

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
January 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of the Kenmore City Council 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, Milton Curtis, Nigel Herbig and Stacey Denuski

Councilmembers excused: Councilmember Laurie Sperry

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director; Debbie Bent, Community Development Director; Bryan Hampson, Development Services Director; Rod Kaseguma, City Attorney; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Dennis Mendrey led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was Council consensus to approve the agenda as submitted.

PROCLAMATION

Proclamations for Inglemoor High School Girls Cross Country Team and Team Member Amber Rose – Mayor Baker read the proclamations into the record and presented the team proclamation to the team coach and assistant coach. The team and their coaches came up to the dais for pictures with the Council. Following the reading of the second proclamation, Mayor Baker presented it to Amber Rose, who also had her picture taken with the Council.

PRESENTATIONS

Eagle Scout Grant Goheen – Completed Park Kiosk Project – Grant built two kiosks, at Rhododendron Park and Log Boom Park, for his Eagle Scout project. He showed several slides about the project. He also detailed the work he and others did on the project, totaling 200 hours.

Recognize Outgoing Planning Commissioners Dennis Mendrey, Jim Howard and Doug Huxtable – Jim Howard and Dennis Mendrey were present. Mayor Baker thanked them for their service to the City and gave them certificates of recognition. They also had their pictures taken with the City Council.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Douglas Nugent, 7055 NE 163rd Street, Kenmore, was present to speak about the contributions of outgoing Planning Commissioners Jim Howard, Dennis Mendrey, and Doug Huxtable.

Eric Adman, 7815 NE 192nd Street, Kenmore, was present to comment on the Swamp Creek Study, on the agenda for this meeting, and to report on some Swamp Creek restoration activities in which he has been involved as a volunteer.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Deputy Mayor Van Ness seconded the motion to Adopt the Minutes for the January 5, 2015 Special City Council Meeting; Receive and File the November 2014 Financial Report; Approve Contract No. 14-C1356, 2015 King County Work Program; and Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Binding Site Plan for Kenmore Village, Contract No. 14-C1254. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Swamp Creek Study Discussion - Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director; Richard Sawyer, Surface Water Program Manager; Erin Nelson, Osborn Consultants; and Hugh Mortensen, Watershed Company, were present to speak and were also available to answer any questions.

Richard Sawyer gave an introduction and provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Swamp Creek Evaluation for the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update, describing the problem to be addressed, the evaluation goals, and the history of flooding in Swamp Creek as far back as the 1930s. He explained that flooding in Swamp Creek has to do with Kenmore's position in the watershed, at the topographic low point in the basin. He detailed current property ownership around the basin.

Erin Nelson detailed how they evaluated the current situation. Kris Overleese pointed out that the consultant was able to build on work that was done in 2004, which was of high quality. They modeled various scenarios and looked at the results relative to the three different goals for the resources to be protected (past impacts, current impacts, and predicted future impacts). Sawyer pointed out that the model is looking at what would happen in the various scenarios for a "100-year storm," which would be like the storm of December 3, 2007. Hugh Mortensen spoke about Wetland No. 3, the largest and highest quality wetland in the City, which is currently in equilibrium. Nelson reviewed a number of alternatives for the City to consider. She discussed the scale of upstream flow control needed to detain stormwater coming from upstream jurisdictions. She stated that, in modeling, dredging showed insignificant differences in flood levels due to the size of the wetland. Sawyer summarized the conclusions resulting from the Swamp Creek evaluation, which will be integrated into the Surface Water Master Plan update.

Mayor Baker invited Eric Adman back to the microphone to speak more about his knowledge relating to the issues being discussed based on his experience.

Kenmore Village Town Green Site Plan Presentation and Discussion - Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Jim Graham, Graham Baba Architects; Matt Porteous, Hewitt Architects; and Steve Hansen, JSH Properties, Inc., were present to speak and were also available to answer any questions.

Karlinsey stated that \$5M taken from the sale of the property and a \$300,000 grant from the State are providing the funding for this project. Matt Porteous detailed some of the highlights of the Town Green design elements. Jim Graham spoke about the plans for the Pavilion building. Karlinsey noted that the building size has been reduced to provide cost savings. He stated that they would like to get some direction from the Council as to whether they are on the right track or not. This would allow them to continue on with design; more accurately estimate costs; and proceed with the Request for Proposals (RFP) for retail for the Pavilion building. Steve Hansen recommended an extended RFP period to give the project more exposure in the market. Karlinsey suggested perhaps having up to three citizens help evaluate proposals and give their opinions in a purely advisory capacity.

Mayor read an e-mail from Councilmember Sperry into the record, as she was unable to be present at the meeting.

It was Council consensus to go forward with the overall concept for the Town Green design and layout as presented, with a 1200-square-foot retail space for which staff will initiate a Request for Proposal process.

STAFF REPORT

City Manager Karlinsey provided a St. Edward Seminary update, stating that Kevin Daniels is still very interested in saving the building, even though Bastyr has decided not to continue with the project. The City will continue to assist in finding a user. He announced that the Kenmore Waterfront Activities Center (KWAC) is planning a 10:00 a.m. “Race for the Cookies” on Saturday, March 21st, followed by an open house and waterfront activities fair from about noon until 4:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilmember Herbig stated that he is very excited that the camera will be on for meetings starting next week.

Councilmember Denuski announced that February is the 5th anniversary of Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move campaign. She and Mayor Baker are planning a healthy walk on Saturday, February 7th at 10:00 a.m. from City Hall to Log Boom Park and back to celebrate the anniversary. She submitted the 2015 Playful City application this week, and decisions will be made in May. She stated that Kaboom would like Kenmore to help other cities who are going through the process, and they are working on a webinar for that purpose.

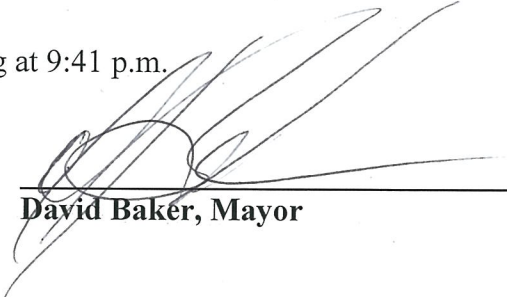
Deputy Mayor Van Ness noted that on March 9th, three Councilmembers will be out of town at the National League of Cities (NLC) conference. Last week Assistant City Manager Nancy Ousley, Director of Finance & Administration Joanne Gregory, and he went to the economic development forecast sponsored by the Economic Development Council of King County. He stated that there are new, exciting things going on with the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP).

Mayor Baker stated that he had a Washington policy meeting regarding transportation with several of our legislators. He also met with our delegation on Thursday and gave them 12” row

boats that said "Kenmore Boathouse" on the side, asking them to display them on their floor tables. He attended the AWC Mayors exchange on Friday, where they had a great discussion on education and what cities can do.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the regular meeting at 9:41 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safrin, City Clerk