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Council places sales and use tax for sidewalk improvements on November ballot

ON JULY 30, the Shoreline City Council voted to place a sales and use tax for sidewalk improvements on the November 6 general election ballot (Proposition 1). If approved by Shoreline voters, Proposition 1 would increase the sales and use tax in Shoreline by two-tenths of one percent (0.2%). Sales tax in Shoreline is currently set at 10.0%. Proposition 1 would increase it to 10.2% for a period of 20 years. The City would use the money generated to construct, maintain, and repair sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements in the City.

The adopted resolution placing the sales tax on the ballot identified 12 high priority sidewalk projects for construction. The projects, all part of the 2018 Sidewalk Prioritization Plan, are:

STREET	FROM	TO
15 th Avenue NE	NE 150 th Street	NE 160 th Street
Meridian Avenue N**	N 194 th Street	N 205 th Street
8 th Avenue NW	North side of Sunset Park	Richmond Beach Road NW
Dayton Avenue N	N 178 th Street	N Richmond Beach Road
19 th Avenue NE	NE 196 th Street	NE 205 th Street
1 st Avenue NE	NE 192 nd Street	NE 195 th Street
Westminster Way N	N 145 th Street	N 153 rd Street
Ballinger Way NE**	19 th Avenue NE	25 th Avenue NE
Dayton Avenue N*	N 155 th Street	N 160 th Street
5 th Avenue NE*	NE 175 th Street	NE 185 th Street
Linden Avenue N	N 175 th Street	N 185 th Street
20 th Avenue NW	Saltwater Park entrance	NW 195 th Street

*Two sides of the street (bus route)

**Adds sidewalk on second side (bus route)

Current projections show that the money generated will be more than the cost to construct the above listed high-priority projects. If this occurs, once the above listed projects are completed, the City Council will fund additional sidewalk projects using the 2018 Sidewalk Prioritization Plan and Prioritization Matrix as guides.

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Council honored members of the Shorecrest Hip Hop Team for their State Championship Title along with other Shoreline state champs. Council recognized the outstanding abilities and talents of Shoreline's student athletes by proclaiming June 11 as Shoreline State Champions Day.

2019-2020 Biennial budget

SHORELINE IS MOVING TO a biennial budget for 2019 and 2020. That means that instead of budgeting for one year, we will now budget for two years. Biennial budgets have been permitted for Washington cities since 1985 and many cities in the region use biennial budgeting. One of the goals of moving to biennial budgets is to use staff time more effectively. Budgets take a lot of staff time to develop. Switching to biennial budgets will free up staff time on odd numbered years so they can concentrate on delivering projects and services. Biennial budgets also allow for better strategic planning over two-years instead of one-year.

Biennial budgets must begin in odd number years, so this year we will adopt the 2019-2020 budget and in 2020 we will adopt the 2021-2022 budget. Below is the schedule for adopting the 2019-2020 budget:

September 17, 2018

Preliminary view of the 2019-2020 Biennium Budget and the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

October 15, 2018

Presentation of Proposed Budget and CIP

October 22, 2018

Discussing department budgets

October 29, 2018

Continued discussion of department budgets and the 2019-2024 CIP

November 5, 2018:

Public hearing and discussing the Proposed Budget and CIP
Discussing of final 2018 Budget Amendment
Public hearing and discussing the 2019-2020 property tax and revenue sources

November 19, 2018:

Public hearing and discussing the Proposed Budget and CIP
Adopting the 2019-2020 Property Tax Levy
Adopting the 2019-2020 Biennium Budget and the 2019-2024 CIP

Planning for a new community & aquatics center

OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, we have been working with Shoreline residents in planning for the development of a new community and aquatics center. Throughout the planning process, one of the questions we have often heard is “Why do we need a new community and aquatic center?” There are several reasons why we are engaged in this process now.

To begin with, we do not own the Spartan Recreation Center. The Shoreline School District owns the land and the building. We are able to use the facility through an agreement with the School District. And while we own the Shoreline Pool building, we do not own the land. The School District owns that land as well. The School District does not have any immediate plans for either property; however, they have indicated they may in the future. Council does not believe it makes financial sense to put a lot of money into facilities if we do not own the land and their futures are uncertain.



