

**From:** [Debbie Kellogg](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comment for 5/22/2013 Special Meeting  
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On 5/22/2013 11:38 AM, Debbie Kellogg wrote:

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Please use the corrected version - misspelled word

I am submitting my observations about the sole item that is on the agenda for the special meeting tonight for the Shoreline City Council on May 22, 2013.

I presume, given the sketchy information provided by the notice "Authorizing the City Manager to file action to enforce the 2002 Ronald Wastewater District Interlocal Operating Agreement," must be related to the May 14, 2013 letter the City Manager delivered to the Ronald Wastewater Commissioners. In that letter she asserted that:

Julie writes, in part concerning Point Wells and its relationship to Ronald Wastewater: "...the City will be both assuming the District and potentially annexing the property,; however, I would like to point out yesterday Gov. Jay Inslee signed into law Senate Bill 5417 which makes the City of Shoreline an ineligible party for the annexation of Point Wells. It would appear to be the case that the objection raised in Ms. Underwood's letter of May 14, 2013 has been rendered moot as SB 5417 will become law in July. The cutoff date for all policy bills to be considered by the Washington State Legislature was in March, that session has ended and now they are in special session solely to address bills surrounding the biennial budget.

Furthermore, elsewhere in the letter Ms. Underwood states "If Woodway annexes Point Wells; it removes the funding source (property tax) necessary to mitigate the long-term impacts to Shoreline and its road network." Apparently Ms. Underwood would have the reader believe property taxes are used for mitigation when in actual fact (as she well knows) those property taxes are used for local government operations, such as city hall and its operations – NOT for mitigation. Mitigation is provided by SEPA and impact fees under the GMA, of which the City of Shoreline has chosen to not implement for surface water, transportation, schools, fire, police, nor parks. These are all part of the toolkit that citizens have requested of the City of Shoreline and instead the city staff have declined to address them for at least five years. To date, even though at the request of the City of Shoreline former Shoreline Fire Chief Kragen wrote a letter addressing the impact of development at Point Wells, the city staff has not brought any impact to Shoreline should they annex to Shoreline Fire District or the Shoreline Public School District.

Since the Shoreline city staff (including the staff member engaged full-time in Olympia while the legislature is in session as well as other staff members who work part-time on all legislative issues as a team) as well as the contract lobbyist employed by the City of Shoreline collectively failed over a period of months to shepherd a critical piece of legislation necessary to continue over a decade of planning, I believe that what the City Council should be doing is not entering more litigation but rather they should be doing a root cause analysis of what failed at the City Manager's Office/Leadership Team in Olympia this year.