

MASON COUNTY COMMISSION AND  
CITY OF SHELTON COMMISSION AND  
PORT OF SHELTON COMMISSION  
JOINT MEETING  
February 13, 2002

February 13, 2002 – 7 p.m.

Shelton Civic Center

Commissions Present:

Mason County Commission: Wes Johnson, Herb Baze and Bob Holter  
City of Shelton: John Tarrant, Dick Taylor and Dawn Pannell  
Port of Shelton: Henry Trusler, Marv Faughender, and Marlene Taylor

Staff present: S.R. "Johnny" Johnston, Ben Settle, Cathy Beierle, Mike Golat, and Vicki Look

Gray and Osborne consultants present: Tony Vivolo and David Jansen

Acting as lead agency on the Shelton Area Water and Sewer Regional Plan, City of Shelton Mayor Tarrant chaired the meeting. Mayor Tarrant called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and introduced the members of each commission. The Mayor said tonight's presentation is the result of several governmental entities working together toward the goal of finding a regional solution for water and sewer services. The Mayor said the Commissions are being asked to consider formally adopting the recommendations of the Shelton Area Water and Sewer Regional Plan through a resolution.

At that time, Mayor Tarrant turned the meeting over to Shelton Public Works Director Mr. Mike Golat. Mike welcomed everyone and said that tonight's request is the culmination of work by several individuals over a two-year planning period. He said it took a tremendous amount of effort and cooperation from many entities to keep a project of this magnitude moving forward. He gave a special thanks to Mason County, Port of Shelton, City of Shelton, Washington Corrections Center, Washington State Patrol, PUD #1, Economic Development Council, and the local tribal governments. Mike also thanked Gray and Osborne consultants Mr. Tony Vivolo and Mr. David Jansen for their tireless efforts to keep the project moving and in line with set goals.

Mr. Golat then referred to a copy of a letter of support that went to the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) from Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Patty Murray, and Congressman Norm Dicks. The letter supports the Shelton Area Water and Wastewater Regional Facilities application for funding in the amount of \$380,000 for the facilities design of the plan. The letter underlines the importance of the regional project to the future economic health of Mason County, and the importance of solving infrastructure problems in a cost effective and environmentally beneficial manner. It also applauds the exceptional level of community cooperation, and the preparation for the future as reflected in the regional agreement.

Mr. Golat introduced consultant Mr. Tony Vivolo. Tony said this project is one of the most significant and complex projects he has worked on in his 33 years of employment in the state of Washington. He said over the last two years, staff and elected officials have had to evaluate their needs of today and far into the future. He said that the proposed plan and resolution addresses each entity's concerns and provides for a regional solution.

Mr. Vivolo said the resolution is much like the letter of support from the Senators and Congressman telling the EDA that local elected officials support this project and are committed to its success. He said the letter and resolution would help support the funding applications. Mr. Vivolo said this award would be the first of many steps to create a design that meets all current needs and to provide the area with infrastructure that will last for the next 20 or more years.

Mr. Vivolo opened the meeting to questions from the Commissions. Port Commissioner Faughender wanted to know why February 13, 2002 is an important date. Commission Faughender said he did not think that the Commissions had enough time to consider the resolution, and questioned why the meeting was called on such short notice. Mr. Vivolo explained to Commissioner Faughender that the resolution and a date for a joint meeting to show support was discussed at the monthly regional task force meeting last Wednesday at which many entities were represented. He said the EDA source is the only source of funding that has been identified as available funding for the next step in the regional project. Mr. Vivolo said the Seattle office of the EDA recommended a letter from our Senators and Congressman, as well as, a document from local governmental entities showing support of the project. He said the application was forwarded to the Washington D.C. office and that the letter and resolution must be forwarded immediately so that a complete review can be completed in the near future.

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is to continue to search for outside funding opportunities for a regional solution. He said the possibility of receiving an award could very well increase if we can add to the letter and show local support by way of resolution.

Commissioner Holter, speaking for the Mason County Commission, said they have been adequately briefed on the project. He said there have been many meetings and information has been made available on an on-going basis. Commissioner Holter said the Mason County Commission has a good understanding of where we are in the process, and would like to voice their support of the project.

Port Commissioner Marlene Taylor said she also has a good understanding of the plan, and believes there is a need to show regional support for the project. Port Commissioner Trusler pointed out that he has been a participant throughout the development of the plan, and that all meetings have been open to the public.

Mayor Tarrant called for a reading of Resolution:

Mason County #12-02 (Exhibit A)  
Port of Shelton #02-03  
City of Shelton #783-0202

A joint resolution of the Mason County Commission, the City of Shelton Commission and the Port of Shelton Commission, all governmental entities within the State of Washington, adopting the recommendations of the Shelton Area Water and Sewer Regional Plan.

The resolution was read in its entirety and is on file with the Clerk of the City of Shelton. Commissioner Trusler moved to adopt Mason County Resolution #12-02, City of Shelton Resolution #783-0202, and Port of Shelton Resolution #02-03, a joint resolution adopting the recommendations of the Shelton Area Water and Sewer Regional Plan. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

Mayor Tarrant called for comments. Commissioner Faughender said he has praise for the work that has been done, but he must have more answers to his questions before voting yes on the joint resolution. Commissioner Johnson commented that the citizens of the county, and the entire area, are expressing themselves through initiatives and other means that they want to see efficiency in government. He said this joint effort between the city, port, and the county is a good demonstration of the fact that we want to move forward in an efficient manner utilizing tax dollars for the benefit of the citizens of this community.

Mayor Tarrant called for a vote and it was recorded as follows:

Mason County Commission

Commissioner Wesley E. Johnson	Yes
Commissioner Herb Baze	Yes
Commissioner Bob Holter	Yes

City of Shelton Commission

Mayor John Tarrant	Yes
Commissioner Dawn Pannell	Yes
Commissioner Dick Taylor	Yes

Port of Shelton Commission

Commissioner Henry Trusler	Yes
Commissioner Marv Faughender	No
Commissioner Marlene Taylor	Yes

The motion carried and the joint resolution passed.

As there was no other business, Mayor Tarrant adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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