

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
January 28, 2013

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Jennifer Gordon, Public Works Operations Manager; Kent Vaughan, Senior Civil Engineer; Cliff Sether, Police Chief; Rod Kaseguma, City Attorney; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Baker led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Councilmember Rogers moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Councilmember Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

National Kids to Parks Day Proclamation – May 18, 2013 – Mayor Baker read the proclamation into the record and encouraged citizens to observe this day.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dave Crawford, 7534 NE 175th Street, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns about frugality and the City spending money.

John Hendrickson, 5919 NE 202nd Lane, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns about tax increases. He submitted a handout to the Council.

Bill Leak, 15102 64th Court NE, Kenmore, was present to encourage Council to take any opportunity to incorporate fiber optic technology in the community.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Councilmember Rogers seconded the motion to Approve the City Council Regular and Special Meeting Minutes for July 23, 2012; September 10, 2012; September 24, 2012; October 8, 2012; October 15, 2012; October 22, 2012; October 29, 2012; November 5, 2012;

November 13, 2012; November 19, 2012; November 26, 2012; December 3, 2012; and January 14, 2013; Approve Check Nos. 27122 - 27244 in the Amount of \$477,860.87 and Electronically Transferred Payroll Funds Totaling \$58,177.26 for the Period Ending January 18, 2013; and Approve Contract No. 12-C1030 Amendment No. 3 with Anchor QEA for Kenmore Navigation Channel Sediment Sampling and Contract No. 13-C1103 with H.W. Lochner for SR 522 West A & B Plans, Specifications, and Estimate. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Graffiti Control Procedures Report – Jennifer Gordon, Public Works Operations Manager, and Cliff Sether, Police Chief, were present to give a brief staff report. They were also available to answer any questions. Manager Gordon stated that the memo provided in the Council agenda packet reflects how the City always handles graffiti. She stated that the Public Works department works closely with the Police department to identify graffiti and get rid of it as soon as possible. She noted that she works closely with the utilities as well, which takes a little more time. Police Chief Sether stated that reports of graffiti are always documented by the police, and they also take pictures. He stated that private property owners are encouraged to remove graffiti as soon as possible; however, it can be expensive for them. They work with the school district as well as Bothell and Lake Forest Park police to identify perpetrators.

It was Council consensus to add a Business Item C., Resolution No. 13-213, Requesting Mitigation Resources from the State of Washington to Address Impacts from Regional Tolling.

Frontier Communications Service Area Status & Franchise – Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager, was present to give a brief staff report. She was also available to answer any questions. Assistant City Manager Ousley stated that the franchise was transferred from Verizon to Frontier Communications in 2009. The build out of transmission facilities is much less complete in Kenmore than in other cities which also transferred to Frontier at that time, only about 57% complete. The due date for the entire service area to have service available was November of 2011. She stated that the City has had several conversations with Frontier and expect to have a new build out schedule during the first quarter of this year and a visit by the Frontier General Manager to a Council meeting in early April. If the City feels that the contract is in breach, the first step is to request informal discussions, and then other steps may follow if that does not produce results. She noted that tonight she is providing a status update, not asking for guidance. The City will know more about Frontier's plan in March.

It was Council consensus that the Councilmembers would like as much information as possible regarding what is and is not provided and what could be provided before the Frontier General Manager attends a Council meeting.

Resolution No. 13-213 – Requesting Mitigation Resources for Regional Tolling Impacts –

There was discussion regarding the wording of the resolution, and three revisions were suggested. It was suggested to delete Section 3, regarding speed limits, from the resolution. The Sammamish River Bridge was a suggested addition to the statement regarding increased volumes of traffic. "Public safety" was suggested as an addition to the statement regarding tolling of I-90.

It was Council consensus to make the three suggested changes for the final resolution.

Deputy Mayor Hensel moved to Approve Resolution No. 13-213, Requesting Mitigation Resources from the State of Washington to Address Impacts from Regional Tolling as revised. Councilmember Rogers seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

City Manager Karlinsey stated that the City will issue a press release containing the resolution and that he and the Councilmembers can take copies of it to tolling meetings, meetings with State legislators, and various other meetings.

