

City of Kenmore
City Council Regular Meeting - Study Session
Minutes
September 16, 2013

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor David Baker, Deputy Mayor Bob Hensel, and Councilmembers Brent Smith, Milton Curtis, and Glenn Rogers

Councilmembers excused: Councilmember Laurie Sperry; Councilmember Allan Van Ness joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director; Debbie Bent, Director of Community Development; Jennifer Gordon, Public Works Operations Manager; Marc Connelly, Parks Projects Manager; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

PRESENTATION

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director; Debbie Bent, Community Development Director; Jennifer Gordon, Public Works Operations Manager; and Marc Connelly, Parks Projects Manager, were present to present proposed changes to the CIP in Surface Water Management, Parks, and Transportation projects. They gave a PowerPoint presentation and were also available to answer any questions.

Director Overleese presented information about proposed Surface Water CIP changes for 2013-2018 in three projects, the Tributary 0057 Channel Relocation, the Swamp Creek Regional Basin Study, and the 74th Avenue NE Culvert Replacement.

Director Bent presented information about proposed changes for three projects in the Parks CIP, Northshore Summit Park Improvement, the Log Boom Park Float, and the Rhododendron Park Boat Shed and Boardwalk Trail. There was also some discussion about the Moorlands Park Improvement project.

Finally, Director Overleese addressed proposed changes to five Transportation CIP projects, the Sidewalk Program; 68th Avenue NE (SR 522 to Sammamish Slough); SR 522 West B (57th to 61st Avenues NE); Juanita Drive/68th Avenue Overlay; and the West Sammamish Bridge. She briefly discussed her goals and strategies for maximizing grant opportunities with projects and protecting City funds.

Director Gregory explained budget changes to other CIP projects and noted that if there are no further changes or adjustments, staff will bring the CIP back later this fall for adoption.

It was Council consensus that staff should move forward on the Rhododendron Park Boat Shed and Boardwalk Trail project.

STAFF REPORT

City Manager Karlinsey discussed funding and problems with the Juanita Drive Overlay, stating that delays have not been due to City staff, who have tried very hard to keep it on track. Program Manager Jennifer Gordon noted that it got held up in the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and so got a very late start.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS

Councilmember Van Ness reported on a Kenmore Library Board meeting he attended for Councilmember Sperry last week. He noted that the Board is reevaluating their role now that the library is relocated and running. He suggested that the City should also take a look at this and perhaps disband the Board if they have no further function.

Councilmember Rogers commented on the park cleanup event on Saturday.

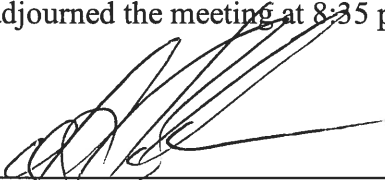
Deputy Mayor Hensel stated that one of the functions of the CIP is to inspect our assets, assess them, and make plans to update them as needed. He noted that no one can anticipate natural disasters, but that the City has contingency funds.

Mayor Baker also commented on Saturday's park cleanup event and the fact that the City is making progress on park upkeep, with the help of volunteers. He encouraged other councilmembers to attend a State Senate transportation feedback session with City Manager Karlinsey and himself tomorrow night in Bellevue. He stated that the City also needs a strong presence at the Seattle hearings on October 14th. He reminded Council and staff that the National League of Cities conference will be held in Seattle November 6th through 13th.

It was Council consensus to have the entire City Council attend the State Senate transportation feedback session in Seattle on Monday, October 14th instead of holding the regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safrin, City Clerk