

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of the Kenmore City Council was called to order by Mayor David Baker at 7:02 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor David Baker and Councilmembers Brent Smith, Laurie Sperry, Milton Curtis, Nigel Herbig and Stacey Denuski

Councilmembers excused: Deputy Mayor Allan Van Ness

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Kris Overleese, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Kent Vaughan, Senior Civil Engineer; Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner; Brett Schock, Traffic Engineer; Rod Kaseguma, City Attorney; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Baker led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was Council consensus to approve the agenda as submitted.

PROCLAMATION

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month - October 2015 - Mayor Baker made a few comments about National Domestic Violence Month and urged people to display purple porch lights indicating their support of the national campaign.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Corina Pfeil, 18904 68th Avenue NE, Kenmore, was present to state her concerns regarding pedestrian safety in the City. She also expressed her interest in increasingly green practices in the City and support of green businesses.

Carl Michelman, 18023 62nd Avenue NE, Kenmore, was present to ask the Council to support the citizen request for a utility pole realignment in the SR 522 West A project at 62nd Avenue NE.

Ian MacDonald, 18018 62nd Avenue NE, Kenmore, was present to ask the Council to support his request for a utility pole realignment in the SR 522 West A project at 62nd Avenue NE. He submitted some information and photos to Council.

Anne Anderson, 16304 81st Place NE, Kenmore, was present to thank staff for their help and to express her concerns about protecting trees in Kenmore, enforcement of City tree regulations, and better communication with citizens regarding new development.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments. City Manager Karlinsey noted that citizens can sign up on the City website to receive all land use notices via e-mail.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Mayor Baker seconded the motion to Approve Check Nos. 32854 - 32930 in the Amount of \$323,052.19 and Electronically Transferred Payroll Funds Totaling \$80,940.22 for the Period Ending September 11, 2015; Authorize the City Manager to Award Bid for Town Green Project; and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract No. 15-C1465 for 61st Avenue Void Repair. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Discussion & Approval of Ordinance No. 15-0405, Speed Limit Change at NE 175th Street between 61st and 73rd Avenues NE - Kris Overleese, Public Works Director/City Engineer, and Brett Schock, Traffic Engineer, were present to give a brief report. Traffic Engineer Schock stated that, in response to citizen and staff requests, a speed limit study was initiated by King County staff. He stated that he has reviewed the results of the study and agrees with the recommendation to lower the speed limit on this stretch of road to 30 mph.

Councilmember Herbig moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 15-0405, Speed Limit Change at NE 175th Street between 61st and 73rd Avenues NE. Councilmember Denuski seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) District Overlay Continued Review - Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner, and Arthur Sullivan, Executive Director of ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing), were present to give a report. Senior Planner Anderson reviewed the purpose and function of the proposed TOD District Overlay, and gave a general overview of the proposal. She stated that the TOD would help improve pedestrian connectivity by creating an extensive network of sidewalks and pedestrian walkways.

In response to Council questions, staff is recommending two changes to the TOD draft regulations, one regarding the affordable housing component for pioneer projects and one to eliminate the minimum distance between trees in a tree grove. Staff is also recommending a new amendment that would clarify that preservation of significant tree groves in critical areas or their buffers would not merit a density bonus or reduced parking. They were available to answer additional questions. Anderson stated that staff has scheduled the public hearing and adoption for October 12th in order to be able to demonstrate to Sound Transit that the City has a TOD program in place.

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STAFF REPORT

SR 522 West A 62nd Avenue Power Pole Realignment - Kris Overleese, Public Works Director/City Engineer, and Kent Vaughan, Senior Civil Engineer, were present to give a brief report. City Manager Karlinsey noted that normally this would be a staff level decision, but that it is a more costly move than he is comfortable going ahead with without Council direction. Director Overleese provided an introduction to the issue, how it came about, and how staff has dealt with the problem thus far. She stated that staff has received clearance from WSDOT to move the pole, and that funding would come from the project contingency. She stated that technically this move is feasible. Senior Civil Engineer Vaughan noted that some of the wires would still be aerial rather than undergrounded after the move. They were available to answer any questions.

Councilmember Denuski moved to authorize the City Manager to move the pole. Mayor Baker seconded the motion.

Councilmember Curtis moved to amend the motion to include asking the homeowners who will have the pole moved in front of them if this would present a problem for them.

Councilmember Denuski seconded the motion. The motion failed 2-4, with Councilmembers Smith, Sperry, and Herbig and Mayor Baker voting no.

Councilmember Smith moved to require the homeowner to pay the \$10,000 difference between the cost of having put the pole in the homeowner's desired location in the first place and the cost of moving it now. Councilmember Curtis seconded the motion. The motion failed 2-4, with Mayor Baker and Councilmembers Denuski, Herbig and Sperry voting no.

The main motion, without amendments, passed 4-2, with Councilmembers Curtis and Smith voting no.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilmember Herbig stated he thinks it might be worth taking a look at the "your speed is" sign at the intersection mentioned by the first speaker during the citizen comment period.

Councilmember Denuski reported on her trip to Washington DC, with Mayor Baker, for the Let's Move event at the White House.

Mayor Baker stated that he met with our legislative delegation and spoke with Representative DelBene's staff, and they are in favor of supporting the City for \$260,000 for EIS that the Army Corps of Engineers says is our next step. The Chief of Staff for Senator Cantwell has stated he will fix the immigration system at Kenmore Air. Senator Murray is not supportive of our dredging project or EIS at this time due to other projects in Washington needing attention. He reported on a National League of Cities leadership training he attended. He noted the current painted fire hydrants and stated that the City, in cooperation with Kenmore Arts, is going to run a contest in the schools next spring, and have the winning students decorate the fire hydrants around the schools.

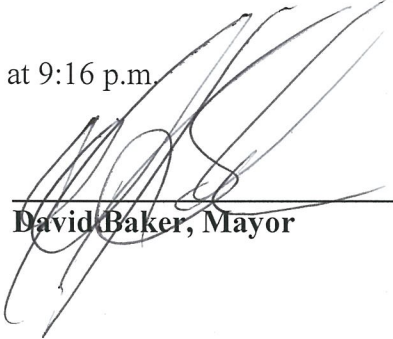
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Baker recessed the regular meeting to an executive session at 8:51 p.m. to discuss Potential Litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). He stated that the executive session will last for approximately 20 minutes and that action may be taken when the meeting is reconvened.

Mayor Baker resumed the regular meeting at 9:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the regular meeting at 9:16 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safrin, City Clerk