

City of Kenmore, Washington
Joint City Council & Planning Commission Special Meeting
Minutes
October 28, 2014

CALL TO ORDER – The special joint meeting of the Kenmore City Council and Planning Commission was called to order by Mayor David Baker at 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present: Mayor David Baker, Deputy Mayor Allan Van Ness and Councilmembers Brent Smith, Laurie Sperry, Milton Curtis and Nigel Herbig

Councilmembers excused: Councilmember Stacey Denuski

Planning Commissioners present: Chairperson Doug Nugent, Vice Chairperson Angela Kugler and Commissioners Jim Howard, Doug Huxtable, Dennis Mendrey, Mark Ohrenschall and Mike Vanderlinde

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director; Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

BUSINESS AGENDA

Present Planning Commission Recommendations for the Regional Business Zone, Transportation Element, and Public/Semi-Public Zone – Debbie Bent, Community Development Director; Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner; and all Planning Commissioners were present to discuss the recommendations and to answer any questions.

Senior Planner Anderson gave a brief introduction and noted that if there are any substantive changes to the recommendations, the Council would need to hold a public hearing prior to the final decisions, which are scheduled for December 8th. She provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Public/Semi-Public Zone. The Planning Commission recommendation is to amend the Comprehensive Plan for the former fire station property, former library property, and former police precinct property to rezone them. She detailed the specific rezoning recommendations.

Director Overleese and Don Samdahl, with Fehr & Peers, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Transportation Element. They noted that recommended projects in the six-year list represent the highest priorities. The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) has reviewed Fehr & Peers' document for consistency with Vision 2040 and made a few small recommended changes. Planning Commission Chairperson Nugent noted that if a project was more feasible and affordable than another, they moved it up on the list.

Councilmember Herbig moved to add the Target Zero goal, consistent with Resolution No. 14-235, as a sub-point under Project T-13. Councilmember Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Anderson gave a brief introduction and PowerPoint presentation regarding the Regional Business Zone review. She stated that the focus of this project has always been economic development and that the City Council set goals for promoting the image of the City. The Planning

Commission is recommending two new zones, the Urban Corridor Zone and the Waterfront Commercial Zone, in addition to the Regional Business Zone. She detailed how these recommendations would promote the City Council's goals.

In addition to the Comprehensive Plan amendments recommended by the Planning Commission, there were two Executive recommendations brought forward by City Manager Karlinsey and Assistant City Manager Ousley. They were present to speak about these recommendations and to answer any questions.

Councilmember Curtis moved to accept the Planning Commission recommendation for a 35' maximum height with the opportunity to increase to 40' with additional setbacks and not approve the Executive recommendation to amend the height limits in the Waterfront Commercial Zone up to 50' if a 30% view corridor is provided. Councilmember Smith seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Van Ness moved to table the motion. Mayor Baker seconded the motion. The motion failed 4-2.

The motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation rather than approve the Executive recommendation regarding height regulations passed with one dissenting vote.

Councilmember Curtis moved to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to allow standalone multifamily development in some areas along SR-522 and not approve the Executive recommendation to restrict all multifamily in the Regional Business Zone North Subarea. Deputy Mayor Van Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

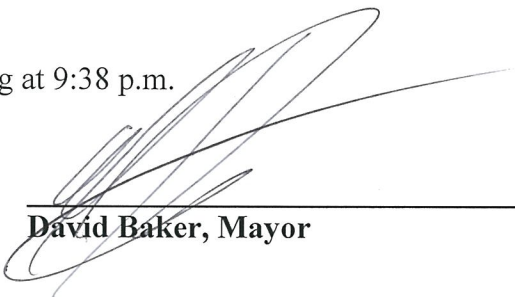
CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

The Councilmembers thanked the Planning Commissioners for all their hard and extensive work.

Mayor Baker stated that he recently signed onto a letter in support of the Washington Tech Cities Coalition (WTC²) to restore some tax incentives.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the regular meeting at 9:38 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safrin, City Clerk