

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 27, 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.

Mayor Baker noted that Councilmember Herbig was on his way. He was stuck in traffic.

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Kris Overlesse, Public Works Director and Kelly Chelin, City Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

The Council led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The Council approved the agenda with one change:

1. Switching Items A. and B. on the Business Agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dom Amor, 6120 92nd Street SW, Mukilteo

Mr. Amor stated that he was from Puget Sound Energy (PSE). He stated that PSE is running an Energy Efficiency Program throughout the City. PSE is going to door-to-door offering a free LED bulb to residents. He stated he was also at the meeting to listen to the discussion on the PSE Franchise Agreement.

Sheila Walter, 15518 Simonds Road NE, Kenmore.

Ms. Walter urged the City to consider becoming a Sanctuary City. She stated that kids are afraid of losing their parents due to the new immigration rules.

Corina Pfeil, Kenmore.

Ms. Pfeil spoke on behalf of a family who is afraid of being deported due to new immigration rules. She would like the City to take a stand and have more community engagement on this issue.

Note: Councilmember Herbig arrived at 7:17 p.m.

Elizabeth Mooney, 5934 NE 201st Street, Kenmore.

Ms. Mooney asked for Consent Agenda Item F. to be pulled from the agenda. (Item F: Common Interest and Confidentiality Agreement Between City, State Parks and Daniels Real Estate). She believes there should be Council discussion on this topic and explain the item to the audience. She also spoke to the artificial turf and lights planned for the St. Edward Park ballfields. She does not believe this is an improvement and will affect the wildlife.

Ken Smith, 15816 70th Avenue, Kenmore.

Mr. Smith congratulated the Council on the Walkways and Waterways bond measure. He thought it was done well. He also spoke in support of the Resolution on the agenda about Kenmore being a Welcoming City. However, he was unclear of the meaning on the last bullet about “law and order”.

Russ Johnson, 5635 NE 20th Street, Kenmore.

Mr. Johnson told the Council he was happy to see the Resolution on the agenda about Kenmore being a Welcoming City. He believes its vital and important. He also spoke to the Puget Sound Energy Franchise Agreement.

Macy Ratliff, Kenmore.

Ms. Ratliff spoke to the St. Edward Park and stated it was sacred and a gem to the City. She stated that she supports ballfields however not artificial turf or lights.

Pastor Anja Helmon, 7427 NE 198th Place, Kenmore.

Pastor Helmon stated that she was with Northlake Church. She stated that she was speaking on behalf of people that do not feel protected. She supports the Resolution on the agenda about Kenmore being a Welcoming City. She also spoke to the last bullet in the Resolution about “law and order” being unclear.

Jane and Richard Lewis, 19325 65th Avenue NE, Kenmore.

Ms. Lewis stated that she thought she had to sign up for the meeting and did not wish to speak.

Nancy Hansen, 7219 NE 158th Street, Kenmore.

Ms. Hansen urged the Council to consider designating the City has a Sanctuary City. She doesn’t believe a “Welcoming City” is strong enough language. She said there are a lot of families that fear being deported.

Penny McGillivray, 6234 NE 182nd Street, Kenmore.

Ms. McGillivray thanked the Council and City. She stated that she would be worried about being a Sanctuary City because it could violate federal law.

Brenda De Jardin, 6803 NE 149th Street, Kenmore.

Ms. De Jardin spoke to the Resolution about Kenmore being a Welcoming City. She would like to see the City be a Sanctuary City. She asked the Council to please consider this.

Miriam Tong, 19215 58th Avenue NE, Kenmore.

Ms. Tong also spoke to her support for stronger language in the Resolution.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Sperry moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted, Mayor Baker seconded the motion.

Assistant City Attorney Reitan explained Consent Agenda Item F to the audience.

Item F: Authorize and Execute Contract 17-C1658 Common Interest and Confidentiality Agreement Between City, State Parks and Daniels Real Estate and Ratify and Confirm Acts Consistent with the Agreement Taken Prior to Approval.

The motion passed 7-0.

The consent agenda included the following:

The Following Checks and Electronic Payments are Approved for Payment:

Total Check Numbers 36238 through 36327 in the Amount of \$454,150.73.

