

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 23, 2013

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

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

Councilmembers excused: Mayor David Baker

Staff present: Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director; Debbie Bent, Director of Community Development; Marc Connelly, Parks Projects Manager; Ryan Miller, Graduate Student Intern; Dawn Reitan, City Attorney; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Hensel led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

PROCLAMATION

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2103

Deputy Mayor Hensel read the proclamation into the record.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dave Crawford, 7534 NE 175th Street, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns regarding the number of staff at the City and the expense of permits.

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

John Hendrickson, 5919 NE 202nd Lane, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns regarding the City budget. He submitted a handout to Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was Council consensus to approve the consent agenda as submitted, including Approve Minutes of the September 16, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting Study Session; Approve Check Nos. 28405 - 28488 in the amount of \$356,292.67 and Electronically Transferred

Payroll Funds Totaling \$68,131.86 and Payroll Check No. 210527 in the Amount of \$67.77 for the Period Ending August 30, 2013; Approve Check Nos. 28489 - 28556 in the amount of \$275,347.58 and Electronically Transferred Payroll Funds Totaling \$66,578.31 and Payroll Check No. 210573 in the Amount of \$338.97 for the Period Ending September 13, 2013; Receive and File July 2013 Financial Report; Authorize City Manager to Execute Northshore Summit Park Improvements Construction Contract No. 13-C1212 for an Amount not to Exceed \$452,000; Adopt Resolution No. 13-225 Approving Amendment No. 1 to BBC-RPI Kenmore, LLC Purchase & Sale Agreement; Cancel Monday, October 14, 2013 City Council Regular Meeting and Add October 14, 2013 City Council Special Meeting at State Senate Transportation Listening Tour in Seattle, WA.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Adopt Ordinance No. 13-0364 Amending the Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) to Reduce Speed Limits on Bothell Way NE (SR 522) and 80th Avenue NE (north of SR 522) – Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director, was present to give a brief staff report regarding the proposed speed limit ordinance. She was also available to answer any questions.

She noted that the City asked the Washington Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to make the speed limit changes on SR 522. As a result of the analysis of their engineers, who collected speed and volume data, WSDOT approached the cities of Kenmore and Lake Forest Park to say that if both Councils approve a drop of the speed limit to 40 miles per hour, they would send it through the State process and make it happen. City Engineer Overleese stated that she has no concerns about their data or methods; therefore, she is recommending adoption of the ordinance. She noted that Lake Forest Park has already approved an ordinance to make the change. WSDOT anticipates that the change could be made by late October or early November.

She stated that she had contacted the school district, Metro and Sound Transit to see if there were any objections, and there were not. The City is planning to notify citizens in advance by various methods.

Regarding 80th Avenue NE north of SR 522, she noted that several people had contacted her about the speed limit being too high. It is currently 40 miles per hour, and the City has no other arterials with speeds that high. The engineering staff collected speed and volume data, and Overleese recommends dropping the speed to 35 mph based on her analysis. She noted that speed on that street is controlled by the City.

Councilmember Curtis moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 13-0364 Amending the Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) to Reduce Speed Limits on Bothell Way NE (SR 522) and 80th Avenue NE (north of SR 522). Councilmember Van Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Draft Bicycle Strategy Presentation & Discussion – Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director, and Ryan Miller, Graduate Student Intern, UW Urban Planning Program, were present to give a PowerPoint presentation. They were also available to answer any questions.

Ryan Miller gave a brief overview of the bicycle strategy creation process. He stated that a bicycle strategy group met in 2012 and discussed what is good about cycling in Kenmore and

what needs to be done to further it. He discussed next steps for the City, including creating a place where people want to ride their bikes, safety improvements, and publicity. He presented some specific short-term and long-term projects that the City can do. Short-term projects included wayfinding and awareness signs, creating a cycling map of the City, promoting cycling events, and restriping Juanita Drive with bicycle lanes whenever resurfacing projects are done. Long-term projects included revising road standards, intersection improvements, and encouraging businesses to front the Burke-Gilman Trail.

He stated that this document is meant to be used as a strategy document for the City, rather than adopted as a policy document, especially since policy is addressed in the Comprehensive Plan.

STAFF REPORT

Assistant City Manager Ousley announced the upcoming reception for the new show of the City Hall art gallery. She also reminded Council about the October 14th special Council meeting at the State Senate transportation forum in Seattle.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilmember Rogers reported on a recent Coffee with Council. He noted that the City website says that Kenmore Camera will be open in September, which does not look likely. He requested information about the fire district as a possible Council topic for discussion.

Councilmember Van Ness reported on a recent Economic Development Council presentation regarding the proposed Innovation Partnership Zone with Bastyr University.

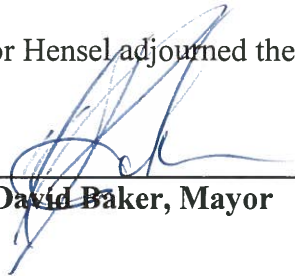
Councilmember Curtis stated that he is continuing to try to drum up business for the commercial zone in Kenmore Village. He noted that the Evergreen Primary Care group had their yearly retreat at City Hall last week and liked it very much.

Councilmember Sperry thanked Councilmember Van Ness for attending the Kenmore Library Board meeting in her place.

Deputy Mayor Hensel mentioned that Mayor Baker is in Washington, DC, thanking the KABOOM! group for the grant we received for development of Northshore Summit Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Hensel adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safrin, City Clerk