City of Kenmore
City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 28, 2025

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PRESENT:

Councilmembers: Mayor Nigel Herbig
Deputy Mayor Melanie O'Cain
Councilmember Joe Marshall
Councilmember Debra Srebnik
Councilmember Valerie Sasson
Councilmember Jon Culver (*excused)*
Councilmember Nathan Loutsis

Staff: Interim City Manager Stephanie Lucash
Interim Deputy City Manager Tambi Cork
City Attorney Dawn Reitan
City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol
Deputy City Clerk Michelle Kang
Kenmore Police Chief Brandon Moen

Speaking Guests: Troy Drawz, Proclamation Recipient
Judge Karama Hawkins
Judge Raul Martinez
Kimberly Howells, King County District Court (KCDC) Court Operations Director - Cities
Marina Konstantinova, KCDC Court Manager – Shoreline Courthouse
Whitney Eischen, KCDC Court Coordinator – Shoreline Courthouse
Prosecutor Sarah Roberts
Public Defender Jeff MacNichols
Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency Executive Director Brook Buettner

Public Comments Speaking Guests:
Patrick O'Brien, Kenmore Resident
Steve Yoder, Kenmore Resident
Stacey Valenzuela, Kenmore Resident

David Dorrian, Kenmore Resident

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 Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL
The agenda was approved as presented.

PROCLAMATIONS
A. The Kenmore City Council proclaimed May 2025 as Affordable Housing Month throughout the City of Kenmore. Imagine Housing Vice President of Real Estate Development Troy Drawz accepted this year's proclamation.
Affordable Housing Month - May 2025

B. The Kenmore City Council proclaimed May 2025 as Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Month throughout the City of Kenmore.
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Month - May 2025

C. The Kenmore City Council proclaimed May 2025 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month throughout the City of Kenmore.
Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month - May 2025

WHERE'S THE FUN?
Interim City Manager Stephanie Lucash highlighted the City's Earth Day celebration event that took place this past Saturday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
The City Council received comments from the public.
Timestamped link here:
https://www.youtube.com/live/1mmXgo1200w?si=jqqHsJrERXSDlMWs&t=682.

CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approve Total Check #s 56073 through 56177 totaling $1,364,134.87, Total Payroll/Taxes/Flexible Spending/Retirement & Health Savings Account Electronic Deposits Dated 04/04/2025 in the amount totaling $349,898.78, and Total EFT Payments #s 1817 through 11819 totaling $21,786.85.

Voucher Certification & Approval 3/29/2025 - 04/11/2025

B. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute Contract No. 24-C3087 with A-1 Landscaping and Construction Inc. for an amount up to $4,013,300 (including 10% contingency) to complete the 61st Avenue NE Sidewalk Replacement project construction.
Agenda Bill - Bid No. 24-C3087
Attachment 1 - Bid Tabulations

C. Authorize the Interim City Manager to execute Interlocal Agreement No. 25-C3135 with King County to accept grant funds totaling $33,750 to install fleet charging ports in the City Hall garage.
Agenda Bill - Contract No. 25-C3135

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda outlined above.
Moved by Marshall; seconded by Loutsis.
VOTE: Consent Agenda was approved by UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

PUBLIC SAFETY STUDY SESSION AGENDA

- King County District Court - State of the Court 2025, presented by
  - Judge Karama Hawkins
  - Judge Raul Martinez
  - Kimberly Howells, King County District Court (KCDC) Court Operations Director - Cities
  - Marina Konstantinova, KCDC Court Manager – Shoreline Courthouse
  - Whitney Eischen, KCDC Court Coordinator – Shoreline Courthouse
  - Karra Wilson, KCDC Community Court Coordinator – Shoreline/Kenmore Community Court
  - Brittany Morak, KCDC Community Court Case Manager – Shoreline/Kenmore Community Court
- Kenmore Prosecutor Update, presented by Prosecutor Sarah Roberts
- Kenmore Public Defender Update, presented by Public Defender Jeff MacNichols
- Regional Crisis Response (RCR) Agency Update, presented by Executive Director Brook Buettner
  Presentation - Public Safety Study Session

- Police Services Report 2024, presented by Kenmore Police Chief Brandon Moen
  Presentation
  2024 Police Service Report

Kenmore City Council received updates from King County District Court Judges Karama Hawkins and Raul Martinez, City Prosecutor Sarah Roberts, Public Defender Jeff MacNichols, and Brook Buettner from the Regional Crisis Response Agency. The court

presentation focused on how misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor cases are processed, with Prosecutor Roberts highlighting efforts to prioritize justice over punishment and the use of alternatives to jail such as Community Court, Mental Health Court, and Veterans Court. MacNichols emphasized the Public Defender's role in connecting clients with essential support services like housing, treatment, and immigration help, while also noting ongoing staffing challenges. Buettner shared that the Regional Crisis Response Agency assisted 88 individuals through 212 encounters in Kenmore in 2024, helping reduce law enforcement involvement in behavioral health crises by providing de-escalation, referrals, and follow-up care.

Police Chief Brandon Moen presented the 2024 Police Services Report. The Kenmore Police Department currently includes 1 chief, 12 patrol officers (with 2 vacancies), and 1 detective, with 24/7 patrol coverage supported through a shared supervision agreement with Shoreline PD. Kenmore maintains one of the lowest officer-to-resident ratios in King County and Washington State (0.62 officers per 1,000 residents), yet was ranked the 5th safest city in Washington by Safewise in 2024. The department responded to 3,032 calls for service, 5,754 officer-initiated actions, and reviewed over 27,000 automated enforcement violations. Community engagement initiatives included the Safe Place program, traffic safety emphasis efforts, and free resources like gun locks and prescription drop boxes. The department also continued its implementation of body-worn cameras, with plans to equip vehicles with in-car video systems by the end of 2025. Crime trends in 2024 showed a decline in property crimes, burglaries, and collisions, but a rise in crimes against persons and motor vehicle theft. Two use-of-force incidents were reviewed and found to be within policy.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the safety and justice work provided by these partners.

STAFF REPORTS

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Herbig adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:31 PM.

Nigel Herbig (Jun 6, 2025 10:00 PDT)

Nigel Herbig, Mayor

Anastasiya Warhol (Jun 2, 2025 10:33 PDT)

Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk

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