

**City of Kenmore
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
October 19, 2020**

CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

PRESENT:

Councilmembers:

Mayor David Baker
Deputy Mayor Nigel Herbig
Councilmember Joe Marshall
Councilmember Milton Curtis
Councilmember Debra Srebnik
Councilmember Corina Pfeil
Councilmember Melanie O'Cain

Staff:

City Manager Rob Karlinsey
Assistant City Manager Nancy Ousley
Finance & Administration Director Joanne Gregory
Community Development Director Debbie Bent
City Engineer John Vicente
Environmental Services Manager Richard Sawyer
City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol
City Attorney Dawn Reitan
Recreation Coordinator Rita Moreno

Speaking Guests:

Stacey Valenzuela, Kenmore Resident
David Morton, Redmond Resident
Elizabeth Mooney, Kenmore Resident
John Peebles, Kenmore Resident
Carl Michelman, Kenmore Resident
Patrick O'Brien, Kenmore Resident
Phillis Finley, Kenmore Resident

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Baker led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Curtis moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Councilmember O’Cain seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

The consent agenda included the following items:

- A. Minutes:
 - September 28, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - October 05, 2020 Special Meeting
- B. Approve Check #s 45704 through 45819 in the amount of \$1,045,989.95. Total Payroll/Taxes/Flexible Spending/Retirement & Health Savings Account Electronic Deposits Dated 9/25/2020 in the amount of \$160,647.02.
 - Voucher Certification and Approval Report
 - Check Report

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Stacey Valenzuela – Kenmore Resident, reiterated health and environmental concerns regarding the Cadman Asphalt Plant. She also mentioned a dangerous driving condition on Simonds Road, and finally encouraged the Council to recognize Kenmore veterans and their families with a proclamation in November.
- David Morton, Redmond resident, expressed health and environmental concerns relating to the Cadman Asphalt Plant. Specifically, he is concerned that Cadman is not using performance graded asphalt cement, but cutback asphalt to make HMA.
- John Peebles, a Kenmore resident, expressed disapproval over the Supreme Court’s decision regarding \$30 car tabs. Also, he spoke in support of or a recently suspended local radio host.
- Patrick O’Brien, a Kenmore resident, expressed health and environmental concerns regarding the Cadman Asphalt Plant and praised the city’s recent resident-organized protest outside of the Cadman plant.
- Elizabeth Mooney, a Kenmore resident. She reiterated her concerns for the health and safety of residents and the environment. She was encouraged by the City’s upcoming communication with Cadman regarding emission testing requested to be included.
- Carl Michelman, a Kenmore resident, suggested that the Council consider making salary or staffing budget cuts as part of the proposed budget.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Tax Levy Necessary to Meet Authorized Tax-Supported Estimated Expenses for the Year 2021

Finance and Administration Director Joanne Gregory explained that each year the City must set the tax levy for the ensuing year and hold a public hearing prior to approval of the levy. The City is allowed to increase its levy by the lesser of one (1) percent or the percentage increase in the July IPD (Implicit Price Deflator). The IPD this year is 0.601520/o (which is less than 1%). The state Department of Revenue (DOR) calculates the IPD using the most recent quarterly numbers reported by the federal Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). The IPD is a measure of inflation. Every month BEA publishes an estimate of the quarterly IPD numbers. These quarterly numbers are seasonally adjusted each year in July or August and these seasonal numbers form the basis for the prior year IPD personal consumption expenditure number that is used by DOR to calculate inflation. In 2020 the property tax levy was \$5,306,431. For 2021, the Proposed 2021—2022 Biennial Budget includes a 0.601520/increase bringing the 2021 levy to \$5,383,410. This includes the preliminary estimate of new construction taxes of \$45,000. The 0.601520/increase in the property tax levy will not have a significant impact on the tax that a homeowner pays, especially in this era of rising home values. Based on the City's expected assessed value for 2021, the levy rate should be about \$.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value. On a \$500,000 home in the City, the annual tax with a 0.601520/increase and a rate of \$.99 would be \$495.

Mayor Baker opened the Public Hearing at 7:35PM

- Stacey Valenzuela, a Kenmore resident, spoke in opposition to the property tax levy citing financial challenges for vulnerable residents in Kenmore, especially exasperated during the pandemic.
- Phyllis Finley, a Redmond resident, spoke in opposition to any tax increases for Kenmore Residents. She spoke in favor of making financial cuts in City Hall.
- Patrick O'Brien, a Kenmore resident, spoke in favor of making alternative service or staffing cuts in lieu of additional taxes.
- John Peeples, a Kenmore resident, echoed Patrick O'Brien's comments and spoke in favor of considering alternative service or staffing costs.
- Carl Michelman, a Kenmore resident, spoke in opposition to the property tax levy and suggested that the Council consider alternative means to save costs.

Mayor Baker closed the Public Hearing at 7:51PM

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Presentation of 2021-2022 Proposed Biennial Budget: City Council, City Manager, Finance & Administration, City Clerk, Legal, Police, Development Services, Presented by Finance & Administration Director Joanne Gregory, for Discussion

In discussing the Council budget, Attorney Dawn Reitan agreed to present to Council a framework for how Council salaries are set or changed at a future meeting.

In discussing the City Clerk's budget, the Council suggested that more Human Services funding be allocated to alleviate homelessness.

In discussing the City Manager's budget, the Council suggested that paper newsletters continue, even if at a reduced scale.

In discussing the Finance & Administration budget, the Finance & Administration Director Joanne Gregory suggested that the Council hear from the City's insurance authority (WCIA) to hear about what is going on in city liability and risk world.

In discussing the Public Safety budget, Safe Spaces/Places program, the Council requested that Staff return with a better framework for how that kind of program might be adopted and how much it would cost.

B. 61st Avenue Northeast Sidewalk Grant Application, For Discussion & Direction

City Engineer John Vicente explained that last July, a grant application was submitted with the Washington State Pedestrian/Bike Program. The application scope addressed sidewalk accessibility along 61st Ave between NE 190th St and 62nd Ave NE. The City was notified that this project was selected as a finalist for consideration for funding and staff met with representatives to discuss the project and address questions from the review panel. During the discussion, the grant agency requested the following items be added to our scope to make our application more competitive: 1. Eliminate right turn pocket from 61st onto 193rd St, create a curb bulb out, and added lighting (original scope was to add an RRFB and crosswalk striping) 2. Add bike lanes along the corridor 3. Add curb bulb-outs at crossings to reduce pedestrian crossing distance

The Council consensus was to move forward and replace the street parking with bike lanes.

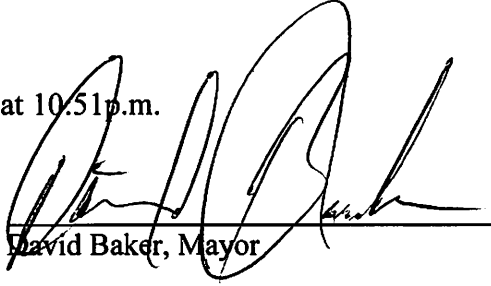
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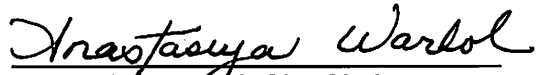
MOTION: Councilmember Pfeil moved to table bringing forward a proclamation honoring Veterans in Kenmore. Mayor Baker seconded the motion. VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the special meeting at 10:51p.m.


David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:


Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk