

**City of Kenmore
City Council Meeting
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 3, 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
Councilmember Nathan Loutsis

Staff: Acting City Manager Stephanie Lucash
City Attorney Dawn Reitan (virtual)
City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol
Deputy City Clerk Michelle Kang
Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Debbie Bent
Housing and Human Services Manager Tambi Cork

Speaking Guests: Betsy Christensen, Northshore Visual Arts Partners
Griffith Williams, Arts of Kenmore
Judy Elbert, Arts of Kenmore
Michael Tolley, Superintendent
Amy Cast, NSD Board President
Elisabeth Sotak, NSD Board Vice President
Hân Trần, NSD Board Member
Sandy Hayes, NSD Board Member
JoLynn Berge, Deputy Superintendent
Dri Ralph, Executive Director of Support Services
Shelly Helder, Gordon Thomas Honeywell State Lobbyist

CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Herbig called the special 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.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Herbig issued the Youth Art Month - March 2025 proclamation. It was received by Northshore Visual Arts Partners (Betsy Christensen) and Arts of Kenmore (Griffith Williams). Art students displayed mixed media art before the Council.

[Youth Art Month - March 2025](#)

JOINT MEETING

The Council held a joint meeting with the Northshore School Board and discussed the following:

- A. State of Our Schools, presented by Superintendent Michael Tolley
- B. Northshore School District Project Updates:
 - Ballfields at Kenmore Schools
 - Boathouse
 - Capital Projects
- C. Update on Kenmore Special Projects in Partnership with the School District, to be presented by Housing and Human Services Manager Tambi Cork
 - Catch Up Learning
 - Center for Human Services
- D. Roundtable Discussion

BUSINESS AGENDA

City's Position on House Bill 1195, presented by Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Debbie Bent and Gordon Thomas Honeywell Lobbyist Shelly Helder, *for discussion and direction (added 2/26)*

[Agenda Bill - House Bill 1195 \(added 2/26\)](#)

[Attachment 1 - 2025 State Legislative Agenda \(added 2/26\)](#)

Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Debbie Bent explained that the Council has chosen to discuss and provide direction regarding its position on House Bill 1195 and Senate Bill 5487. These bills would require cities to approve permits for permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and emergency shelters located in residential zones through an administrative process, rather than a discretionary or legislative review. The legislation also grants the Washington State Department of Commerce authority to enforce compliance, resolve disputes, and impose penalties on local governments that do not comply. Supporters argue the bills are necessary to address the housing crisis by expanding shelter options in communities, while the

Association of Washington Cities and others have raised concerns about the proposed dispute resolution framework. After discussion, the Council chose to remain neutral.

MOTION: Council take neutral position related to House Bill 1195.

Moved by Sasson; seconded by Srebnik.

VOTE: 6 Yes – Srebnik, Culver, Sasson, Loutsis, O’Cain, Herbig; 1 No - Marshall; 0 Abstain.

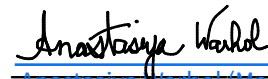
MOTION PASSES.

ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Herbig adjourned the special meeting at approximately 8:49 PM.


Nigel Herbig (Apr 2, 2025 10:06 PDT)

Nigel Herbig, Mayor


Anastasiya Warhol (Mar 26, 2025 20:47 PDT)
Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk

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