

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
July 21, 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, Milton Curtis, Nigel Herbig, Allan Van Ness (attending via conference phone), and Stacey Denuski

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director; Richard Sawyer, Surface Water Program Manager; Brett Lee, Management Intern; Elliott Fitzgerald, Surface Water Intern; 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.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bob Greene, 6250 NE 182nd Street, Kenmore, was present to state his concern about industrial noise in our community, particularly along the water. He expressed his appreciation of Police Chief Sether.

John Hendrickson, 5717 NE 202nd Lane, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns about City finances. He submitted a handout to Council.

Yi-Lin Lee, 7448 NE 145th Street, Kenmore, was present to express his interest in the surface water presentation.

David Mason, 20305 60th Avenue NE, Kenmore, was present to state his concern regarding the traffic light at the intersection of NE 181st Street and 61st Avenue NE.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments. City Manager Karlinsey stated that our City Engineer has been working with WSDOT on the traffic light at 181st and 61st. City Engineer Overleese stated that Mr. Mason is correct about the traffic light. WSDOT installed some new technology in that light a couple of months ago, and they are having a harder time with it than anticipated. She stated that she expects the problem will be fixed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Mayor Baker seconded the motion to Adopt the Minutes of the June 23, 2014 City Council Meeting ; Approve Check Nos. 30209 - 30303 in the Amount of \$670,990.91 and Payroll Check No. 211474 in the Amount of \$205.25 and Electronically Transferred Payroll Funds Totaling \$73,025.92 for the Period Ending July 3, 2014; Award Construction Contract No. 14-C1309 to Kamins Construction for the SR 522 A Concrete Package; and Accept a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant for NE 181st Sidewalk Project. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Surface Water Management Discussion – Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director, and Richard Sawyer, Surface Water Program Manager, were present to give a PowerPoint presentation covering an update of the Surface Water Master Plan, update of the Surface Water Element of the Comprehensive Plan, and update of Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) Chapter 13.40. They were also available to answer any questions.

They requested Council feedback and direction on several policies, including private property surface water management; surface water easements; surface water service charge reduction for privately maintained drainage facilities; surface water service charge reduction for school district properties; and surface water service charge for City streets and State highways. An additional policy, beaver and nutria management, was presented to Council for their information, with no direction being requested at this time.

It was Council consensus to support staff's recommendation to develop policies that maintain current levels of involvement in managing private property surface water issues.

It was Council consensus to support staff's recommendation to develop policies that clarify the City's practices regarding existing drainage easements on private property and, in rare cases when needed, develop policies that clarify the City's practices for acquiring new easements on private property.

It was Council direction to keep a rate adjustment for privately maintained drainage facilities but bring back to Council a proposal for a modified rate adjustment program.

It was Council consensus to support staff's recommendation to remove the existing rate adjustment policy for school district properties.

It was Council consensus to support staff's recommendation to remove Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) Section 13.40.050 (J), which states that City streets and State highways will be assessed a surface water service charge.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

At this time Mayor Baker noted that King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski was in attendance and asked him to speak. Councilmember Dembowski gave an update on transit activity in the County Council and took questions from City Councilmembers.

BUSINESS AGENDA, continued

Price of Government Report – Rob Karlinsey, City Manager, and Brett Lee, Management Intern, were present to give a PowerPoint presentation. They were also available to answer any questions. City Manager Karlinsey stated that the report was divided into two sections, 1) looking at property taxes and sales taxes as a backdrop to the price of government and 2) the price of government. He stated that the price of government is a metric to understand what a typical citizen pays to the City for government services, as a percentage of citizen income. The main value in the price of government calculation is to compare the City against itself over time.

Video Camera Discussion and Decision - Brett Lee, Management Intern, was present to summarize the direction given by Council at their January 2014 Retreat to investigate the options for videotaping Council meetings and their decisions at the June 23, 2014 Council meeting to use live video through an installed camera system. He gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the options and pricing for video cameras in the Council Chambers. He and Patty Safrin, City Clerk, were available to answer any questions.

Councilmember Curtis moved to install one fixed camera with the Presentation Integration feature, which would allow the camera to switch to a slide presentation. Councilmember Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Sperry moved to begin using video for Council meeting recordings during the 2015-2016 budget cycle. Councilmember Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Sound Transit Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Comments - Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director, was present to give a brief report. She stated that in the past year the City has written several letters to Sound Transit, encouraging them to study the SR 522 corridor and to consider high capacity transit (HCT). HCT can be light rail, bus rapid transit, express buses, or commuter rail. She has reviewed the Executive Summary from the Sound Transit website, and learned that they are updating their long-term plan. Their first regional plan was adopted in 1996. It was updated in 2005, and now they are updating it again. The past version showed regional buses on SR 522, which we already have. In the current update, 522 is still labeled "HCT;" however, there is a note that 522 will be evaluated for light rail and bus rapid transit. She stated that the City will let them know that our SR 522 volumes have gone up due to regional tolling and that we want high capacity transit on 522. She was also available to answer any questions.

Kenmore Village Update - Rob Karlinsey, City Manager, was present to give a brief report. He distributed a fact sheet about the Kenmore Village Town Green. He stated that the City is looking at having the Town Green on the north side of NE 181st Street. The first Town Green Public Workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23rd. He stated that the City has been working with Kenmore Camera, since the proposed Town Green goes through an existing driveway easement of theirs. He was also available to answer any questions.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Karlinsey stated that he would like to talk to the Councilmembers in their one-on-ones this week regarding increased costs for the SR 522 West A project and the need for more funding. Staff will bring this topic to the July 28th meeting. City Engineer Kris Overleese spoke about the need to change the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) at the July 28th meeting. She stated that a decision has to be made right away to meet the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) deadline of mid-August, showing that the project is fully funded. She noted that in the areas where our costs are higher, such as utility undergrounding, outside funding is not available.

City Manager Karlinsey stated that this Wednesday and Thursday the State Parks Commission will meet in Bellingham. One of the topics will be the St. Edward Seminary, so City staff will attend that meeting.

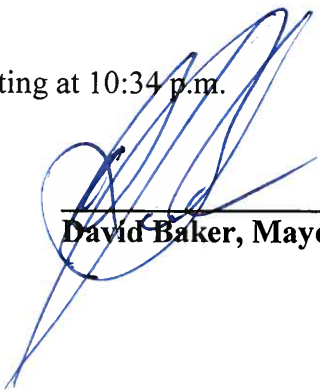
CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilmember Herbig thanked his fellow Councilmembers for voting to install a camera.

Mayor Baker asked Councilmembers Van Ness and Smith to let him know if they are available to cook for Play Day on August 9th.

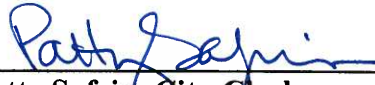
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the regular meeting at 10:34 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safrin, City Clerk