Camp Shoreline at Spartan Recreation Center

King County constructed the Shoreline Pool in 1971 as part of the Forward Thrust Bond program. Based on an assessment of the pool completed in 2014, it is in need of significant health and safety upgrades and other major maintenance to keep it operational. While we completed some major maintenance on the pool recently, it was only enough to keep it operational for a few more years. Some of the recommended improvements that we still need to make include making it more

ADA accessible, making significant seismic retrofits, adding a new roof, and replacing architectural finishes to keep the pool and locker rooms hygienic.

Over the years, the City has spent increasing amounts of money just to keep the pool open, but we have reached the point where that no longer makes economic sense. Municipal pool designs have also changed a lot from the 1970s. We want to include more play features to keep our younger pool users moving and engaged. We also want to have a pool that allows for more therapeutic water activities and water aerobics. Just repairing the current pool will not give us those new design features.

Another major needed improvement is replacing the natural gas boiler for the pool. It accounts for 92% of all of the greenhouse gas emissions produced by City operations. A new pool designed with green alternative technologies would dramatically improve our municipal environmental footprint.

The Spartan Recreation Center is also in need of renovations to meet the growing demand for recreation programs and community space in Shoreline. The Shoreline School District built the facility in the 1950s. It does not have many of the modern amenities people expect in a recreation/community center. It is heavily used throughout the year, offering all kinds of recreational classes and opportunities. It also provides space for community meetings and events. However, soon the space will no longer meet the growing and diverse needs of our community.

People have asked, why not just utilize the YMCA or Lynnwood or Mountlake Terrace facilities? Those facilities are already heavily used. We currently coordinate with the YMCA to cooperatively meet the community's needs, and those needs are only growing. The Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace facilities are also further away, which could make it



Camp Shoreline at Shoreline Pool

more difficult for some residents to get to. Shoreline residents would also never be a priority at other municipal facilities, making it difficult to get into popular recreation and pool programs. It would also prevent us from forming our own community swim teams.

Finally, we have heard people ask why we do not refurbish the Fircrest Pool. Refurbishing the Fircrest Pool raises the same issues as trying to refurbish the Shoreline Pool. It is in need of even more repair and major maintenance work than the Shoreline Pool and, again, we do not own the land. The State owns the land and its future is uncertain. Refurbishing the Fircrest Pool also does not address our need for recreation and community space.

For these reasons, the Council believes it is time to look at constructing a new facility that combines recreation programs, aquatics, and community space in a centrally located place, connected to transit and bicycle and pedestrian pathways.

Visit shorelinewa.gov/cac for more information.



Adult fitness classes at Spartan Recreation Center

Sales and use tax for sidewalk improvements

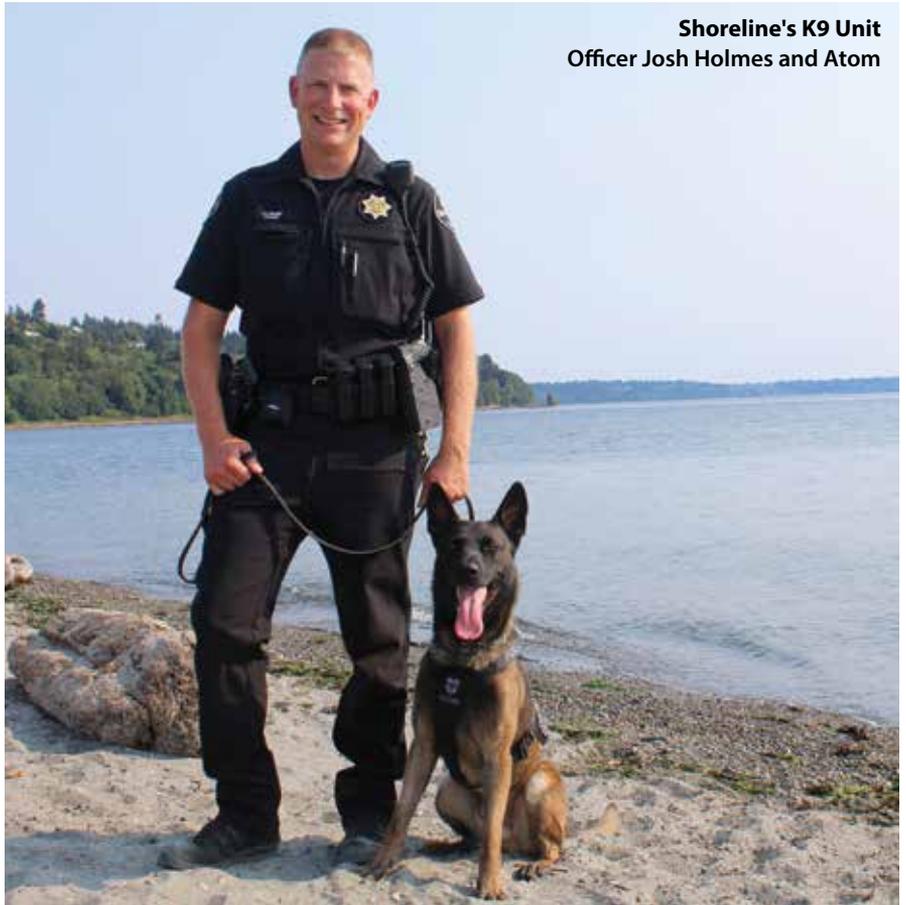
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Council may also choose to use available funds to expedite repair and maintenance of existing sidewalks. All monies generated from the ballot measure must be expended to support the City's sidewalk program.

Increasing the sales and use tax by 0.2% would add two cents to every ten-dollar purchase of taxable goods or services within the city.

For more information on Shoreline Proposition 1, visit shorelinewa.gov/prop1. If you have questions about sidewalk improvements, contact Senior Transportation Planner Nora Daley-Peng at ndaley-peng@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2483. For questions about the sales and use tax, contact Administrative Services Director Sara Lane at slane@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2301.

Shoreline's K9 Unit
Officer Josh Holmes and Atom



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

Please be careful on the roads and keep everyone safe this school year!

DRIVERS

More children are hit by cars near schools than at any other location. Please pay close attention in school zones and use extreme caution around pedestrians. **Be aware, be safe, buckle up, and slow down.**

KIDS

Remember to cross only at crosswalks and look both ways before crossing. Never walk while using your phone or headphones. Be aware of your surroundings.

Most of all - have a great school year!



Meet the newest member of the Shoreline Police Department - Atom

EARLIER THIS SPRING, Shoreline welcomed its newest police officer to the force – Atom! Atom and his human partner, Officer Josh Holmes, will soon complete their training and will be on duty this summer.

In support of Council Goal 5 (Promote and enhance the City's safe community and neighborhood programs and initiatives), we decided to bring a K9 Deputy and police dog (K9 unit) into the Shoreline Police force. Previously, when Shoreline Police needed a K9 unit for tracking a suspect, building searches, or narcotics detection, they called for a King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) K9 unit. There was usually a significant delay in the response from a KCSO K9 unit as they typically responded from precincts in Burien or Maple Valley. The longer the response time, the more difficult it is to contain the scene and make an arrest. The addition of a K9 unit will increase the number of sworn officers from 49 to 50 and bring us closer to our goal of one officer per 1,000 residents. We had not added a new police position since 2007.

Atom is a 17-month old, 70 pound Belgian Malinois. Atom was born in the Czech Republic and brought to America by Shallow Creek Kennels, a police dog facility, in Sharpville, Pennsylvania.

Officer Holmes, Atom's handler, was raised in the Shoreline area and is a graduate of the Shoreline Public School District (Ridgecrest Elementary, Kellogg Middle School, and Shorecrest High School). Deputy Holmes also attended Shoreline Community College. He is an 11-year law enforcement veteran.

We look forward to seeing Atom and Officer Holmes in the field and know that they will play an important role in the Police Department and in supporting public safety in Shoreline.

Supportive housing project at N 198th Street

THE CITY, in partnership with King County, Community Psychiatric Clinic, and Catholic Housing Services, recently announced plans to develop 80-100 units of supportive housing for people that were homeless or experiencing housing instability. This includes individuals dealing with chronic mental illness. Shoreline is contributing the property for the project, located at the intersection of N 198th Street and Aurora Avenue. King County is providing funding support from the voter-approved Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy.

City Council's decision to collaborate with King County is driven, in part, by the increasing cost of housing, which is contributing to the rising number of people experiencing homelessness. There is a demonstrated need for more affordable housing, both locally and regionally. This year's annual "Point-In-Time" count identified 12,112 people experiencing homelessness in King County, with 6,320 of them unsheltered. The Shoreline area saw a 330% increase in unsheltered individuals over last year's count.