STAFF REPORT

City Manager Karlinsey distributed a handout to the Council summarizing questions that were asked in a 2006 City of Kenmore citizen survey. He recommended to Council that the questions numbered 6, 8 and 9 regarding parks be used in the planned 2013 citizen survey.

It was Council direction that the City Manager move forward with the 2013 citizen survey, including questions 6, 8 and 9 from the 2006 survey.

City Manager Karlinsey distributed the State Legislative Agenda adopted by Council in October of 2012, with changes recommended at the Council Retreat incorporated on the first page, including tolling impacts and SR 522. He requested that Council give him their comments over the next week or so and stated that approval of the revised State Legislative Agenda will be on an upcoming consent agenda.

It was Council consensus that some of the wording from Resolution No. 13-213 should be incorporated into the Transportation Funding section of the legislative agenda, and reference be made to the fact that Council passed the resolution.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS

Councilmember Sperry stated that she will attend the first Coffee with Council scheduled on Monday, February 4th at 7:30 a.m. She had scheduled a meeting with Congresswoman Susan del Benes' aide to follow that meeting, and stated that he requested to come to the coffee at 8:30 and be introduced. There were no objections. She stated that she is questioning whether or not it is worthwhile to send out hard copy City newsletters four times per year. She suggested emphasizing digital communication more.

Councilmember Curtis suggested changing the amount of time available to get through the traffic light on the Sammamish River Bridge heading onto SR 522.

Councilmember Van Ness stated that there was good spirit at the recent Council Retreat and that having staff there on Saturday was good teamwork.

Councilmember Rogers thanked staff for coming to the retreat and making it more of a team event. He noted that there were some difficult conversations on the first day of the retreat, but that decisions were made and the Council was able to move on.

Deputy Mayor Hensel thanked his colleagues and the City Manager for all of their hard work and input into the retreat, as well as their willingness to have open discussions about the issues.

Mayor Baker distributed a handout to the Council specifying dates, times and places for several WSDOT I-90 tolling meetings. He encouraged other Councilmembers to attend one or more. He noted that he will be in Olympia this coming Wednesday. He announced that there will be a pinning at 4:00 p.m. tomorrow for new Fire Chief Torpin. He plans to attend, and hopes others will attend as well to show support. He stated that he will not be able to attend the February 4th Coffee with Council.

City Manager Karlinsey asked that Councilmembers let him know who will be there on February 4th and stated that an ad will be put in the Kenmore Reporter this Friday, as well as a press release and notice on the website.

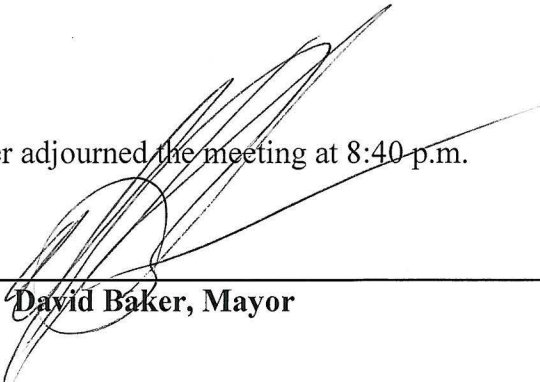
It was Council consensus that Councilmembers Sperry, Van Ness and Rogers would attend the February 4th Coffee with Council.

Councilmember Rogers clarified that the Coffee with Council sessions would be unscripted talks with citizens.

Mayor Baker distributed a handout with some notes regarding his meetings and discussions during his last trip to Washington, D.C. He announced that the dinner with Kenmore's legislators in Olympia has been changed to Wednesday, February 13th. It will be combined with Lake Forest Park's Council. He is arranging meetings with legislators beginning at about 3:00 p.m. that afternoon for any Councilmembers who wish to participate. He also brought up a conversation from the National League of Cities regarding the fact that Home Depot Foundation sponsors housing rehabs, fix-ups, and help for returning disabled veterans, with no cost to the community. He would like to do that in Kenmore, if we have any returning disabled veterans who might need such assistance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safrin, City Clerk