

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER – The Kenmore City Council 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; Kris Overleese, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Debbie Bent, Community Development Director; Leslie Harris, Management Analyst; John Vicente, Capital Projects Manager; Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner; Cliff Sether, Police Chief; Rod Kaseguma, City Attorney; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Sheri Baker led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was Council consensus to approve the agenda as submitted.

PRESENTATION

Kenmore Waterfront Activities Center (KWAC) Report - Duncan Cox and Sheri Baker were present. Cox stated that the program will ideally have about 30 kids this year and that the dragon boat club is the biggest success so far. They have added standup paddle board for this year, and there will be classes on water and boat safety. He stated that Debra Srebnick is working with the Pocock Foundation regarding rowing opportunities at Rhododendron Park. The group is looking to build the kayaking program, and their goal as a group is to get people in the water safely. He thanked the Council for their support. Sheri Baker stated that she recently put e-flyers out in the School District and packets at the elementary schools and the junior high. She noted that they are planning a couple of events, including an awakening ceremony with the dragon boat, and an all hand-powered watercraft race from Redmond to Kenmore on the 21st of May.

PROCLAMATION

Volunteer Appreciation Month, April 2016

Mayor Baker read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Leslie Harris, Management Analyst.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Elizabeth Mooney, 5934 NE 201st Street, Kenmore, was present to thank the Council for their support in opposition to the SR520 bridge demolition in Kenmore, and to note that the public comment period for that work ends on April 1st.

Janet Hayes, 6303 NE 181st, Kenmore, was present to say that the SR520 bridge demolition hearing that she had heard about will take place in Bellevue, and that some citizens are attempting to get it changed to Kenmore.

City Manager Karlinsey stated that the City would like to ask for an extension of the public comment period, as well as a hearing, regarding the SR520 bridge demolition work.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Laurie Sperry moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Deputy Mayor Van Ness seconded the motion to the Adopt Minutes for the March 14, 2016 City Council Meeting; Approve the Following Checks and Electronic Payments for Payment: Total Check Numbers 34000 through 34082 in the Amount of \$563,483.90, and Total Electronic Deposits Dated 3/4/2016 in the Amount of \$75,614.06; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Interlocal Agreement with Lake Forest Park, Contract No. 16-C1538, for SR 522/523 Consultant Costs. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance No. 16-0418, Proposed Changes to the Public Agency Utility Exception (PAUE) to the City's Critical Areas Regulations in KMC 18.55 - Debbie Bent, Community Development Director, and Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner, were present to give a brief report. Director Bent gave a history of bringing this ordinance to Council, stating that this is the second public hearing. Senior Planner Anderson summarized the PAUE and stated that the reason for this Ordinance is to clarify the original intent of the provision. She stated that five e-mailed comments, all in opposition to the Ordinance, were submitted today for the public hearing. She clarified that all the e-mails stated that the PAUE could be used by private developers, but in fact it can only be used by a public agency or a utility. She gave some broad details of the proposed amendments. They were also available to answer any questions.

Mayor Baker opened the public hearing to receive public testimony on this issue at 7:23 p.m.

The following citizens spoke:

Janet Hays, 6303 NE 181st Street, Kenmore, was present to ask whether any of the other jurisdictions that have used the PAUE have State parks. She also asked if this has anything to do with PSE franchise negotiations.

Elizabeth Mooney, 5934 NE 201st Street, stated her concerns regarding the proposed changes to the PAUE to the City's critical areas regulations.

Anne Anderson, 16304 81st Place NE, Kenmore, stated her concerns regarding the proposed changes to the PAUE to the City's critical areas regulations.

Amy McKendry, Kenmore; Christine Damico, Kirkland; Anne Anderson, Kenmore; Rebecca Hirt; and Judith Finn, Seattle, all submitted testimony via e-mail to state their concerns regarding the proposed changes to the PAUE to the City's critical areas regulations.

As there were no other citizens wishing to be heard, Mayor Baker closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Adopt Ordinance No. 16-0418, Public Agency Utility Exception (PAUE) Amendments - Debbie Bent, Community Development Director, and Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner, were available to answer any additional questions. Anderson stated that these amendments have nothing to do with the PSE franchise negotiations.

Councilmember Smith moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 16-0418, Public Agency Utility Exception (PAUE) Amendments to the City's Critical Areas Regulations. Mayor Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-1, with Councilmember Herbig voting no.

Time-Limited Parking Discussion - Leslie Harris, Management Analyst, and Cliff Sether, Police Chief, were present to give a brief report. Harris stated that she will present an overview of a draft ordinance for Council discussion. The draft ordinance provides for maximum periods of parking on City streets and in City-owned parking lots. It also adds new KMC sections, unlimited period parking zones, and a section on permit exemption from the maximum parking period.

Harris stated that the goal of the ordinance is to increase the availability of parking on City streets and in City-owned parking lots, particularly at City Hall, at the Town Green site, and for downtown customers. She also gave a more detailed overview of the ordinance. She noted that there would be a notification process before the ordinance goes into effect and that the police would issue only warnings for a week after implementation. She stated that the proposed ordinance would be brought before Council in April. They were available to answer any questions. Kris Overleese, Public Works Director, was also available to answer any questions.

2015 Annual Police Services Report - Cliff Sether, Police Chief, highlighted some areas of the written report. He detailed some federally mandated changes coming up in April that will change the way crimes are reported, and make it look like crime has gone up drastically. He stated, however, that this is a function of the changes, because the reporting will be more detailed. For example, assault will be broken down into a number of categories instead of just one category. It is recommended to go two full years to establish a baseline, and then begin the year-to-year comparisons again. The police department will put some educational materials out to the public. He was also available to answer any questions. City Manager Karlinsey made a few comments regarding the City's police department.

ADA Assessment Update & Presentation - John Vicente, Capital Projects Manager, and Kris Overleese, Public Works Director/City Engineer, were present to give a brief report. Capital Projects Manager Vicente gave a PowerPoint presentation, including American Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements; details of the three-phase approach, in which Phase 1 is right-of-way assessment; the data collection process; results of the assessment; when the City is required to bring things up to compliance; an explanation of Maximum Extent Feasible (MEF); and next steps.

He stated that if a City is not making progress toward federal compliance with these requirements, they may lose any federal funding. Director Overleese stated that the City makes all of our new projects ADA compliant to the maximum extent possible and does retrofits with overlay projects. We are also educating our utility partners when they do work in the City.

City Attorney Kaseguma made some comments regarding compliance with the ADA requirements and timelines for compliance. Overleese stated that she will be coming back to Council within a month or two regarding cleaning up our Code language regarding maintenance of frontage property, such as sidewalks. City Manager Karlinsey noted that interpretations of ADA requirements are changing all the time, which makes it hard to keep up. In fact, we have some ramps that have been recently redone to meet ADA requirements which are now out of compliance.

STAFF REPORT

City Manager Karlinsey stated that tomorrow night he, Mayor Baker and Debbie Bent will meet with several State Parks commissioners at a recreational complex in Tacoma which has the latest technology in ball field lighting. Our landscape architect will be there as well. On Thursday they will go before the WA State Parks Commission. They will give a presentation at about 2 p.m. that day. He noted that this is Council's last regular meeting until April 18th. He mentioned the special thank you event for our State Legislative Delegation on Tuesday, April 5th, and a 522 Transit Now! Coalition meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Van Ness made a motion to amend the agenda to include Councilmember Reports and Comments. Mayor Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

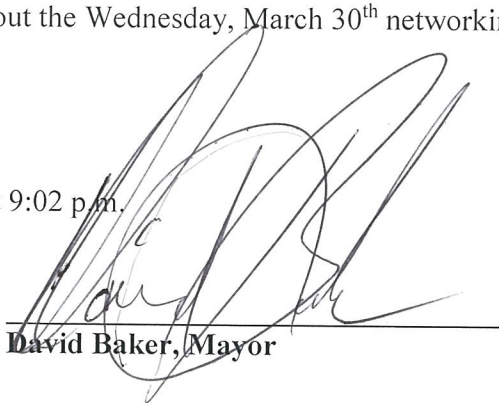
CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Van Ness discussed a book he recently read on classification of workers and how they contribute to the economy. According to his reading, the way we run the business incubator and promote fun in the City, as well as other things the City is doing, contribute to fostering the creative workers in an economy.

Mayor Baker stated that he went to an ST3 meeting last Friday and that Kenmore's asks are still in the running. He attended the Executive State of the County today, and suggested they hold it in Kenmore next year. He reminded Council about the Wednesday, March 30th networking dinner at Inglewood.

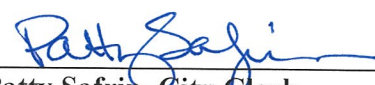
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the regular meeting at 9:02 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safrin, City Clerk