

**City of Kenmore
City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 15, 2024**

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Meeting video and audio is available on the City YouTube channel.

PRESENT:

Councilmembers: Mayor Nigel Herbig
Deputy Mayor Melanie O’Cain
Councilmember Joe Marshall
Councilmember Debra Srebnik
Councilmember Valerie Sasson
Councilmember Jon Culver
Councilmember Nathan Loutsis

Staff: City Manager Rob Karlinsey
Deputy City Manager Stephanie Lucash
City Attorney Dawn Reitan
City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol
Deputy City Clerk Michelle Kang
Environmental Services Director Richard Sawyer
Communications Specialist Lauren Chomiak
Community Development Director Debbie Bent

Speaking Guests: Mariana Lassalle, Proclamation Recipient
Paul Westfall, Proclamation Recipient
Ryan Luckin, Ziply Fiber Vice President of Marketing

Public Comments Speaking Guests:
Mariana Lassalle, Kenmore Resident
Elizabeth Mooney, Kenmore Resident
Stacey Valenzuela, Kenmore Resident – virtual
Patrick O’Brien, Kenmore Resident – virtual
Janet Hays, Kenmore Resident – virtual

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Herbig called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Herbig read the Land Acknowledgement Honoring First Peoples.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Herbig led the Council in the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS

- A. Mayor Herbig, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April 22, 2024, as Earth Day. The proclamation was accepted by Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee Member Mariana Lassalle. Ms. Lassalle noted Kenmore is rich in opportunities to get engaged. She encouraged each person to educate themselves to become good environmental stewards.

[Earth Day \(April 22, 2024\)](#)

- B. Mayor Herbig, on behalf of the City Council, proclaimed April 26, 2024, as Arbor Day. The proclamation was accepted by Sno-King Watershed Volunteer Paul Westfall.

[Arbor Day \(April 26, 2024\)](#)

WHERE'S THE FUN?

Communications Specialist Lauren Chomiak highlighted this past weekend's Kenmore Hydro Cup, presented by Plywood Supply, Inc. and 192 Brewing Company.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council took comments from the public.

Timestamped link here: https://youtube.com/live/_k9MiEQI3Kw.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Total Check #s 54064 through 54130 totaling \$491,762.88 and Total Payroll/Taxes/Flexible Spending/Retirement & Health Savings Account Electronic Deposits Dated 3/22/2024 in the amount totaling \$378,345.60, ACH Payment #s 1565 through 1582 totaling \$59,824.16, and Wire Transfer totaling \$1,495,285.28.

[Voucher Certification and Approval 3/16/2024 through 3/29/2024](#)

MOTION: Deputy Mayor O'Cain moved to approve the consent agenda outlined above. Mayor Herbig seconded the motion.

VOTE: Consent Agenda was approved by **UNANIMOUS CONSENT**.

PRESENTATIONS

Ziply Fiber Vice President of Marketing Ryan Luckin presented the City Council with the Ziply Fiber award: America's Fastest Internet Certification. The Council took a photo with Mr. Luckin.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Muck Creek Restoration Project, presented by Environmental Services Director Richard Sawyer

[Agenda Bill - Muck Creek Restoration Project](#)

Environmental Services Director Richard Sawyer explained that the City is engaged in a stream restoration project on a 1.34-acre site at 18727 73rd AVE NE to mitigate damage from the 68th AVE NE Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project, which impacted Muck Creek. Instead of the initial plan to replace culverts in Blueberry Creek, the City, after consultations with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and Tribal biologists, decided to restore Muck Creek directly. This site, purchased for \$680,000—partly funded by a King County grant—previously had a flood-prone home, now demolished. The restoration, planned for 2024 or 2025, will reconfigure the creek to enhance habitat, add large woody material, and plant 290 trees. This project aligns with the City's environmental stewardship objectives under its Climate Action Plan.

- B. Love Where You Live Project Community Engagement Update, presented by Communications Specialist Lauren Chomiak

[Presentation](#)

Communications Specialist Lauren Chomiak outlined the progress of the "Love Where You Live" project in Kenmore, initiated in the summer of 2023 as a year-long community engagement effort to gather feedback on local values and priorities. Utilizing the "Dream, Play, Build" method, the project captured over 1,100 responses and ideas during its first phase through events and surveys, highlighting strong community interest in spaces and economic development, particularly concerning downtown and Lakepointe areas. The second phase included additional community workshops and surveys, totaling 550 new responses. Upcoming discussions at City Council meetings will focus on future steps and funding options for these areas, with final reports and strategic plans to be presented in mid-2024.

- C. Downtown and Lakepointe Update, presented by City Manager Rob Karlinsey and Community Development Director Debbie Bent

[Memo - Downtown and Lakepointe Update](#)

The City of Kenmore is updating its Comprehensive Plan focusing on Downtown and Lakepointe areas, with the Planning Commission expected to make recommendations by

September for City Council adoption by year-end. The Urban Land Institute provided ideas for downtown revitalization, which will be incorporated into the planning process with a final report due in June. Community engagement under the "Love Where You Live" project has been significant, gathering insights for downtown and Lakepointe development through workshops and surveys, the results of which will be discussed in upcoming City Council meetings. For Lakepointe, grant applications have been submitted for shoreline acquisition, and negotiations with the property owner are ongoing for additional land for active recreation. City Manager Karlinsey explained that the City would be conducting environmental due diligence and developing a funding strategy. The strategy may include a ballot measure for voter approval. These discussions will continue at the Council retreat, scheduled for April 26th and 27th.

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Herbig adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m.


Nigel G. Herbig (May 28, 2024 14:56 PDT)

Nigel Herbig, Mayor


Anastasiya Warhol (May 22, 2024 18:52 PDT)

Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk

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Final Audit Report

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