



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Winstead and City Councilmembers

FROM: Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

DATE: July 28, 2015

RE: Documents received at 7/27/15 Council Meeting

CC: Debbie Tarry, City Manager  
John Norris, Assistant City Manager

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Attached hereto are documents received from the public at your July 27, 2015 City Council Business Meeting.

- 1) Shoreline Elk's Lodge Public Open House/Membership Drive Flyer, submitted by Mike Thyng and John McSweeney.
- 2) Public comment regarding Surface Water Revenue Bond, submitted by Tom Jamieson.



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# Shoreline City Council

Monday, July 27, 2015

5:52 PM

Good Evening Council. My name is Tom Jamieson. I live in Shoreline.

Tonight you are discussing issuing a revenue bond to fund the City's Surface Water Management utility. I am concern about an additional power you intend to slip in: the authority to combine the sewer, garbage, and surface water management utilities. Number one, the definition of sewerage pertains to systems, not the utilities which run them. Shoreline has no combined sewerage system, except perhaps an overflow pipe in Boeing Creek Park. But I am more concerned about your plans to have Ronald carry the City.

In August, 2013, Ordinance No. 670 led to the issuance of a 3 1/2 million dollar general obligation bond to fund the acquisition and improvement of an operations maintenance facility at Brugger's Bog. The financial justification for that bond assumed the successful purchase of the SPU water system acquisition, as authorized by this City Council through Ordinance No. 644, which was subsequently ratified by Shoreline voters in 2012. But that acquisition has not happened, and there are no present signs it ever will happen. Deputy Mayor Eggen, in a recent candidates forum, admitted there are no current negotiations taking place between the City's of Shoreline and Seattle.

While the SWM ratepayers are paying their share of that obligation bond, they are also loaning money to the other tenants of that facility temporarily. With the breakdown in the SPU acquisition, SWM appears to be stretched thin.

Ronald Wastewater, on the other hand, is not stretched thin...that is, not yet. Last I heard, they have no debt. They have scaled back on their capital projects--sanitary sewer work that needs doing--and raised their rates to beef up their reserves. But for whom?

Councilmember Hall, the only council member absent on the evening when the Brugger's Bog bond was approved, asked this week why you are confusing and complicating matters by including a provision allowing for the combining of sewer, garbage, and stormwater utilities. The City Manager responded, "This language is included to allow Council greater flexibility in the future." During the Ronald Assumption discussions you stressed how Ronald's assets would only be used to run that utility. That it would be illegal You evaded the concern that they could be used as collateral for other Shoreline monkey business. Evidence that concern was justified is in clear view this evening.

Tonight you are going to write off a long-standing debt you accepted from a local casino. Though you had ample evidence in 2011 that it was a bad credit risk, you accepted a second promissory note from them. After one payment, they paid nothing for the next 4 quarters, and yet you let them keep their business license for another year before shutting them down. Your judgment with the casinos is questionable. Your judgment with the our utilities more so.

If we were to compare what is going on here with the citizens' utilities, with the current financial crisis in Europe, Ronald is Germany, and the City of Shoreline is Greece. By all appearance it is Shoreline, not Ronald, who benefits. It is Shoreline, not Ronald who gets a credit boost by the unification of the utilities.

The Ronald Wastewater Commissioners can still call for an election on the question of their assumption by the City. I hope they do.

Tom Jamieson  
Shoreline Resident

