

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
June 15, 2015

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of the Kenmore City Council was called to order by Mayor David Baker at 7:01 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor David Baker, Deputy Mayor Allan Van Ness and Councilmembers Laurie Sperry, Nigel Herbig and Stacey Denuski

Councilmembers excused: Councilmembers Brent Smith and Milton Curtis

Staff present: Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Kris Overleese, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Debbie Bent, Community Development Director; Leslie Harris, Community Relations Manager/Policy Analyst; Zack Richards, Capital Projects Manager; Brennan Jernigan, Graduate Intern; Rod Kaseguma, City Attorney; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Boy Scout David Popowicz led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was Council consensus to approve the agenda as submitted.

PRESENTATIONS

Honoring Dr. Daniel Church, Outgoing President of Bastyr University – Dr. Church was honored for his accomplishments and contributions to the University and the City of Kenmore. During the ten years of his leadership, Bastyr experienced unprecedented achievement and growth. In honor of Dr. Church's leadership and community partnership, the City bestowed upon him the very first "Key to the City." Mayor Baker made a statement thanking Dr. Church and detailing some of his contributions to the City. Councilmembers Sperry, Herbig and Denuski and Deputy Mayor Van Ness also thanked him for all he has done for our community and offered him their best wishes for his retirement. Former Councilmember Glenn Rogers made a statement as well. Dr. Church stated that it is very flattering to have the affirmation, friendship and support of people in the City. He stated that the maturation of the City during the time that he has been here, since the City incorporated, not only matches but outshines what has happened at the University. He credited his colleagues at Bastyr for the progress that Bastyr has made.

Sound Transit 3 (ST3) Presentation - Debbie Bent, Director of Community Development; Matthew Bott, East King County Government & Community Affairs Office; and Chris Rule, Sound Transit Associate Planner, were present to discuss the Sound Transit 3. They were also available to answer any questions.

Matthew Bott gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the history and purpose of Sound Transit and who they serve. He noted that there are three types of service: ST Express buses, standard commuter trains, and light rail. Chris Rule reviewed the ST3 timeline and how projects were selected and evaluated for inclusion. He stated that they are currently in the process of gathering feedback on the draft priority projects list, after which projects will be reevaluated by the Board to come up with a final list of projects which can be paid for by a potential ballot measure. He detailed the various ways in which the public can be involved, including public meetings and the website.

Mayor Baker stated the City's main priorities. He and other Councilmembers explained why these priorities are so important for Kenmore. Assistant City Manager Nancy Ousley noted that there is a meeting this Wednesday night at the City for those in the community who would like to participate in this process of providing feedback to Sound Transit.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

John Kropf, 350 N 190th Street, Shoreline, was present to talk about SkyTran transportation systems.

Doug Levy, 15619 62nd Place NE, Kenmore, was present to state that he hopes the Council will go forward boldly in 2016 because our local transportation system and local parks and recreation needs in the City are urgent. He stated that, in his opinion, the City needs to make infrastructure investments that are not dependent on grants.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Van Ness moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Mayor Baker seconded the motion to Adopt the Minutes for the June 1, 2015 Joint City Council & Planning Commission Special Meeting and Approve Contract No. 15-C1420 with Road Construction NW for 2015 Sidewalk Gaps Project Construction. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Threshold Decision Approving Further Review of a Development Agreement with Bastyr University - Debbie Bent, Community Development Director was present to give a brief report. She was also available to answer any questions.

Director Bent stated that she is looking for a motion from Council to authorize staff to go forward with further review of a potential development agreement with Bastyr University. She stated that everything in the currently adopted Master Plan would be the same, just the term of the Master Plan would be extended by five years. Staff would also like to extend the ball field lease with Bastyr. Attorney Kaseguma stated that he is planning to present the development agreement by ordinance and the ball field lease extension by resolution in order to keep them separate.

