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The City purchased three acres of the 15.6-acre South Woods in December 2005.

City of Shoreline's first bond election for parks set for May

On May 16, Shoreline residents will be voting on the first City bond levy. If passed by the voters, the bond would pay for \$18.5 million in open space acquisition, park improvement projects and trails and pathways recommended by the Bond Advisory Committee.

More than half of the bond – \$10.5 million – will go to purchase and preserve open space.

The biggest piece of property is South Woods on the corner of NE 150th Street and NE 25th Avenue. The City purchased three acres of the 15.6-acre property in December. The bond would allow the City to purchase the remaining 12.6 acres to preserve the entire site as urban forest.

Another property that would be purchased and preserved as urban forest is the 8.3 acres adjacent to Hamlin Park. The third property is Kruckeberg Botanic Garden on 15th Ave. NW which is privately owned.

The Bond Advisory Committee recommended that the Council adopt a May election due to the urgency to acquire the open space properties in order to preserve them from future development. The property owners of South Woods and the property adjacent to Hamlin - the School District, Water District, and Seattle Public Utilities - have given the City until May to purchase the properties. The Kruckeberg property is also for sale at this time.

See page two of this issue for more details about the bond election and projects.



The Seattle Public Utilities property adjacent to Hamlin Park is 8.3 acres.

Bond to fund park improvements, acquisition

The Bond Advisory Committee recommended a list of open space acquisitions, park improvement projects and trails to be financed by the City's first bond election. Below is an overview of the acquisitions and projects that are spread throughout the City.

Property Acquisition: \$10.25 million

- **South Woods: \$6 million**
(NE150th Street and 25th Avenue NE, adjacent to Shorecrest High School)

This site would be preserved as an urban forest. The City has already purchased three acres of the 15.6 acre site.

- **Seattle Public Utilities Property Adjacent to Hamlin Park: \$3.3 million**
(NE165th Street and 16th Avenue NE)

This 8.3-acre site is on the northern boundary of Hamlin Park

and would be preserved as an urban forest.

- **Kruckeberg Botanic Garden: \$950,000**
(20312 15th Ave. NW)

This four-acre site is currently the private property of Art Kruckeberg, University of Washington Professor Emeritus of Botany. Dr. Kruckeberg and his late wife Maureen devoted their lives to collecting and growing rare and native plants. A group of volunteers formed the Kruckeberg Botanic Garden Foundation to preserve the property for community educational, cultural and aesthetic enrichment. There is a conservation easement on the

property to protect the Kruckeberg's collection of rare and native plants. If the bond passes, the City would purchase the property and make parking improvements.

Park improvements and upgrades: \$5.75 million

- **Richmond Beach Saltwater Park: \$2,640,000**
(2021 NW 190th St.)

A master plan process for the public to help the City determine the scope of improvements is



Saltwater Park is Shoreline's only public saltwater beach access.



Twin Pond Park's sand soccer field would be resurfaced with synthetic turf if the bond passes.

currently underway. Some of the improvements that will be considered include erosion control, trail and landscape upgrades, natural area enhancements and upgrades to restrooms and picnic areas.

• **Cromwell Park: \$1 million**
(18009 Corliss Ave.)

Some of the improvements that may be considered include installing irrigated ball fields, walking paths/trails, play equipment, natural area enhancements, restrooms, signage, landscaping, enhanced parking, picnic facilities, benches and water fountains. A master plan process for the public to help



Improvements to Cromwell Park would be based on a Master Plan designed by the community.

the City determine improvements will begin later this year.

• **Twin Ponds Park: \$900,000**

(15401 First Ave. NE)

Improvements include installation of synthetic turf on the soccer field, which would improve drainage and surface water quality.

• **Hamlin Park: \$750,000**
(16006 15th Ave. NE)

Improvements include upgrading picnic areas and shelters, ball fields with minor grading alterations, and field lighting, replacing playground equipment, backstops and wing walls, and trail erosion and vegetation management.

• **Baseball and Softball Field Improvements: \$250,000**

Improvements at a variety of

parks including Richmond Highlands Recreation Center include backstop and dugout repairs and scoreboard and restroom upgrades.

• **Off-leash dog park: \$150,000**

Location is to be determined by a public process.

• **Shoreline Center Tennis Court Lighting: \$60,000**
(18560 First Ave. NE)

Pedestrian pathways and trails: \$2.5 million

A trail system will be created in Hamlin Park, Boeing Creek Park, and Shoreview Park plus other trail connections to and from the Interurban Trail.



