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City of Kenmore
Special City Council Meeting Agenda
6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 4, 2017
Kenmore City Hall, Council Chambers
18120 68th Ave. NE, Kenmore, WA 98028

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6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION SEND OFF

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City of Kenmore 2017-19 Legislative Agenda

Reconnecting Kenmore's Downtown to Lake Washington

Kenmore requests that the State alleviate the impacts of the state transportation system on the local community by reconnecting the city's downtown with the Lake Washington waterfront. Despite recent improvements to State Route 522 to increase transit and vehicle capacity and improve pedestrian safety, congestion on State Route 522 continues to worsen. Regional decisions regarding the State's transportation system, including imposing tolls on SR 520, and the failure of the state system to handle daily commuter traffic, has resulted in more drivers opting to travel on State Route 522 through Kenmore. The resulting congestion makes it increasingly difficult for city residents to access local businesses, and generally move within the city.

State Route 522 divides Kenmore's downtown from its waterfront. The City asks that the State invest **\$4 million** to design a multimodal grade-separated route, above or below SR 522, to allow Kenmore residents to more easily move within the city and to connect the city's downtown to the Lake Washington waterfront.

Propel Lakepointe Development

Lakepointe is the last remaining undeveloped property of its size on Lake Washington - a 47-acre site poised to become a dynamic mixed-used transit-oriented development with housing, office and retail space, hotel, marina and nearly a mile of public shoreline public access. To make this vision a reality, the State's partnership is needed. A longstanding barrier to redeveloping the Lakepointe property stems from site conditions that are the result of a State transportation project – when Interstate-5 was built in Seattle, WSDOT used the Lakepointe site as a landfill for construction and demolition debris. As a result, deep foundation systems featuring several thousand pilings will be required in order for the property to be developed, adding substantial costs of potentially over \$90 million to any redevelopment project.

To alleviate these extraordinary costs related to the site's prior use by the State, the City of Kenmore requests that the State provide the economic development tools and incentives necessary to allow this property to overcome this hurdle and be developed. Without these incentives, the steep infrastructure and other project costs will continue to cause this vital waterfront site to languish and not redevelop. Even with the proposed incentives, the redevelopment of this site has the potential to offer a significant financial return on investment at both the state and local levels.

Boathouse on Sammamish River/Lake Washington

The City of Kenmore requests \$250,000 to construct or acquire a waterfront boathouse in partnership with local public schools. This project will result in a building that will provide for youth recreation programming and boat storage for public high school rowing programs and other waterfront programs for the public.

Local Control on Asphalt Plant Regulations

An asphalt plant is located in the City of Kenmore, near downtown, SR 522 and residential areas. The asphalt plant has been operating for decades and is a legal nonconforming use. The City asks that the State give local cities additional, local option regulatory authority over asphalt plants to ensure that the plant operates in a manner that is mindful of the surrounding urban neighborhoods.

Saint Edward Seminary Building Rehabilitation

The City of Kenmore supports the efforts of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to rehabilitate the historic Saint Edward Seminary Building in Saint Edward Park in Kenmore.

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