Deputy Mayor Van Ness moved to Approve Further Review of a Development Agreement with Bastyr University. Mayor Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

March 2015 Financial Report for the City of Kenmore, Washington - Joanne Gregory, Finance and Administration Director, was present to give a brief review of the financial report. She was also available to answer any questions.

Director Gregory stated that the 2013-2014 budget period was closed with much better than anticipated results. Staff's plan is to transfer about \$800,000, or more if Council wishes to, to the Strategic Opportunities Fund. She stated that the first quarter of 2015 has been stable, with General Fund revenues as expected or even a little better, especially sales tax and development fees. General Fund expenses for March are low due to the fact that the invoice for Police services does not get paid until May or June and the fact that none of the \$1,000,000 in transfers from the General Fund have been recorded yet. She noted that nondepartmental expenditures were transferred to Finance and other departments with the switch to Priority-Based Budgeting.

Councilmember Denuski moved to Accept the March 2015 Financial Report for the City of Kenmore, Washington, as submitted. Mayor Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion of Parks & Transportation Funding Evaluation by Berk & Associates - Kris Overleese, Public Works Director/City Engineer, and team members, Allegra Calder, Principal with Berk & Associates; Natasha Fedo, Manager with Berk & Associates and Project Lead; Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Debbie Bent, Community Development Director; and Leslie Harris, Community Relations Manager/Policy Analyst, were present to give a brief report on the project. They were also available to answer any questions.

Director Overleese provided a PowerPoint presentation. She detailed the project objectives, which are to engage the community in conversation about wanted improvements (community "wish list"); narrow the list down with the public's help; and determine funding options and community appetite for financing mechanisms outside the current budget. Natasha Fedo stated that they are looking for direction from the Council in terms of potential project elements and possible ballot dates. Overleese noted that after hearing from Council tonight, Berk will put the team strategy into writing. Then staff would bring that back to Council for approval. After approval, Berk would be under contract for the project. Fedo reviewed the steps and scheduling that would be involved in preparing for a ballot measure.

It was Council consensus that if there is a ballot measure, staff should aim for August 2016, with November 2016 as a backup date.

STAFF REPORT

Assistant City Manager Ousley noted that the City will have a Community Meeting on Wednesday, June 17th at 7:00 p.m. She stated that we have just concluded a week-plus of food trucks, and they did very well. A new brewery is now renting the downstairs portion of the building where the Business Incubator is located.

Rod Kaseguma stated that five Councilmembers must vote in favor an ordinance approving a development agreement in order for it to pass.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilmember Sperry stated that she is thrilled to see that there is a good solution for the Arrowhead crosswalk.

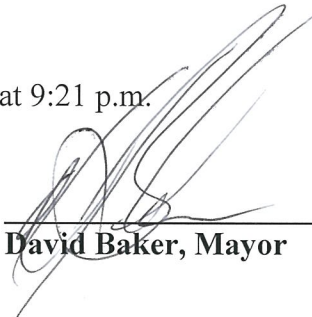
Councilmember Denuski inquired about next steps for food trucks.

Deputy Mayor Van Ness reported on a trip to Salt Lake City last week with the Mayor at a very productive meeting of the National League of Cities. He is on the transportation committee, and they had a lot of time to discuss policies this year, unlike last year. He stated that the City ought to look into being members of the International Town and Gown Association with Bastyr University.

Mayor Baker noted that the light rail in Salt Lake City was very good. He stated that he was asked to do something for KaBOOM!, so he shot some video. He showed this "Playability in Kenmore" video. He stated that he is proud that the City has been recognized as a Playful City USA for the 6th year in a row. The video is going to be released nationwide, and KaBOOM! is going to feature it this Wednesday. He noted that he has been following Councilmember Smith's trip blog and some ideas he has come across for adding fun to Kenmore. He stated that he spoke to the owner of the Maximus/Minimus food truck, and they would like to come back every Monday during the summer unless they have an event scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the regular meeting at 9:21 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safran, City Clerk