Community Psychiatric Clinic (CPC) provides mental health treatment and counseling services that serve the community. CPC has a proven track record of owning and operating supportive housing programs, such as the one proposed for this location. CPC also anticipates opening a community health clinic onsite offering both physical and mental health services. These services will be open to the public and will expand the health care network in Shoreline.

Catholic Housing Services (CHS), which will lead the development of the property on behalf of CPC, also has deep experience in affordable housing and supportive housing development in King County and across Washington. Both CPC and CHS, as well as Shoreline and King County, have committed to a transparent and open development process, which will include public meetings and working with local neighborhoods to respond to ques-

tions and concerns.

One additional feature of this project will be the use of modular housing construction methods. King County is interested in seeing if this approach might bring affordable housing online more quickly and save money. "Modular construction" refers to the way a building is built. The contractor builds

portions of the building off-site and then assembles it on-site. The end result will look like any other multi-family residential building.

Visit shorelinewa.gov/projects for more information. For questions, contact Intergovernmental Program Manager Jim Hammond at jhammond@shorelinewa.gov or (206) 801-2215.

WHAT IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT "affordable housing", we simply mean housing that is affordable to people at certain income levels. Typically, housing is considered affordable if you pay no more than 30% of your income toward housing costs, which includes utilities and other fees. Families who pay more than 30% of their income for housing are considered "cost-burdened" and may have difficulty affording necessities such as food, clothing, transportation, and medical care.

For many Shoreline residents, the real estate market provides affordable options. But for many others, even with two working adults, affordable housing can be a challenge to find. That's where federal, state, and local support can play an important role in helping to keep a roof over the head of every Shoreline resident.

The City is working to ensure housing options exist for all income levels. Whether it is using property tax exemptions to ensure there is affordable housing for middle-income individuals like teachers or mechanics, or developing supportive housing for people dealing with mental health issues that are at risk of homelessness, we are striving to ensure there are housing options for everyone.

When discussing levels of affordability, households are characterized by their income as a percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). For example, the 2017 AMI for a family of four in King County was \$96,000. Therefore, a household with that income would be making 100% of median; a household that made 50% of that amount (\$48,000) would be classified at 50% AMI; a family making 30% of that amount (\$28,800) would be classified at 30% AMI.

One tool we use provides property tax exemptions to housing developers who set aside at least 20% of their units for lease to households who make approximately 70 to 80% AMI at affordable rental rates. Generally, affordable rent means someone isn't paying more than 30% of total income on housing.

The City also helps support an array of other agencies who share a mission to provide housing to some of our most vulnerable residents. One new example, slated to start construction in 2019, is our new partnership with King County, Catholic Housing Services, and Community Psychiatric Clinic (see article above). This project will develop housing for some of our neighbors most vulnerable to homelessness.



DID YOU KNOW?

EVERY YEAR, more than 7 million quarts of motor oil drips out of vehicles onto streets and parking lots and makes its way into our lakes, rivers, streams, and Puget Sound. Most of this toxic pollution comes from small drips from cars and trucks. Check your car for leaks and fix any you find right away. This protects your engine and helps keep you on the road. It also protects salmon and other marine animals and helps keep them in our local waterways. You can receive a free visual leak inspection and up to \$50 off repairs at participating repair shops. Find out how at fixcarleaks.org or shorelinewa.gov/cleanwater.

Keeping sidewalks clear of vegetation obstructions

A property owner's responsibility

Sidewalks are for everyone's use. They add value to the community and help people get around the city safely. However, when vegetation hangs over a sidewalk or encroaches on a sidewalk, it makes it hard for people to navigate safely. It is the responsibility of property owners to maintain the sidewalks adjacent to their property. Overgrown trees and shrubs endanger everyone when they block the view of traffic signs, signals, vehicles, or create a danger for pedestrians. Trimming vegetation and caring for street trees are effective ways residents and our public works street crews can enhance neighborhood safety.

It is important to keep vegetation planted along sidewalks trimmed back to prevent visibility obstructions. If overhanging vegetation is blocking or encroaching on a sidewalk, it is the responsibility of the adjacent property owner to trim or remove it.

