

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
January 9, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – The Kenmore City Council regular meeting was called to order by Mayor David Baker at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor David Baker, Deputy Mayor Allan Van Ness and Councilmembers Brent Smith, Laurie Sperry, Milton Curtis, Nigel Herbig and Stacey Denuski.

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Joanne Gregory, Finance and Administration Director; Kris Overleese, Public Works Director; Debbie Bent, Community Development Director; Brett Schock, Traffic Engineer; Rod Kaseguma, City Attorney and Kelly Chelin, City Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Baker led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Eric Adman, 7815 NE 192nd Street, Kenmore. Mr. Adman commented on the potential Squires Landing Restoration Project that was on the agenda this evening. He thanked the Council for their careful consideration of this project. He stated that this is an opportunity for matching funds and urged the Council to “keep the door open” at least.

Anne Anderson, 16304 81st Place NE, Kenmore. Ms. Anderson spoke to the Saint Edward ballfields. She is asking the Council to conduct an independent second opinion on the site’s critical areas. She has yet to receive an answer from the City. She asked the City to please respond in writing with a response.

John Hendrickson, 5919 NE 202nd Lane, Kenmore. Mr. Hendrickson spoke about the Open Public Meetings Act. He stated to the Council that they are responsible to the citizens since they are doing the people’s business. As an example, he brought up the issue at the ballfields at Saint Edward. He went on to say that the public didn’t learn about this project until January 2016 yet the Council seemed to be working on it since September 2015.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Densuki moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted, Deputy Mayor Van Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

The consent agenda included the following:

The Following Checks and Electronic Payments:

Total Check Numbers 35832 through 35917 in the Amount of \$1,119,853.01

Total Payroll Electronic Deposits Dated 12/9/16 in the Amount of \$78,764.87

Adopt Minutes for the December 12 and December 23, 2016 City Council Meetings

Cancel January 17, 2017 Regular Council Meeting

BUSINESS AGENDA

Squires Landing Restoration Grant - Debbie Bent, Community Development Director

Director Bent explained that staff is seeking Council direction on whether to pursue an agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers for funding a feasibility study and funding design and implementation of restoration measures for the Squires Landing property.

If the Council direction is not to proceed with the project, this does not preclude the City from pursuing. The Council discussed the project. John Hicks from the US Army Corps of Engineers addressed the Council and answered questions. Council thoroughly discussed whether or not to proceed with the restoration project.

After some lengthy discussion, **Councilmember Curtis made a motion to not proceed with the project at this time. The motion passed 5-2.**

Authorize the City Manager to Execute Agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation, Puget Sound Regional Council and Transportation Improvement Board for Grants Awarded in the 2016 Grant Application Cycle – Kris Overleese, Public Works Director and Brett Schock, Traffic Engineer

Director Overleese and Engineer Schock explained that the City of Kenmore applied for eight grants to fund roadway, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvement projects in the 2016 grant application cycle. The City has been awarded two grants by the Washington Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) and one from the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC). The City has received notice of an “intent to award” from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) for two grants. A third grant application to WSDOT is ranked first on WSDOT’s contingency list and could be awarded if additional funding becomes available. The funding source for all WSDOT grants (state vs. federal funds) will be determined in 2017. The staff is asking that the Council authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation, Puget Sound Regional Council and Transportation Improvement Board for grants awarded in the 2016 grant application cycle.

Councilmember Herbig made a motion to authorize the City Manager to Execute Agreements with the Washington State Department of Transportation, Puget Sound Regional Council and Transportation Improvement Board for Grants Awarded in the 2016 Grant Application Cycle, Councilmember Denuski seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Amendments to the 2017 State Legislative Agenda – Assistant City Manager Nancy Ousley

Assistant City Manager Ousley explained that the Council approved a State Legislative Agenda on October 17, 2016. Since that adoption, initial briefings with the Legislative Delegation and

other developments have taken place, and the Executive recommends making slight updates to the agenda. The proposed updates are:

- Reconnecting Kenmore's Downtown to Lake Washington: change the request to \$4 million for design of the grade separated route and
- Boathouse Capital Budget Request: provide a broader range of location options in 2017.

Councilmember Curtis made a motion to approve the amendments to the 2017 State Legislative Agenda, Mayor Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

STAFF REPORT

Assistant City Manager Ousley stated that today marked a big decision for the City's future. The State Parks Commission unanimously approved a lease with Daniels Real Estate for over 5 acres at Saint Edward State Park including the seminary and other two buildings. Approximately 85 people testified at the meeting on Thursday evening at Bastyr University. Many expressing support of the proposal. There were minor changes made to the lease document that were approved by the commission this morning. Assistant City Manager Ousley reviewed the changes with the Council.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS & INITIATIVES

Councilmember Smith stated it was a nice Council retreat. He also asked about the Northshore Park & Recreation Service Area Board. He currently serves on the board as the Chair however an alternate needs to be appointed. The board meets 4 times a year at most. Councilmember Denuski stated that she would be the alternate.

Mayor Baker asked City Clerk Chelin to bring back a list, for review, of Council committees to the next meeting.

Councilmember Sperry also thanked the Council and the staff for a good retreat. She also reported that The Seattle Times had an article in the paper that uber will be providing traffic data to City planners in mid-February.

Councilmember Curtis also commented that the retreat was great and that this Council and staff are a great group of people to work with.

Councilmember Herbig echoed that the retreat was productive and the Council got some good product out of it.

Councilmember Denuski stated that the retreat was good and she appreciated the additional heaters.

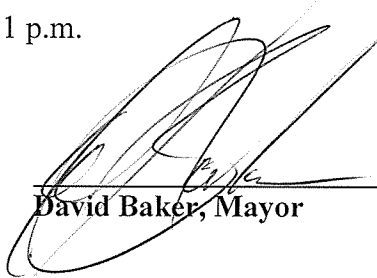
Deputy Mayor Van Ness stated that the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) meeting is this Friday. He also enjoyed the retreat. This was his 11th retreat and others have not been this productive, friendly, respectful and enjoyable. He also reported that he received the National League of Cities (NLC) newsletter about Smart City development and he will share it with the Council for anyone who is interested.

Mayor Baker commented that the City received a request letter from PTSA on the City's efforts with the safe routes to school, pedestrians and bikes. The Mayor would like to support this effort

and let the Governor know what Kenmore is doing. Mayor Baker also reported that today is the first day of the legislative session and he was there to testify in front of the environmental committee on Bill 1028.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk