

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2017

Dinner was served at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Kris Overlesse, Public Works Director; Bryan Hampson, Development Services Director; Debbie Bent, Community Development Director; Rod Kaseguma, City Attorney and Kelly Chelin, City Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

The Council led the flag salute.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE NORTHSORE UTILITY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

All City Councilmembers were in attendance along with the Northshore Utility District Board of Directors and Staff:

Don Ellis, Commissioner (President)
Matthew Breyse, Commissioner (Secretary)
Bruce Gardiner, Commissioner
Robert Peterson, Commissioner
Fanny Yee, General Manager
Al Nelson, Assistant General Manager
Dave Kaiser, Engineering Director
Steve Schommer, IT Director
Steve Hamilton, Finance Director

The Council provided an update to the board and staff on the following topics:

- Walkways and Waterways
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Downtown Redevelopment
- Lakepointe Development

Northshore Utility District provided an update to the City on the following topics:

- Change of Leadership at Northshore Utility District
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Operating and Financial Report

General Manager Fanny Yee reported that she will be retiring and Assistant General Manager Al Nelson will be taking over. The Council and the Board of Directors agreed that this joint meeting was useful and would like to commit to holding this meeting on an annual basis.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – 8:00 p.m.

Charles Crouch, 7409 NE 200th Street, Kenmore.

Mr. Crouch said the parking impact fee and sidewalk codes are a burden on his business. He said fees in the amount of \$30,000 are out of reach for a business owner like him. He stated that the City of Shoreline waived those fees for small businesses.

Jim McPhetridge, 22811 58th Drive SE, Bothell.

Mr. McPhetridge stated that he goes to the Kenmore CrossFit that Mr. Crouch owns. He urged the Council to reconsider at the fees on small businesses.

Amanda McPhetridge, 22811 58th Drive SE, Bothell.

Ms. McPhetridge stated that she is 14 years old. She stated that she loves working out at Kenmore CrossFit. She said it's a community and it would be sad for it to go away.

Jocelyn Halverson, 1718 236th Place SW, Bothell.

Ms. Halverson stated she agreed that the fees are too high for Kenmore CrossFit.

Laura Simbulan, 18325 83rd Place NE, Kenmore.

Ms. Simbulan stated that CrossFit is so important. It would be a great loss to lose Kenmore CrossFit.

Spencer Getz, 7512 NE Bothell Way, Apt 214, Kenmore.

Mr. Getz stated that Mr. Crouch has been a mentor to him. He urged the Council to not assess high fees that would make Kenmore CrossFit go out of business.

Lauren Mau, 24022 26th Drive SE, Bothell.

Ms. Mau stated that she is 13 years old. She enjoys CrossFit and it's a big part of her life.

Casey Hromada, 15416 221st Avenue NE, Woodinville.

Mr. Hromada stated CrossFit means a lot to him and veterans.

Sonta Kotike, 15416 221st Avenue NE, Woodinville.

Dr. Kotike relayed that she is a clinical psychologist. She said Kenmore CrossFit is a community.

Donald Taylor, 418 Dayton St, Apt 1, Edmonds.

Mr. Taylor stated that he loves being part of Kenmore CrossFit. He urged the Council to look at the fees.

Bill Arnestad, 12709 NE 133rd Place, Kirkland.

Mr. Arnestad stated that he knows the Council has a hard job. He stated that he spends a lot of money in Kenmore because of Kenmore CrossFit.

Bill Abdella, 18210 5th Avenue NE, Shoreline.

Mr. Abdella stated he loves Kenmore CrossFit. He is in the best shape from working out there.

Mike Breer, 19903 Ken Lake Drive, Kenmore (Spelling and address not confirmed).

He stated that he supports Kenmore CrossFit. He doesn't believe the fees are fair.

Jennifer Anderson, 15448 85th Avenue NE, Kenmore.

Ms. Anderson stated that the Council had an ordinance previously that waived the fees for small businesses. She urged the Council to continue this program.

Elisabeth Lepine, 7638 NE 196th Street, Kenmore.

