

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
November 28, 2016

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

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

Councilmembers excused: Councilmember Curtis

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Kris Overleese, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Leslie Harris, Management Analyst; Sarah Sandquist, Events & Volunteer Coordinator; Janet Quinn, Project Coordinator; 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.

PRESENTATION

Bicycle Repair Station Eagle Scout Project - Jonathan Hitchcock, Boy Scout in Unit 610, was present to talk about his Eagle Scout Project, which was a bicycle repair station at Log Boom Park. He gave a background of the Eagle Scout project. He provided a PowerPoint presentation which covered the objectives of the project, project materials and design, and the process of doing the project. Photos were taken of Jonathan with Councilmembers and with his family.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizens wishing to comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Denuski moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Mayor Baker seconded the motion to Adopt the Minutes for the November 7 and November 14, 2016 City Council Meetings, and Delegate Legally Binding Authority to the City Manager and Department Directors for Contracting and Funding Reimbursements. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & BUSINESS AGENDA

Public Hearing Concerning the Assumption by the City of the Rights, Powers, Functions, Immunities and Obligations of the Kenmore Transportation Benefit District (TBD) -

Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director, stated that the TBD was created in 2012 and has functioned as required, as a separate legal and recording agency. Now the State statute has been changed to allow cities and towns with the same boundaries as their TBD to assume the TBD and all of the rights, powers, and functions that go with it. She noted that this action would eliminate some of the costs of maintaining a separate district. On November 14 the City Council passed Resolution No. 16-282, indicating the Council's intent to hold a public hearing on this matter, and that public hearing is being held this evening. She was available to answer any questions.

Mayor Baker opened the public hearing to receive public testimony on this issue at 7:23 p.m.

As there were no citizens wishing to testify, Mayor Baker closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Adopt Ordinance No. 16-0424, Assuming the Rights, Powers, Functions, Immunities and Obligations of the Kenmore Transportation Benefit District (TBD) - Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director, was available to answer any additional questions.

Councilmember Sperry moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 16-0424, Assuming the Rights, Powers, Functions, Immunities and Obligations of the Kenmore Transportation Benefit District (TBD). Councilmember Herbig seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Public Hearing to Receive Public Testimony on the 2017-2018 Proposed Preliminary Biennial Budget and 2017 Property Tax Levy - Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director, stated that this is the second opportunity for the public to be heard on these matters. A public hearing on the tax levy was previously held on November 7th, and a public hearing on the Budget was held November 14th. In October and November, public hearings and presentations were held on various aspects of the Budget. In addition, the Budget has been available on the City's website. She briefly reviewed the 2017 Property Tax Levy Ordinance. She was available to answer any questions.

Mayor Baker opened the public hearing to receive public testimony on this issue at 7:30 p.m.

As there were no citizens wishing to testify, Mayor Baker closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Adopt Ordinance No. 16-0432 Relating to the 2017 Regular Property Tax Levy - Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director, was available to answer any further questions.

Councilmember Denuski moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 16-0432 Relating to the 2017 Regular Property Tax Levy. Councilmember Herbig seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1, with Deputy Mayor Van Ness voting no.

Adopt Resolution No. 16-289, Amending City Council Policies - Rob Karlinsey, City Manager, and Janet Quinn, Project Coordinator, were present to provide a brief report. City Manager Karlinsey noted that at their January Retreat Council directed staff to come back with some conflict of interest language, so that is why this is coming before them now. Janet Quinn provided a PowerPoint presentation, which included the process for revising the Council Rules of Procedure; what changes have been made to the most recent Council policy document, Resolution No. 13-215; and answers to potential questions. She requested Council questions and suggestions for revisions.

It was Council consensus that Resolution No. 14-238 regarding the Council vacancy policy should have been rolled into this Resolution.

City Attorney Rod Kaseguma commented on the document and indicated that he would like to review it, as he was not the attorney who initially reviewed it.

It was Council consensus to revise Resolution No. 16-289, pursuant to the discussion, and bring it back to Council for approval in January.

STAFF REPORT

Leslie Harris distributed to the Council a memo received from the Kenmore mural artists detailing a mobile app project to document the stories depicted in the mural. She stated that staff will bring this forward to Council on Dec. 5th. City Manager Karlinsey stated that it would be fine to wait until after the first of the year, if Council desires.

It was Council consensus that they would like to see it developed for mobile platforms in general, not just one type of phone.

Karlinsey stated that a good first step might be the Heritage Society's plan to add these stories to their new website.

Deputy Mayor Van Ness moved that Council reject the mobile app proposal. Mayor Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Karlinsey stated that he emailed Council a draft of the salary comparison plan and would like to give it to employees for comments and bring it to Council for adoption on December 12th.

He stated that he, Debbie Bent, and John Vicente did a walkthrough of the Town Square, and it is coming along nicely, but will not be ready for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, December 3rd.

He noted that tonight the City has reason to celebrate because Standard & Poors notified Joanne Gregory that the City received a Triple A bond rating. He provided sparkling cider to all and toasted to Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director, and to the City Council.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS & INITIATIVES

Councilmember Smith thanked Director Gregory, City Manager Karlinsey, and other councilmembers and staff for this achievement.

Councilmember Sperry agreed.

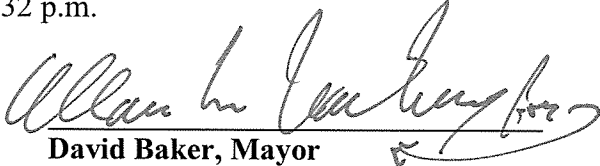
Councilmember Denuski thanked Council for helping with the Secret Santa program.

Deputy Mayor Van Ness stated that he went to the recent National League of Cities meeting with Mayor Baker and Councilmember Herbig. He noted that hot topics included the heroin problem, and technological innovation in government and transportation, including a mobile app for paying parking.

Mayor Baker stated that this Thursday night there will be an event to thank all the people who worked to get ST3 passed. He noted that the head of Sound Transit and Claudia Balducci, board member, may be here. He stated that he attended a bill signing for legislation that has to do with St. Edwards State Park that the City worked hard to get passed. The Mayor obtained the pen used by the governor to sign the legislation.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.


David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:


Patty Safrin, City Clerk