Total Payroll Electronic Deposits Dated 02/03/2017 in the Amount of \$81,650.17

Authorize the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 2 of Contract 15-C1484 with KPFF Consulting Engineers to Increase the Contract Authority by \$900,000 (\$1,700,000 total) and Extend the Contract End Date to December 31, 2019 to Complete the Design and Right-of-Way for the 68th Avenue NE Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvements Project

Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract 16-C1625 with HDR in an amount up to \$1,800,000 for Juanita Drive Project Design and Right-of-Way Services

Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract 17-C1656 with Mott Macdonald in an amount up to \$388,500 for the Log Boom Park Waterfront Project Design

Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract 17-C1657 with Mott Macdonald in an Amount up to \$503,200 for the Squires Landing Park Waterfront Project Design

Authorize and Execute Contract 17-C1658 Common Interest and Confidentiality Agreement Between City, State Parks and Daniels Real Estate and Ratify and Confirm Acts Consistent with the Agreement Taken Prior to Approval

Authorize the City Manager to Execute the 16-C1623 Rhododendron Park Lease/Use Agreement between the City and the Northshore Senior Center and Establish Fees for Rental of Shelter

BUSINESS AGENDA

Discuss Resolution 17-292 Reaffirming that the City of Kenmore is Welcoming to All People and All Ideas - City Council

Council discussed a resolution re-affirming the City's commitment to welcoming all people and ideas. At the February 13, 2017 Council meeting, the Mayor distributed draft language to consider a resolution welcoming all people and ideas. Councilmember Sperry also submitted a proposed proclamation for consideration by the Council. This proclamation is a sample she received from the City of Kirkland.

The Council discussed both the proposed Resolution and the proposed proclamation. The consensus of the Council was to proceed with the City of Kirkland's language as a resolution.

The Council asked staff to bring the Resolution back to the March 6 meeting for adoption.

Draft City Proposal for Puget Sound Energy Franchise Agreement - Nancy Ousley,
Assistant City Manager

Assistant City Manager Ousley explained that the City's Franchise Agreement with Puget Sound Energy expired in 2015, coinciding with an increase in power outages and concerns raised by Kenmore residents and businesses. The concerns about power reliability and how it compares to neighboring jurisdictions served by other utilities prompted the City to consult with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and other cities. The City also commissioned an independent energy reliability assessment, which was presented to the City Council and community in November, 2016. The report confirmed that the infrastructure and system serving Kenmore is outdated and lacks resiliency, and vegetation management is inadequate. The location of one particularly poor performing circuit through backyard easements makes power restoration difficult and time consuming. Over the past several years, nine of the ten circuits serving Kenmore performed in the lower 50% of the PSE system, and of those, seven performed lower than 75% of the roughly 1100 circuits in the system. Following public meetings and discussions with PSE leadership and staff, PSE presented capital plans in January, 2017 outlining reliability projects in Kenmore that could help to improve the situation.

Staff prepared a draft proposed agreement for Council review and discussion in preparation of franchise discussions with the company. In addition to tighter procedures and requirements for construction and right of way use, this proposal stresses reliability investments, smart grid technology, accelerated vegetation management, customer rebate opportunities, and increased direct reporting to the City Council and community on energy reliability including how Kenmore circuit performance compares to neighboring jurisdictions and PSE's system.

Council and staff engaged in a discussion. This item will come back to a future meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Assistant City Manager Ousley reported on Frontier's liquated damages. The deadline for Frontier to pay damages has passed. The City is considering more enforcement options. The City also received a low bid on the Tolt Trail Project; which was good news.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS & INITIATIVES

Councilmember Smith reported on the Northshore Parks and Recreation Board. The Board voted on another fund for youth recreational opportunity.

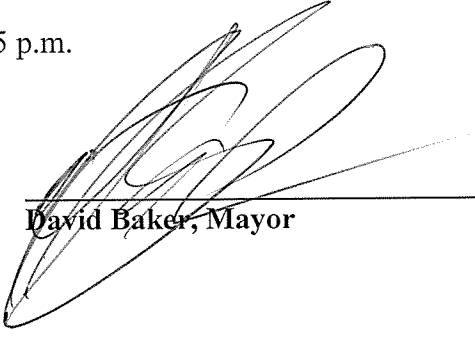
Councilmember Curtis reported that he is happy with the progress on Walkways and Waterways.

Mayor Baker reported that he talked to the Police Chief about doing home checks for seniors. The Chief is going consider whether the volunteers can help with this. He also reported that he participated in a press conference with King County Executive Constantine about immigration. Further, he reported that there is a joint board meeting with the Northshore School District Board of Directors on March 6 and a joint meeting with Northshore Utility District Board of Directors on March 20.

City Manager Karlinsey showed some pictures from this recent trip to Washington DC and New York City.

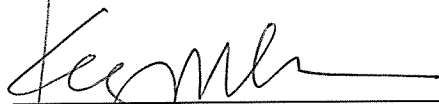
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk