student and member of the high school Jazz Band, Marching Band, and the Asian Pacific Islanders’ Group, among other accomplishments.

Annerose Kuras is also an honors student, at Shorecrest High School. She speaks German and Spanish fluently, and has lived in Argentina and Germany. She is an assistant to Mayor Connie King and Councilmember Ron Hansen.

Her community volunteer experience includes work for the Interact Club (Rotary Club), the International Club, Brookside Elementary, and the Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center.

Annerose’s political experience includes a state senate campaign, where she was the Vice-Director of a youth grass-roots campaign.

Karly Therriault is an honor student senior at Shorewood High School. She is an assistant to Councilmembers Bob Ransom.

Larry Bingham and Scott Jepsen. Her school activities list is extensive. She’s been in the school Marching Band, Pep Band, Jazz Ensemble, among others. She held several positions in the Shorewood Key Club (Kiwanis-sponsored Community Service club) and Future Business Leaders of America.

Karly’s community work includes: receptionist at the Food Lifeline Food Bank Distribution Center, docent at the Museum of History and Industry, and organizer for many other activities in the city.

Political activities are important to Karly, too. Her experience includes multiple responsibilities for Gary Locke’s King County Executive campaign and she was selected as state representative to the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC in February 1995. All of these interns also help out at City Hall a few hours a week by answering phones and doing research, clerical duties and odd jobs for the City staff. We appreciate the interns’ efforts and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Introducing the New Development Services Group

Work is underway for the August 31, 1995 grand opening of the City of Shoreline Development Services Group (DSG). The new DSG will be beneficial to Shoreline citizens, both residential and corporate. The new DSG will be run “like a business,” not just any business, but an innovative leader in the highly competitive service sector.

DSG has four operation principles:

1. Listen to customers.
2. Reduce the processing time of all permits and develop a comprehensive “fast track” system for building plans that meet specific criteria or for final plats that are in compliance with approved preliminary plats.
3. Consistent and uniform administration and enforcement of all regulation.
4. Work with applicants to find solutions to problems rather than simply identifying problems.

We invite you to come to the new DSG offices – on the first floor of the Shoreline Business & Professional Center, 17544 Midvale Avenue North, where the customer is always first! 

August 1995
Sept. 19
Special Election

This election will contain two propositions for the citizens of Shoreline: Shall the City of Shoreline be annexed to and be a part of King County Fire Protection District No. 4 and shall the City of Shoreline be annexed to and be a part of the King County Rural Library District?

FIRE
Prior to the incorporation of the City of Shoreline, the King County Fire Protection District No. 4 served most of the area comprising the City. Now that the City will be incorporated, the City has the option to provide long term fire protection or by forming its own municipal fire department. Based on comments made by residents at a public meeting, the City Council determined to place on the ballot the proposition of whether the City should annex to King County Fire Protection District No. 4.

LIBRARY
Prior to the incorporation of the City of Shoreline, the King County Library District served the area comprising the City. Now that the City will be incorporated, the City has the option to provide library services for residents of the City by annexing to the King County Library District, or by forming its own municipal library. Based on comments made by Shoreline residents at a public meeting, the City Council determined to place on the ballot the proposition of whether the City should annex to the King County Library District.

Planning Commission Vacancies

The Shoreline City Council is seeking candidates for the City's first Planning Commission. All Planning Commissioners must be a resident of or own property within the Shoreline City Limits. The Planning Commission is advisory to the City Council and is responsible for reviewing and updating the Comprehensive Plan and making recommendations concerning this Plan to the City Council. The Commission also reviews land use, environmental, and shoreline management ordinances and regulations of the City, reviews rezones, subdivisions, and potential annexations; establishes priorities for and reviews studies of geographic subareas in the City, reviews the Community Development and Planning work program, and holds public hearings as requested by the City Council.

Desirable candidates will have knowledge and experience in one or more of the following areas: urban planning, economic development and business, law, real estate, land development, contracting and/or academic studies. The Shoreline City Council is interested in a knowledgeable, age/gender balanced commission representing as many geographic areas of the City as possible. An open selection procedure will be used. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 546-1700.

Planning Commissioners must develop an understanding of the general principles of:

1) land use, environmental, and shoreline planning as applied to the City of Shoreline and its environs and the region;
2) the nature and elements of the Comprehensive Plan, and development regulations; and
3) appropriate standards to be applied in arriving at findings of fact and formulating recommendations.

The Planning Commission will meet at regularly scheduled times. The schedule is to be determined.

Interested citizens may pick up Community Service Applications from the City Clerk or the Shoreline Library or the Richmond Beach Library. Applications must be received by City Clerk, 17544 Midvale Avenue North, Shoreline, WA 98133 on or before September 15, 1995.
Important Shoreline Information

EMERGENCY - FIRE, MEDICAL, POLICE: 911

Shoreline City Hall
(Shoreline Business & Professional Building)
17544 Midvale Ave. N.
Shoreline, WA 98133
Reception Desk: 546-1700  Fax: 546-2200

City Hall Job Line: 546-1449
City Hall Volunteer Line: 546-1388

Location of City Council Meetings:
Shoreline Conference Center
18560 First Ave. NE, Mt. Rainier Room

Richmond Beach Library:
546-3522

Shoreline Library:
362-7550
Shoreline Chamber of Commerce:
361-2260, Fax 361-2268

Direct Lines to City Council at City Hall:

Mayor Connie King: 546-8654
Deputy Mayor Bob Ransom: 546-3904
Cheryl Lee: 546-8918
Larry Bingham: 546-3988

Ron Hansen: 546-3982
Scott Jepsen: 546-8738
Linda Montgomery: 546-8836

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