

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
November 26, 2012

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 (attending via speakerphone)

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; Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner; Rod Kaseguma, City Attorney; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Janet Prichard of Republic Services led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was Council consensus to approve the agenda as submitted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Patrick O'Brien, 6330 NE 181st Street, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns about code enforcement. He distributed a handout to the Council.

Bob Black, 8232 NE 166th Street, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns regarding the \$20 vehicle fee approved by the Kenmore Transportation Benefit District Board.

Dave Crawford, 7534 NE 175th Street, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns regarding surface water management fees for Swamp Creek.

Elizabeth Mooney, 5934 NE 201st Street, Kenmore, was present to state her concerns regarding possible contaminants dredged up by barge activity in Lake Washington during construction for the SR 520 Bridge.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Sperry moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

Councilmember Curtis seconded the motion to Approve a Motion to Cancel All Regular Council Meetings for the Month of December 2012; Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 09-C816 with Gordon Thomas Honeywell for State Government Relations Services; and Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. 09-C780 with Alcalde & Fay for Federal Government

Relations Services; and to Adopt the 2013 Fee Schedule, Resolution No. 12-208; Ordinance No. 12-0348 Amending the 2011-2012 Biennial Budget; and the 2013 Property Tax Levy, Ordinance No. 12-0349. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing to Receive Public Testimony Regarding the 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation and brief summary of the Capital Improvement Program. She was also available to answer any questions.

Mayor Baker opened the public hearing to receive public testimony on this issue at 7:22 p.m.

The following citizens spoke:

Patrick O'Brien, 6330 NE 181st Street, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns regarding City revenues.

Dave Crawford, 7534 NE 175th Street, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns regarding the surface water management utility fund and the zoning of the old fire station building.

As there was no further testimony, Mayor Baker closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

Public Hearing to Receive Public Testimony Regarding the 2013-2014 Biennial Budget – Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing expenditures and revenues for the biennial budget. She noted that where expenditures exceed the budgeted amount there are reserves that are being used as well. She was also available to answer any questions.

Mayor Baker opened the public hearing to receive public testimony on this issue at 7:40 p.m.

The following citizens spoke:

Patrick O'Brien, 6330 NE 181st Street, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns regarding funding for the Sammamish River Bridge replacement.

Dave Crawford, 7534 NE 175th Street, Kenmore, was present to state that one angle would be to wait until the bridge fails and hope that the federal government would pay for its replacement.

As there was no further testimony, Mayor Baker closed the public hearing at 7:46 p.m.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Adopt Ordinance No. 12-0350, 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) – Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director was also available to answer any questions.

Councilmember Curtis moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 12-350, 2013-2018 Capital Improvement Program. Councilmember Van Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Adopt Ordinance No. 12-0351, 2013-2014 Biennial Budget – Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director, was available to answer any questions.

Deputy Mayor Hensel moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 12-0351, 2013-2014 Biennial Budget. Councilmember Van Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Republic Services, Inc. Solid Waste Services Overview – Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Jeffry Borgida, Republic Services General Manager; and Janet Prichard, Republic Services Municipal Relationship Manager, were present to give a brief staff report regarding franchise and utility possibilities. Currently the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC) administers solid waste collection for the City. Jeffrey Borgida and Janet Prichard provided a PowerPoint presentation. They stressed that responsibility and reliability are the hallmarks of how Republic Services conducts business and gave examples of what they are involved with in the City. They were also available to answer any questions.

It was Council consensus that the City would look at the pros and cons of the current UTC option vs. a franchise agreement.

Commercial Zoning Project Introduction & Discussion – Debbie Bent, Community Development Director, and Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner, were present to give a brief staff report regarding the proposed project scope and policy issues. They were also available to answer any questions.

City Manager Karlinsey added that balancing current businesses and future development is very important. He indicated that existing businesses like it here and he wants them to feel like they can stay and grow here.

There was Council consensus in favor of supporting existing businesses as well as future development.

Director Bent stated that all six Planning Commission terms will expire at the end of December 2012. The City is currently accepting applications for those interested in serving and has contacted some other previous Planning Commission members. Applications are due by December 3rd. Ideally, the Commission members would be appointed no later than February 1, 2013. The Kenmore Municipal Code (KMC) specifies seven members, and does not include the appointment of alternates. She asked if Council would like to interview the applicants.

It was Council consensus that Councilmembers would participate in interviewing the applicants for Planning Commission.

STAFF REPORT

City Manager Karlinsey briefly discussed the letter from the Board of the Coventry Place Homeowners' Association received by the City regarding moving the skate park. He recommends waiting and including the skate park issue in the PROS Plan, since we will have to pay the vendor to come out and relocate it. Chief Sether does not consider the skate park

location to be a problem. City Manager Karlinsey noted that the Master Builders' Association is hosting a reception for Eastside legislative delegates on December 5th at 5:30 p.m. at their offices in Bellevue. Kenmore is having its own legislative send-off on Friday, January 11th at 5:30 in City Hall, which will be open to the public, and light refreshments will be served. The City's tree lighting ceremony will take place on December 6th.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS

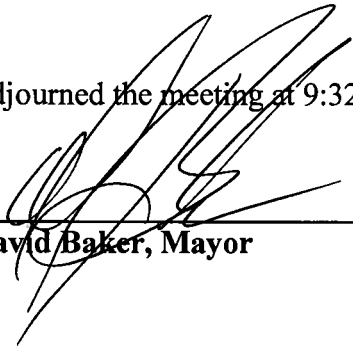
Councilmember Smith stated that he has replaced Councilmember Sperry as a board member at the Northshore Park and Recreation Service Area. One of the issues that has come up is that there is a small parcel directly north of the health and wellness center, and the City of Bothell neglected to record some easements at the time that they sold the property to the Senior Center. They are providing us with information; however, it is not enough information to make a decision. He is working with Parks Project Manager Bill Evans to get the necessary information, and City Attorney Rod Kaseguma is helping to get some insight on how it works. The reason to do this is to confirm that the Senior Center has a long-term benefit use of the site.

Councilmember Curtis reported on a recent meeting where a Department of Fish & Wildlife representative spoke about herons. He learned that herons move around, so if they lose their habitat, as long as there are enough big trees growing nearby they can be flexible. They recommended getting rid of invasives, such as blackberries, so that new trees can grow. They also advised against putting new things in near a heron rookery which would change the noise level that they have adapted to, especially during their breeding season.

Councilmember Van Ness stated that he and Deputy Mayor Hensel will vote for the joint legislative agenda between SeaShore, Eastside Transportation Partnership, and the State when it comes up in December.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safran, City Clerk