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## **Council proclaims May 15-20 ‘Kelly Stephens Week’ in Shoreline**

At its May 15 meeting, the Shoreline City Council proclaimed May 15-20 “Kelly Stephens Week” in the City of Shoreline. Stephens helped the University of Minnesota win two NCAA hockey championships and was one of 20 women named to the 2006 U.S. Olympic Women’s Hockey Team. The team won a bronze medal at the Winter Games in Turin, Italy.

Council also:

- Received an update on the Shoreline Police Department’s Community Storefront Program.
- Discussed proposed changes to the Council Rules of Procedure for public participation.
- Reviewed a draft of the 2007-2008 City Council Goals.

## **Shoreline Police Department Community Storefront Program**

The City of Shoreline opened its first Community Storefront Offices in 1996. The two neighborhood storefront offices are staffed by one full-time officer and approximately 10-15 citizen volunteers who donate at least four hours each per week. The officers develop and present crime prevention and other community programs at no charge to the community. They also provide information on the City Web site, publish articles in Block Watch publications and teach classes on various topics to community groups.

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## **Council Rules of Procedure**

At the City Council retreat in March, Council discussed changes to the Council Rules of Procedure to find a better balance between the need for the public to participate in policy decisions early in the process and the Council's need to conduct public business in a timely and efficient manner. Council continued this discussion at its May 15 meeting. To provide more distinction and clarification between the various types of meetings and the public comment periods, it has been proposed to rename the meetings "business meetings," "study sessions" and "workshop dinner meetings." Another proposal is to increase the public comment period at the beginning of business meetings by 10 minutes and eliminate the public comment period after each agenda item at business meetings.

## **2007-2008 City Council Goals**

The City Council developed 17 goals at its annual goal-setting retreat April 27 and 28. Staff refined the format and wording for each and presented a rough draft of the goals to Council. Council will continue the discussion at its May 22 meeting.

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