The bond would pay for trails within Shoreline parks as well as connections with the Interurban and Burke Gilman Trails.

Parks Bond Frequently Asked Questions

What is the total amount of the Bond?

The City Council has authorized the issuance of up to \$18,795,000 in bonds. The bonds will provide \$18,500,000 to purchase property and complete the projects that are listed above. The remaining bond amount will be used to pay for expenses related to issuing the bonds such as underwriting and legal fees. The bonds will be repaid over a 15-year period.

How much will the Bond cost taxpayers annually?

For the owner of an average valued home of \$289,000, the estimated monthly cost is \$7, or \$84 per year. The following table provides an annual, monthly, and daily cost based on various assessed home values. See table below.

Assessed Value	Annual Cost	Monthly Cost	Daily Cost
\$100,000	\$29	\$2	\$0.08
\$150,000	\$44	\$4	\$0.12
\$200,000	\$58	\$5	\$0.16
\$250,000	\$73	\$6	\$0.23
\$289,000	\$84	\$7	\$0.23
\$300,000	\$87	\$7	\$0.24
\$400,000	\$116	\$10	\$0.32
\$500,000	\$145	\$12	\$0.40

In 2005 the King County Assessor used \$289,000 as the average valued home in Shoreline.

When would the projects be implemented if the Bond is approved by the voters?

The property acquisitions would happen immediately. The

other projects would be phased in over the next three years.

How was this list of projects determined?

The list of projects was developed using a citizen-driven process, which started in 2003. The City Council worked with a Council-appointed Bond Advisory Committee to review the feasibility, cost and content of a potential capital bond. In addition, the Committee relied on a citizen survey of 500 residents to determine the potential scope of projects.

How much debt does the City currently have?

The City has no general obligation debt. If voters approve the Park Bond, this will be the first time that the City has issued general obligation debt since becoming a city in 1995. The City has two Public Works Trust Fund Loans to fund the Ronald Bog and Third Avenue Northwest Drainage Improvement Projects. These loans charge an interest rate of 1/2%. These loans are being repaid over a 20 year period and will be paid off in 2021.

Can taxpayers be exempt from paying for the Bond?

Yes, exemptions are available. Taxpayers who have a total annual income of \$35,000 or less and are 61 years of age or older, or are retired because of physical disability, or are a widow or widower at least 57 years of age whose spouse had an exemption at the time of his/her death may qualify for property tax exemption. If eligible, the property tax exemption includes freezing the

value of your residence and reducing property taxes. For more exemption information, contact King County Department of Assessments at (206) 296-3920.

How many votes are needed to pass the bond issue?

To validate the election 40% of the total number of votes cast in the last general election is needed. Based on the November 2005 general election results in Shoreline, 7,120 votes are needed to validate the bond issue. In addition, a "super majority" of 60% of the votes cast must support the bond issue for it to be approved.

How can I register to vote or receive an absentee ballot?

Voter registration forms are available at all branch public libraries, in the City Clerk's Office at Shoreline City Hall located at 17544 Midvale Ave. N. and at King County Elections located at 500 4th Ave. in Seattle. In addition, forms are available by calling 206-296-VOTE (8683) or by visiting: www.metrokc.gov/elections/

When is the election date for the Bond?

May 16, 2006. Voters may vote at the polls or by absentee ballot.

For more information about the bond levy and the projects, contact Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Dick Deal at (206) 546-2072.

Council names Bob Olander City Manager

At its March 27 meeting, the Shoreline City Council voted unanimously to name Bob

Olander City Manager effective immediately. Olander replaces Steve Burkett who resigned as City Manager in December.

"Bob is a very good match for our community and what we are trying to achieve in our organization," says Shoreline Mayor Bob Ransom. "We've worked with Bob for nearly four years as Deputy City Manager and he has served as Interim City Manager for the past three months. This has given Council an opportunity to see how he performs in the City Manager's position. The Council is very pleased with his attitude and approach to problem-solving, and we believe he is an excellent choice for Shoreline. Bob has earned our respect and our loyalty back to him for his great work," Mayor Ransom added.

Another consideration, according to Mayor Ransom, is the concept of promoting from within the organization. "When you have an in-house candidate who is well qualified, known, well liked and trusted, it is best to promote from within, rather than go for the theoretical "best candidate" from a national recruitment," Mayor Ransom said.

"Our last two City Managers were hired from a national recruitment. Last time, we received 42 applications that were screened down to 10 by a consultant. Further background screening cut it to six candidates.

In the last recruitment, Steve Burkett was judged the best after extensive interviews," Mayor Ransom added.

"Promoting Bob Olander to the City Manager position makes sense because the whole Council is comfortable with him and trusts him," according to Mayor Ransom. "Bob is a top performing, in-house candidate—one of our own—who is well qualified, well liked, well respected and has proven he can work well with all seven members of our Council. Promoting him to the City Manager position makes sense and is a good move for our organization," Mayor Ransom added.

Deputy Mayor Maggie Fimia said, "We are very fortunate to have had Mr. Olander as Deputy City Manager where he's done a great job leading the operating departments. Having him as City Manager now will provide us even more stability. He has experience not just in local government but has also served on regional and state professional boards including the Washington Cities Insurance Authority. He brings a wealth of experience to the job, has demonstrated an ability to work with all members of our Council, and has the respect and trust of City staff. I believe we will accomplish many good things for our residents with him as City Manager," Deputy Mayor Fimia added.

Council member Cindy Ryu noted that, "If the Council had conducted a national search, we would definitely be having a learning curve experience with

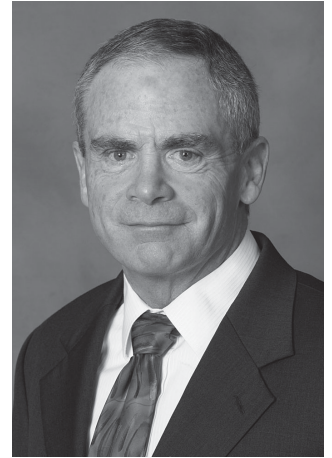
whomever we hired. Mr. Olander brings stability to our organization, he has the respect of staff and I'm looking forward to working with him."

Olander says he is looking forward to the opportunity to serve as City Manager. "It's a honor and a privilege to have earned Council's

trust and I look forward to many years of good progress for the residents of Shoreline. It's a great community, we have great, active citizens, a real sense of place and town, a good City Council to work with and outstanding staff. It's an honor and a privilege to be your City Manager," Olander said.

Olander's experience includes over 30 years in city government including 14 years with the City of Des Moines—seven years as City Manager and seven years as Assistant City Manager. He also served as City Manager for the cities of Ocean Shores and Anacortes.

Olander holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of California Santa Barbara and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Washington.



City Manager Bob Olander



In honor of Earth Day, the City of Shoreline and a variety of community groups have planned special events throughout Shoreline.

**Natural Yard Care Event for Earth Day and Every Day
Saturday, April 22
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Central Market
15505 Westminster N.**

Shoreline residents will be able to sample natural yard care products and learn simple techniques that will reduce pollution and save money.

You can learn how to:

- Build healthy soil with compost and mulch;
- Plant right for your site;
- Practice smart watering;
- Think twice before using pesticides;
- Practice natural lawn care.

Low cost natural yard care products will be available. Volunteers from the Washington Native Plant Society, and the King County Master Recycler / Composter and the Master Gardener Programs, among others, will provide educational resources and answer questions. Watch for details in the Natural Yard Care Event flyers being mailed to all Shoreline residents.

The 2006 Natural Yard Care Event is sponsored in cooperation with the King County Solid Waste Division, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

For more information, contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

City celebrates Earth Day with Ivy O.U.T. Events

Join us Earth Day weekend to help rescue our parks and natural spaces from invasive plants such as English ivy that crowd out native species.

Shoreline began sponsoring Ivy O.U.T. (Off Urban Trees) events in parks last year and more events will be scheduled throughout the rest of this year. The Earth Day weekend Ivy OUT events will give a jump start towards eradicating these marauders.

English ivy is not native to the United States and has no natural predators or pests to keep it in check. It doesn't provide significant food for native wildlife and tends to dominate areas so thoroughly that other vegetation cannot survive. When ivy climbs trees, it makes them more susceptible to disease and falling because of the reduced air flow around the trunk and the added weight. In response, the Native Plant Society initiated Ivy OUT, a program to promote the control and removal of English ivy through education and plant removal by volunteers.

Shoreline will be giving volunteers gloves, refreshments and a goody bag at the Earth Day Ivy OUT events. You are welcome to bring your own tools but they are not required and some tools will be available. For more information, contact Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services at (206) 546-5041.