To report a vegetation obstruction of a sidewalk, call the Customer Response Team at (206) 801-2700.



THANK YOU TO everyone who contributed to the success of our Celebrate Shoreline activities, especially the sponsors and volunteers, without whom we could not continue to make these events happen. Thank you also to our many artists and performers who make this event so special.

If you would like to be involved in next year's Celebrate Shoreline activities, please contact the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services office at (206) 801-2600.



SHORELINE FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays through October 6, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
15300 Westminster Way N
shorelinefarmersmarket.org





Shoreline tree canopy has increased by 21% since 2009

BASED ON OUR MOST RECENT urban tree canopy assessment, Shoreline’s tree canopy has increased by 21% since 2009. Maintaining a healthy urban forest is vital to our community. In 2014, City Council adopted an Urban Forest Strategic Plan with Priority 1 being “[a]chiev[ing] climate appropriate degree of tree cover, community-wide.” In 2009, the tree canopy cover for Shoreline was 30.6%. The Strategic Plan states that “is an acceptable amount of canopy to realize ecosystem benefits.”

One of the implementation strategies included in the Strategic Plan is to complete an urban tree canopy assessment every six to ten years. We completed the last tree canopy assessment seven years ago in 2011 based on 2009 data. The 2009 data established a baseline to help shape policy decisions regarding Shoreline’s urban forest. Earlier this year, we hired a consultant (Plan-It GEO) to complete an urban tree canopy assessment based on 2017 data.

The primary goals of our most recent assessment are to compare tree canopy change over an eight-year time period, to provide an update to the baseline, and to offer insights as to how, where, and why Shoreline’s urban tree canopy has been changing since it was originally assessed in 2011 (using source data representing conditions in 2009.)

Results of the recent assessment indicate that there has been movement from impervious surface to tree canopy in the City of Shoreline since 2009. Urban tree canopy increased by 474 acres (21%) between 2009 and 2017.

Type of Land Coverage	2009		2017		Percent Change 2009-2017
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	
Urban Tree Canopy	2,270	31%	2,744	37%	21%
Shrub, grass, water, other	1,715	23%	1,632	22%	-5%
Impervious Surface	3,427	46%	3,041	41%	-11%

Over the next six years, we will see a significant number of trees come down as part of light rail development. However, working with Sound Transit, the City has ensured that significantly more trees will be planted than will be lost. In 2017, approximately 1,009 acres of land (14% of the total) not presently occupied by tree canopy were assessed to be suitable for future tree plantings. These areas provide opportunity for further expanding tree canopy in Shoreline.

While our tree canopy is currently meeting our targets, that does not mean we should stop planting trees. In order to maintain the long-term health of our urban forest, we must continually plant new trees to replace those that will be lost due to age, redevelopment, or other reasons.

Parks Funding Advisory Committee begins work

THE CITY MANAGER has appointed 16 community members to serve on a Parks Funding Advisory committee. The goal of the Committee is to explore funding options and prioritize projects for improvements to several Shoreline parks and a new community and aquatics center which will replace the Shoreline Pool and Spartan Recreation Center. Using the Committee’s input, the City Manager will make recommendations on funding to the City Council. Council will review the City Manager’s recommendations and make a decision on next steps.

Committee members represent a broad range of Shoreline residents from a variety of neighborhoods and include different community organizations and interests such as aquatics, indoor and outdoor recreation, public art, ecological restoration, off-leash-dog areas, community gardens, active adults, urban forestry, youth/teen, preschool, special needs, social equity, inclusive access, and more.

Much gratitude is owed to the following community members for their commitment to the Shoreline community and their willingness to meet roughly every three weeks beginning September 12, 2018 through March, 2019: Cecelia Romero, Carolyn Hope, Jean Hilde, David Chen, Yvette Perez, Esaac Mazengia, Jeff Potter, Philip Herold, Julian Larson, Donald Bell, Sara Raab McInerny, Joan Herrick, Nan Skinner, Sally Wolf, Betsy Robertson, and Bill Franklin.

Meeting materials will be made available following each meeting, and public comments are welcome anytime via an online comment form at shorelinewa.gov/PFAC or by email to efriedli@shorelinewa.gov. All meetings are advertised on the City Calendar and are open to the public. Additional information about the preferred park concept designs and proposed community & aquatics center is at shorelinewa.gov/projects.

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