Ms. Lepine stated that Kenmore CrossFit is a community like no other.

Molly Burdeen, 16400 Inglewood NE, Kenmore.

Ms. Burdeen stated that as a woman, Kenmore CrossFit has given her empowerment.

Rene Holderman, 16023 84th Avenue NE, Kenmore.

Ms. Holderman urged the Council to not let Kenmore CrossFit go away.

Karyn Mlodosky, 6261 NE 184th Street, Kenmore.

Ms. Mlodosky also urged the Council to not assess high fees on Kenmore CrossFit.

Greg Krueger, 19128 112th Avenue NE, Apt 417, Bothell.

Mr. Krueger also urged the Council to save Kenmore CrossFit.

Christina Jenkins, 8827 NE 144th Street, Kirkland.

Ms. Jenkins stated that she shops in Kenmore because of Kenmore CrossFit.

Jacob Packley, 1701 121st Street SE, Everett.

Mr. Packley stated that Kenmore CrossFit is a real community.

Rudy Gothenquirst, 15610 92nd Court NE, Bothell.

Ms. Gothenquirst told the Council that he appreciates the gym at Kenmore CrossFit.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments. He further stated that the Council will take these comments under advisement.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Housing Strategy Plan Prioritization of Strategies, Debbie Bent, Community Development Director and Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner

Director Bent explained that at the February 13, 2017 Council meeting, staff and ARCH introduced the direct assistance strategies to be considered as part of the Housing Strategy Plan. She stated the goals for tonight's meeting were the following:

1. Prioritize the five direct assistance strategies and determine which of these strategies, if any, should be added to the City Council work program for this year;
2. Determine whether the top four strategies recommended by the Planning Commission are appropriate;
3. Adopt the overall Housing Strategy Plan (overall report including priority strategies and unabridged matrix); and

4. Determine which one of the prioritized land use related strategies should be assigned to this year's Planning Commission docket.

In Attachment 1, staff has developed a priority recommendation for the direct assistance strategies, with the staff-recommended top priorities highlighted. Director Bent noted that as directed the Planning Commission did not consider or rank the direct assistance strategies, reserving that task for the City Council.

Attachment 2 identifies the four highest priority strategies recommended by the Planning Commission. As in Attachment 1, the staff recommendation for the top priority among the four Planning Commission strategies is highlighted. That strategy would have the Commission consider ways to preserve existing affordable housing, considering treatment of the manufactured housing communities and the ability to do density transfers from affordable properties. This issue is timely and would, potentially, protect already-existing affordable housing in Kenmore.

Attachment 3 is the unabridged matrix of strategies, including all of the Planning Commission recommendations. The matrix includes the review criteria for each strategy.

Attachment 4 is a response to the questions the City Council raised in February. Although the strategy selection is only the first step in analyzing whether or not an approach may be appropriate for Kenmore, this information will be useful moving forward as the related strategy is being assessed.

Council and staff discussed prioritizing the Housing Strategy Plan strategies for assignment to the Planning Commission docket and the City Council work program.

MOTION: Councilmember Herbig made a motion to have the source of income discrimination be moved from Tier 3 to a higher priority (making it a 5th bullet on attachment #2), Councilmember Baker seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-4 with Councilmember Curtis, Deputy Mayor Van Ness, Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Sperry voting no.

MOTION: Councilmember Denuski made a motion to approve the overall housing strategy plan, Councilmember Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment on Housing Strategies

Randy Bannecker, 820 4th Avenue, Seattle.

Mr. Bannecker stated that he was with the Association of Relators. He stated that here is a big demand for housing so looking at alternative housing is critical. He thanked the Council for all their work.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Smith reported there is a huge demand for housing. There were over 25 offers on a home in Kenmore recently.

Deputy Mayor Van Ness stated that he will report on the NLC Conference at the next meeting.

Mayor Baker reported that the City will be holding an event for Kenmore resident Gaby Borromeo, who is a contestant on the TV show "The Voice" on Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Mayor will be presenting a proclamation to Ms. Borromeo.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:57 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelly M. Chelin, City Clerk