Saturday, April 22

9 a.m. - noon South Woods

Meet at the south parking lot of Shorecrest High School on 25th Ave. NE at NE 153rd St. Co-sponsored by the South Woods Preservation Group.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Twin Ponds Park

Meet at park entrance on Meridian at N. 152nd St.

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Boeing Creek Park

Meet at kiosk near NW 175th St. and 6th Ave. NW. Co-sponsored by Shoreline Community College.

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

Meet at Syre Elementary, 19545 12th Ave. N; a shuttle will take volunteers to the garden on the half hour. Garden tours available.

Sunday, April 23

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Twin Ponds Park

Meet at park entrance on Meridian at N. 152nd St.

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Kruckeberg Botanic Garden

Meet at Syre Elementary, 19545 12th Ave. N; a shuttle will take volunteers to the garden on the half hour. Garden tours available.

1 - 4 p.m. Echo Lake Park

1521 N. 200th St.
Co-sponsored by the Echo Lake Neighborhood Association.

Highland Terrace Neighborhood's Arbor Day Urban Forest Cleanup Saturday, April 29, 9a.m. - noon

Meet at the urban forest at 160th and Greenwood Ave. N. This urban forest is a neighborhood gem that has become overrun with blackberries and ivy. Volunteers are needed to help restore the area back to it's natural state so it can be used by the Highland Terrace Elementary students as an outdoor classroom. Please wear long sleeves, long pants and gloves. Bring (long) pruning tools, drinking water, extra friends, good spirit and (if you like) baked goods.

New sidewalks and paths coming this summer

This summer, Shoreline will begin building some of the priority sidewalks identified by the community in the recently adopted Transportation Master Plan.

In the 2006-2011 Capital Improvement Program (CIP), Council added money to begin building some of the priority sidewalk routes, many of which are on arterials used by children walking to school.

At its April 3 meeting, Shoreline City Council approved plans to build four priority routes this year: two by Einstein Middle School, one by Shorewood High School and St. Luke and one by

Ridgecrest Elementary School. Depending on the outcome of the construction bids and schedule, two other sections may also be built in 2006: another by Shorewood High School and one by Echo Lake Elementary School. The City will be working with property owners to address special design needs and minimize construction impacts.

Construction is expected to begin in June and be complete in August before school starts again in the fall.

Shoreline residents and City Council have identified adding sidewalks as a priority. Although

Shoreline is a relatively new city, its infrastructure is not. Shoreline neighborhoods were built to rural standards, primarily without sidewalks or even walkways. Only about one-third of the City's arterials and even fewer residential streets have sidewalks.

The City has dedicated money in each year's budget to repair and replace deteriorating sidewalks and also ensure that sidewalks are built when property is redeveloped.

The "Sidewalks Priority Routes" program in the 2006-2011 CIP sets aside \$5.4 million over the next six years to build both standard sidewalks and other "pedestrian facilities." Since the standard curb-gutter-sidewalk configuration can be expensive and does not easily work in some areas, the City is considering alternatives that will stretch tax dollars and provide more linear feet of pedestrian improvements. Examples of these alternatives include concrete curbs with asphalt sidewalks and separated pathways.

For more information about the Sidewalks Priority Routes, contact Shoreline Capital Projects Manager Jon Jordan at (206) 546-1700 or visit www.cityofshoreline.com.

Shoreline Parks Cooks!

Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department offers a variety of cooking workshops this spring and summer.



Join one and learn French cooking, how to enhance your cooking with fresh herbs, how to incorporate more soy in your diet, how to prepare delicious meals in fifteen minutes, how to prepare one month's worth of healthy meals and how to make main dish summer salads.

Each workshop is held in the newly renovated kitchen at the Spartan Recreation Center. For more information, visit www.cityofshoreline.com where you can register online or call (206) 418-3383.

North City Project heads for June completion

Signs are everywhere that the North City project is nearing completion. All the pedestrian and roadway light poles are now in place, and the first new signal lights at N. 175th Street and at the pedestrian crossing just north of N. 172nd Street are finished. Sidewalks are complete and crews began paving 15th Avenue NE at the end of March.

Traffic signal and light poles were installed and wired for electricity last month and should be lighting North City streets soon. When all the fixtures have been attached to the poles, they will be given a final, darker coat of paint.

With underground utility work complete, progress on the project will become less visible as the City's contractor, SCI, coordinates with utilities such as Seattle City Light and Qwest to install their wiring within the underground conduit.

Once the utilities have completed their installation, the wires will be removed and the old poles will come down. After that, SCI will complete the sidewalks. Some poles may be removed along the west side of 15th Avenue NE prior to the overhead wires being removed. These poles provide service connections only and do not carry the primary electrical wiring.

