

**City of Kenmore
City Council Regular Meeting
Study Session
Minutes
January 22, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor David Baker*, Deputy Mayor Bob Hensel, and Councilmembers Brent Smith, Laurie Sperry, Allan Van Ness, and Milton Curtis

Councilmembers excused: Councilmember Glenn Rogers

*Mayor Baker had to leave the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Rosemary Larson, City Attorney; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Sound Cities Association (SCA) Update & Solid Waste ILA with King County – Rob Karlinsey, City Manager, and Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, were present to give a brief report. They were also available to answer any questions. Deanna Dawson stated that there are 35 King County cities in the SCA and that the purpose of the association is to give a voice to smaller cities, such as Kenmore. She stated that the SCA has played a role in setting policy in the region and that the solid waste interlocal agreement (ILA) is a good example of that. She gave some background regarding the association's involvement with the solid waste interlocal agreement. She stated that the new ILA, which goes through 2028, will save rate payers money down the road and also has more protections for cities. The City does not have to sign on to the ILA; however, if we do not choose to do so, our rates will be higher.

Councilmember Curtis moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement with King County. Councilmember Van Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Republic Services Solid Waste Report – Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Jeff Borgida, Republic Services General Manager; and Janet Prichard, Republic Services Municipal Relationship Manager, were present to give a brief report. They were also available to answer any questions. There was some discussion regarding whether or not the City can revoke a decision to take over the franchise once a letter of intent has been sent. City Attorney Rosemary Larson stated that the statutes are not completely clear on this issue. General Manager Borgida stated that either way, Republic is going to be the City's solid waste service provider and that they will provide the City with the best customer service possible, with no change in service level. He noted that during the required seven-year period between sending the letter of intent and actually taking over the franchise, there would be no laws or contract in place to define Republic Services' relationship with the City. With a franchise agreement, the City would need to handle any negotiations with Republic Services, which is currently done by the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC).

City Manager Karlinsey stated that one of the benefits of taking over the franchise would be direct local control of such things as recyclable pickups; however, he pointed out that Republic Services addressed that issue when they were last before the Council by saying that they would work with us and the UTC if the City wants tailored services. He recommended not sending the letter of intent to negotiate the franchise at this time.

Councilmember Curtis moved to direct the City Manager to *not* send a letter of intent initiating the process for taking over the solid waste franchise authority. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

STAFF REPORT

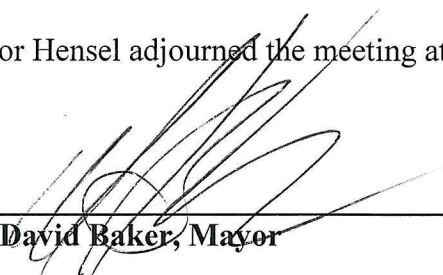
City Manager Karlinsey distributed the draft agenda for the upcoming City Council Retreat as well as an update of the City Council goals.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS

Councilmember Sperry stated that she is very pleased with the reports and recent interviews on sediment testing, and that she appreciates all of the staff's work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Hensel adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safrin, City Clerk