

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
June 23, 2014

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of the Kenmore City Council was called to order by Mayor David Baker at 7:01 p.m.

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

Councilmembers excused: Councilmember Milton Curtis

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director; Jennifer Gordon, Public Works Operations Manager; Brett Lee, Management Intern; Rod Kaseguma, City Attorney; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Baker led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tammy Shoop, 5533 NE 195th Street, Kenmore, was present to state her concern about enforcement of a law regarding the traffic accident resulting in the death of her son Caleb.

Ken Smith, 15816 70th Avenue NE, Kenmore, was present to speak in favor of video recording City Council meetings.

Dave Crawford, 7534 NE 175th Street, Kenmore, was present to state his concern about the City spending money to buy property. He also stated his support for video recording City Council meetings.

Ben Shoop, 5533 NE 195th Street, Kenmore, was present to speak about the City possibly adopting a policy for memorial signs for people killed in traffic accidents, and his concern that the time for temporary signs not be limited.

David Hayashi, 14615 81st Avenue NE, Kenmore, was present to state that he loves living in Kenmore and to urge the City Prosecutor to move forward with further action against the driver involved in the accident that killed Caleb Shoop.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments. City Manager Karlinsey stated that he has asked our City Prosecutor to take a close look at the action taken by the King County Prosecutor's office against the driver in the Shoop accident.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Sperry moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Mayor Baker seconded the motion to Approve Check Nos. 30072 - 30132 in the Amount of \$1,591,932.17 and Payroll Check No. 211385 in the Amount of \$3,229.85 and Electronically Transferred Payroll Funds Totaling \$70,963.48 for the Period Ending June 6, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Policy Discussion re: Video Recording of Council Meetings - Rob Karlinsey, City Manager, gave a brief introduction to the policy discussion, stating that at their January Retreat Council directed the staff to look into video recording and streaming of City Council meetings. Brett Lee, Management Intern, provided a PowerPoint presentation detailing policy implications, costs, and options for adding video. He was available to answer any questions, as were Director of Finance & Administration Joanne Gregory, City Clerk Patty Safrin, and City Attorney Rod Kaseguma.

Councilmember Smith moved to add video to the City Council meeting recordings. Councilmember Herbig seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1, with Councilmember Van Ness voting no.

Councilmember Herbig moved to use live streaming audio and video instead of just archived recordings. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-2, with Councilmember Van Ness and Councilmember Sperry voting no.

It was Council consensus that staff investigate the public records questions that were brought up and bring that back to Council.

It was Council consensus to delay the decision on the number of cameras to install, as more information is needed.

STAFF REPORTS

Twedt Park Property Purchase Update – Rob Karlinsey, City Manager, was present to provide a brief update on the waterfront property, purchased with Park Impact Fees, at the confluence of the Sammamish River and Swamp Creek. He stated that a request for proposals for hand-powered watercraft programming for the site has been sent out. The grant that we have applied for to help pay for the property may require the house to be taken down. We do not want to lose the grandfathered vesting for the footprint of the house, so if that happens, we would want to build something else on that spot. The City will own the property on July 1st, and the public will be able to access it at that time, including use of the dock. He was also available to answer any questions.

Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Update – Rob Karlinsey, City Manager, was present to provide a brief update. He stated that the City is moving forward with the rapid rotating flashing beacons (RRFBs). We are considering keeping the crosswalk at 61st Avenue where it is instead of moving it, due to less foot traffic with Bus Route 306 being gone. He noted that the rechannelization and restriping of 61st Avenue took place last week. He was also available to answer any questions.

Karlinsey stated that the City has recently received an inquiry about adopting a memorial sign policy and asked if Council would like staff to bring a policy proposal to them.

It was Council consensus that staff come back with a policy proposal in July.

Multimodal Safety & Parks Citizen Survey – Joanne Gregory, Director of Finance & Administration, was present to give a brief report. She stated that Council expressed interest at their Mid-Year Retreat in having information about a citizen survey regarding multimodal safety and parks. EMC Research has provided us with a scope of work and estimate for doing the survey for us. The survey would be brought to Council to review before being sent out to citizens. The cost of the survey would be between \$13,000 and \$15,000. City Manager Karlinsey noted that the results of the survey could help Council decide if and when to go to the voters in 2015 for funding. Director Gregory was also available to answer any questions.

Councilmember Smith moved to have EMC Research move forward with the citizen telephone survey. Councilmember Van Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-1, with Councilmember Sperry voting no.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilmember Sperry noted that Coffee with Council Saturday had a small group of citizens who were very excited about the Twedt waterfront property purchase.

Councilmember Van Ness reported on an AWC meeting he and Mayor Baker attended last week. Kenmore Resident Doug Levy led a panel discussion on the computer technology industry and the lack of qualified employees for the industry. The City received an excellence award for the Development Services Lean process, which is the second year in a row that the City has received an award.

Mayor Baker showed a video of the Sammamish Slough event.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER INITIATIVES

Mayor Baker stated that he went to the Kenmore Art Show today and gave the \$100 Mayor's award. He noted that the City purchases an art piece each year, and he is interested in the City buying a handmade river kayak made from fallen tree branches, which is fully functional but also an outstanding piece of artwork, 18 feet long. It comes with a stand, so does not have to be hung to display. The price has been reduced from \$16,000, and Kenmore Arts would contribute \$500, so the City's cost would be \$9,000. The source of funding is the 1% for Art fund, which has a

current fund balance of \$67,000, none of which is encumbered. He noted that we typically spend \$500 to \$1000 on our art piece.

It was Council consensus that Councilmembers look at the piece and let the City Manager know by 2:00 p.m. Saturday, July 28th if there are any objections to purchasing the piece.

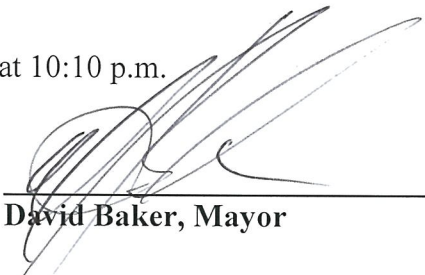
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Baker recessed the regular meeting to an executive session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss Property Disposition, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c). He stated that the executive session will last for approximately 30 minutes and that no action is anticipated when the meeting is reconvened.

Mayor Baker extended the executive session for 20 minutes at 9:50 p.m.

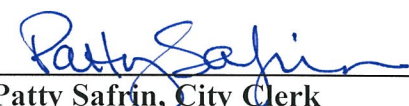
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the regular meeting at 10:10 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safrin, City Clerk