SCI will continue private property restoration along 15th Avenue NE, including grading, placing crushed rock and paving parking lots, driveways and walkways disturbed by construction. SCI and the City are coordinating these restoration



New light and signal poles have been installed along 15th Avenue Northeast as the North City Project nears the last two months of construction.

activities with each business to minimize impacts as much as possible.

Full-time traffic control personnel are on-site to help move traffic through the construction site and to help pedestrians access the area during construction. Shoreline residents are asked to please obey the 25

mph speed zone in the area.

For more information about the North City Project, contact Shoreline Capital Projects Manager John Vicente at (206) 546-8903, or visit www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/projects/northcity/index.cfm.

Aurora Corridor construction nears half-way mark, spurs redevelopment

Construction on the Aurora Corridor Project from N. 145th to N. 165th streets continues on schedule this spring. Crews have completed installation of the new water main and have made substantial progress on the storm water system upgrades.

Crews are also preparing to transfer utilities underground on the west side of Aurora as well as completing private property utility conversions. Columns and footings have been poured for both Interurban Trail bridges and the ramps are starting to take shape. The first art panels, which provide the facing for the ramps, are being set in place. Curbs, gutters, sidewalks and driveways will be poured this month on the west side, followed by a new asphalt roadway with striping. Traffic will be shifted to the west side of Aurora this month so crews can begin construction on the east side.

Construction on Aurora and planning for the next two miles of the project has spurred renewed interest among local businesses. Many are upgrading, expanding and redeveloping in anticipation of the improvements along the first mile of the corridor at the end of this year.

Permits have been issued for a new insurance office and retail project, for a new credit union building and to Shurgard Storage for a four-story structure. Other projects under way include a 35,000-square-foot office and retail building with 65 condominiums facing the



Crews compact fill around the base of the columns that will support the Aurora Interurban Trail Bridge on the east side of Aurora.

Interurban Trail plus a new McDonald's restaurant. A construction trailer has been set in place as work is set to begin on the new Watermark Credit Union, near N 165th Street.

The Gateway Plaza Shopping Center on the corner of N. 185th Street is finished and the Fred Meyer across the street has been completely remodeled. A new Walgreen's is under construction near N. 175th Street and a new Discount Tire Store, a three-story medical building and redevelopment of Sky Nursery are in the planning stages. Adding to the revitalization of the Aurora Corridor is an eight-acre site near Echo Lake which was recently cleared and graded for an office and multi-family development which may include a new YMCA facility.

The City Council members

and staff continue to meet with business and property owners along the corridor to update them on construction progress and to discuss issues and concerns.

For more information about the first mile of the Aurora Corridor Project, visit www.shorelineaurora.com, or call the Aurora Info Line at (206) 546-5680 to hear a recorded construction update. You may also call Capital Projects Manager Maggie Brown at (206) 546-1921. The construction office for the project is located at 15526 Aurora Ave. N., (206) 306-0355, and is open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Shoreline Police Crime-Stopper Tips: Don't be a victim of fraud online

You've found the perfect item to purchase on the internet; good price, the right size and color, and a much-needed item. But is it safe to buy online? Many, if not most of us, have asked that question as we surf the internet looking for great deals. The good news is there are steps you can take to protect your money and privacy and make online shopping a safer and more rewarding experience.

Investigate the seller

Anyone can sell things online, so it's a good idea to check out the internet seller before you make a purchase. Make sure the Web site lists the business name, mailing address (street address, not a PO box) and telephone number. Are you familiar with the product brands or services offered by the seller? Is it clear exactly what you'll be purchasing based on the site's description and/or picture?

Further, are all costs (price, shipping and handling, taxes), delivery time, warranty and return policy made clear by the seller? Ensure the seller lists clear information about what you can do if you have problems with your purchase.

Check the site's security

Make online purchases only with companies that use secure server technology. "Secure" technology works with your Web browser to scramble your personal information – such as your credit card number – when you purchase online. If the seller's site is secure, the "http" in the address bar at the top of your screen will change to "https" or "shttp" at the page where you type in your payment information. Be sure you check for this before entering your information and don't make any purchases from sellers who don't have secure sites.

Read the site's privacy policy

Many online sellers will offer information about you to other companies. However, companies are required to let the customer (you) choose whether or not they can sell your information to others. Exercise your right to be removed from any lists the seller may maintain about its customers if you don't want them to pass your information to others. Read the site's privacy policy and if you don't like it, don't deal with that retailer.

Pay by credit card

Paying by credit card is the safest and quickest way to shop online. The Federal Fair Credit Billing Act gives you the right to dispute credit card charges for

goods or services that you never received, didn't order yourself or were misrepresented to you by the seller. So if you have a problem with a purchase you may be able to delay payment while your credit card company investigates the problem.

Also, if a thief somehow obtains your credit card information, and uses it to make purchases, you are usually responsible for only the first \$50 in charges.

Be sure to print a copy of your order and confirmation number, in case you have a problem with your purchase. Note shipping and handling costs, as well as the purchase price of each item ordered. By law online businesses must deliver merchandise within 30 days of your purchase date or notify you if there will be a delay.

How to complain about an online merchant

The following Web sites contain information on complaining about online merchants:

- Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Bureau of Consumer Protection – <http://www.ftc.gov/>
- National Fraud Information Center – <http://www.fraud.org>

Take these steps to protect your money and privacy. Your online shopping should be a safer and more rewarding experience.

*Courtesy of Paul Scoles,
Shoreline Police Volunteer Crime Analyst.*

Final 2005 budget figures presented to Council

Last month, City staff finalized the 2005 fourth-quarter financial report and presented the figures to the City Council. The year-end report provides an overview of all Shoreline financial activities during 2005, including revenue and expenditures. Overall, the City did an excellent job of staying within its projected budget for the year.

"The 2005 year-end results are very positive and continue the City's excellent track record of budgeting and spending conservatively and only offering services we can pay for which allows us to be able to maintain healthy reserves in case of an emergency," said Shoreline Mayor Bob Ransom.

Expenditures for 2005 totaled \$57.2 million, while an additional \$12.6 million of expenditures initially expected to occur in 2005, will occur in 2006. Revenues totaled \$57.7 million, slightly below projected amounts because grant funds for capital projects will be received in 2006 when the related expenditures will occur.

The following is a partial summary of the report presented at the March 27 Council meeting:

General Fund

2005 General Fund revenue was \$27.7 million – approximately 4 % higher than the projected revenue of \$26.6 million and an increase of 4.3 % over 2004 revenues. The increase is due to better-than-expected sales tax, telecommunications utility tax, electricity contract payments, Cable TV franchise fees

and natural gas utility taxes.

While revenues exceeded projections, expenditures totaling \$29.5 million were 2 % below projections. The City's general operating ending fund balance totaled \$11.6 million, an increase of \$1.6 million over original projections. The City's financial policies require that the City maintain a \$6 million operating fund balance in reserve for unexpected events. Another \$3 million is needed to provide adequate cash flow throughout the year.

Property tax, the City's largest operating revenue source, is received two times a year in May and November, while sales and gambling taxes, the City's second and fourth largest revenue sources, are received on a quarterly basis.

Street Fund

Revenues for 2005 were \$2.3 million, or 3.5 %, above projections. Right-of-way fee revenue was more than expected as a result of permits issued for King County's Brightwater project, although fuel tax collection and interest earnings were below projections. Ending fund balance was \$678,490, an increase of \$151,387 from original projections.

Surface Water Management Fund

Total expenditures were \$2.9 million, just slightly above the projected total of \$2.8 million. Storm drainage fees were slightly less than expected, but interest

earnings were greater. Ending fund balance was \$2.6 million, \$224,532 less than originally projected as a result of allocating \$297,000 in one-time monies for drainage improvements related to the North City Project.

Capital Improvement Fund/General Capital

Revenues were \$5.6 million, approximately 2 % below projections. Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) collections were higher than expected but the City's grant revenue was lower.

Expenditures were \$6.7 million, 16 % above projections, but below the 2005 budget. The increase is due to the acquisition of three acres of the South Woods property and preliminary work completed on soccer field upgrades at the Shoreline Center.

Roads Capital

Revenues were \$15.8 million, 12 % below projections. Grant revenue was lower than expected for roads projects because it will be collected in 2006 as the projects continue. An additional \$4 million in grant funding has been earmarked as carryover for projects in 2006. Expenditures for 2005 were \$24.4 million; 5 % above projections, but less than the 2005 budget.

Surface Water Capital

Revenues for 2005 were \$1.9 million, approximately 13 % below projections, due to the Boeing Creek Stormwater Project

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City Council appoints Planning Commission and Library Board members

At its March 27 meeting, the Shoreline City Council voted unanimously to appoint four Shoreline residents to the Planning Commission and three to the Library Board.

Two returning Planning Commission members Sid Kuboi and Rocky Piro and new members David Pyle and Michelle L. Wagner were appointed. The term for all four newly-appointed positions is April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2010.

The Planning Commission is made up of nine members who work with City planning staff, hear public comment on proposed amendments to the City's land use plan and zoning code as well as certain development project proposals, and then provide recommendations to the City Council for final decision and action.

The Planning Commission meets at the Shoreline Conference Center, 18560 First Ave. NE, on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Two new Library Board members, Jane Hinton and Thomas Peterson, were appointed to four-year terms that run April 1, 2006, through March 31, 2010. New member Susan Hoyne was appointed to fill two remaining years of an unexpired term.

The Shoreline Library Board was formed by the City Council in the spring of 1996 to act as a liaison to the King County Library System Board of Trustees, the City Council and the Shoreline community. It provides

information, makes recommendations relating to the Shoreline and Richmond Beach Libraries, promotes programs and reviews library policies. The Library Board includes five members, from whom a chair and vice chair are elected annually.

The Library Board meets at 7:00 p.m. the second Thursday of each odd-numbered month. The meetings alternate between the

Shoreline Library and the Richmond Beach Library.

Mayor Bob Ransom thanked outgoing Planning Commission members Bill MacCully and Don Sands and Library Board members Joe Phillips, Jamie Holter and Ed Renouard for their service on these important boards. "Your dedication, service and commitment to the community is much appreciated," he added.

New program offers help for seniors with pets

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center and the Humane Society are offering a new program to help seniors on limited incomes feed their pets.

Each month, food will be delivered to the homes of seniors who request and qualify for the program. The food is donated by the community and individually packaged for each senior's pet. Dry food is provided along with a small amount of canned food if requested.

To participate in the program, seniors must be 55 years or older with an income less than \$960 a month for singles or less than \$1,230 for a household of two. Pets must be spayed or neutered and no more than three pets per household are allowed in the program.

Seniors may sign up for the pet food program at the Shoreline Senior Center, 18560 First Avenue NE #1 in Shoreline, or by calling call Jon Ann Cruver at (206) 365-1536.

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beginning in 2006 instead of 2005. Expenditures were \$2.8 million, 1.5 %below projections.

In November 2005, the Shoreline City Council adopted the 2006 budget of \$79.4 million, a 13 % reduction from the 2005 budget. For more information about City of Shoreline budgets

and finance, contact Finance Director Debbie Tarry at (206) 546-0787 or visit

www.cityofshoreline.com/cityhall/departments/finance/budget/index.cfm. Copies of the 2006 Adopted Budget are also available on the City's Web site.

1st NE Transfer Station closes for renovations

Beginning May 1, the 1st NE Transfer and Recycling Station will be closed for 18 months while King County makes major renovations and upgrades.

A public meeting is scheduled April 19 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Meridian Park Elementary School to review the construction schedule, meet the contractor and answer questions. The school is located at 17077 Meridian Ave. N. in Shoreline.

King County is planning the following improvements to the transfer station:

- A separate yard waste recycling area.
- An enclosed transfer

building with larger, easier-to-use waste unloading areas.

- Environmental enhancements to protect Thornton Creek and promote public health.

- A new site layout that will reduce neighborhood impacts, improve traffic flow and reduce wait times.

- Improved waste compaction that will reduce the number of transfer trailer trips to and from the station.

- A sustainable "green" building design that will improve energy efficiency and reduce operating costs.

During the 18 months that the transfer station is closed, residents

may want to try one of the many options for curbside collection that Waste Management offers.

Recycling is free with curbside service. Call Waste Management Northwest at 1-800-592-9995 or <http://wmnorthwest.com/shoreline/index/html>.

Shoreline residents may also use these alternate transfer stations:

- Snohomish County's SW Recycling & Transfer Station, 21311 61st Place W., MLT
- Bow Lake Transfer & Recycling Station, 18800 Orillia Road South, Tukwila
- Facteria Transfer Station, 13800 SE 32nd Street, Bellevue

Clean Sweep Recycling Event set for May 13

At last year's Spring Clean Sweep Event, Shoreline residents recycled 385 gallons of oil, 265 computer monitors, 317 fluorescent light bulbs and much, much more.

On Saturday, May 13, the City offers another opportunity for Shoreline households to clean out and recycle the clutter at the 2006 Spring Clean Sweep Recycling Event.

This year's event is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Park N' Ride on N. 192nd St. and Aurora Ave. N. To participate, residents must present the Clean Sweep coupon from the event flyer, or a valid photo ID with a City of Shoreline address. Event flyers will be mailed to all Shoreline addresses.

Due to the volume of

material, only one trip is allowed per household. Items will be accepted until the bins are full, and the City reserves the right to refuse any item. Please use the following guidelines in planning your trip.

Do Bring:

- All appliances*
- Porcelain toilets and sinks*
- Computers and monitors*
- Telephones and cellular phones
- Scrap metal
- Motor oil and filters
- Antifreeze
- Lead acid batteries and household batteries
- Propane tanks*
- Clean scrap lumber & pallets
- Chippable bulky yard waste
- Televisions*

* Some items may require a minimal recycling fee that must be paid in cash. Check the Clean

Sweep Recycling Event flyer that will be mailed to your home for more details.

Don't bring:

Hazardous materials, such as: household chemicals, paint; cleaning products; pesticides; herbicides; solvents and thinners; or commercial waste or items infested by bees, hornets or wasps. The Aurora Household Hazardous Waste Site will take some of these items by appointment only. Please call (206) 296-4692 for an appointment.

The Spring 2006 Clean Sweep Recycling Event is sponsored in cooperation with the King County Solid Waste Division, the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, and the Washington State Department of Ecology. For more information, contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team at (206) 546-1700.

Red Cross Disaster Relief Supply Center dedication ceremony April 24

Shoreline has been selected as the second of eight King County sites for an American Red Cross emergency supply site. The new Disaster Relief Supply Center (DRSC), located at 16101 Greenwood Ave. N., is a building containing cots, blankets and other shelter supplies that can be quickly loaded on trucks for transport to an emergency community shelter.

A ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony is scheduled Monday, April 24 at 3:00 p.m. with members of the Shoreline City Council, Shoreline Community College and representatives of the American Red Cross.

The DRSC will play a critical role in helping the Red Cross prepare for future catastrophic disasters in King County. The building is outfitted with a solar powered system, interior/exterior lights, an alarm and enough cots, blankets and hygiene kits for 500 to 800 people. Other sites are in Carnation and Federal Way.

The Shoreline DRSC was paid for through a donation from the Joshua Green Foundation. Shoreline Community College provided a location for the building on the northeast corner of the campus at no charge.

The Red Cross is soliciting cities, school and fire districts, parks departments, faith-based groups and large corporations for other locations in King County. It is important to have DRSCs distributed geographically

throughout the county so that supplies can get to a shelter as quickly as possible.

Also, depending on the type and breadth of the disaster, certain roads or bridges may become inaccessible. Having supplies located in multiple areas increases the chances of being able to access supplies when or if they are needed.

The American Red Cross is the country's leading disaster relief

organization, providing immediate emergency relief to those in need and helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

For more information about the Red Cross, call (206) 323-2345, or visit www.seattlredcross.org.

To learn more about disaster preparedness in Shoreline, visit the City's Web site at www.cityofshoreline.com.

April is Earthquake Preparedness Month

Over 1,000 Earthquakes occur each year in Washington, a dozen or more are strong enough that people feel the ground shake. Earthquakes occur without warning at any time of year, day or night. They cause damage to both life and property by strong ground shaking and by secondary effects of ground failures and tsunamis.

If you haven't done so already, there is no better time than now to begin your preparedness plan.

- Develop an emergency preparedness plan that enables you and your family to be on your own for at least three days.
- Identify earthquake hazards in your home and reduce or eliminate those hazards.
- Prepare disaster supply kits for your home, workplace and vehicles.
- Learn community warning signals and what to do if a warning system is activated. Buy an all-hazards NOAA weather radio.
- When you feel the earth shake, DROP under a sturdy desk or table and hold on to one of its legs. If it moves, move with it. Avoid windows and other objects that could fall on you. COVER your head with your other arm and keep your face down to protect your eyes. HOLD that position until the shaking stops.
- If you are outdoors, move to a clear area away from trees, signs, buildings or downed electrical wires and poles.
- If you are near a tall building, get into a doorway or lobby to protect yourself from falling bricks, glass and other debris.
- If you are driving, move to the side of the road and stop. Avoid overpasses, power lines and other hazards. Stay in the vehicle until the shaking stops.

Visit <http://www.govlink.org/3days3ways/> for more information on emergency preparedness.

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