City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Special & Regular Meeting
Minutes
September 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER – The special meeting of the Kenmore City Council was called to order by Mayor David Baker at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Baker adjourned the special meeting at 6:30 p.m. to an executive session to discuss Litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). He stated that the executive session will last for approximately 30 minutes and that no action is anticipated when the meeting is reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Baker adjourned the special meeting at 6:50 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Baker called the regular 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

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; Leslie Harris, Management Analyst; 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.

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY to all Kenmore residents turning 100 or more in 2013 – Mr. Al Schaffler was present to receive congratulations from the City Council on turning 100 this year.

PRESENTATION

Coverage is Here, King County – Chrissy Russillo, Chief of Policy, Community Partnerships and Communications at Public Health, Seattle & King County, was present to brief the City Council on new health insurance enrollment efforts. She stated that over 2,000, or 17% of people in the City, are without health insurance. She distributed a fact sheet and provided a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation detailed new affordable coverage options in Washington and strategies for reaching the uninsured, including the new Health Benefit Exchange, called the Washington HealthPlanFinder. Enrollment will begin on October 1, 2013, and insurance coverage will begin on January 1, 2014. In Kenmore, Center for Human Services, Open Arms Perinatal, Solid Ground, and Washington CAN will provide in-person enrollment assistance from October 2013 through March 2014. Ms. Russillo was also available to answer any questions.

PROCLAMATIONS

Day of Concern for Hunger – September 28, 2013 – Mayor Baker read the proclamation into the record, and Brian Anderson, Operations Director for the Emergency Feeding Program, was present to accept the proclamation.

National Preparedness Month Proclamation – September 2013 – Mayor Baker read the proclamation into the record.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ken Smith, 15816 70th Avenue NE, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns regarding the City's financial position.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizen for his comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Rogers moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Mayor Baker seconded the motion to Adopt the Minutes for the August 16, 2013 City Council Special Meeting; Approve Check Nos. 28332 - 28404 in the Amount of $873,977.14 and Electronically Transferred Payroll Funds Totaling $66,138.34 and Payroll Check Nos. 210479 – 210481 Totaling $700.99 for the Period Ending August 20, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

June 2013 Financial Report Presentation – Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director, was present to give a brief staff report in which she noted that expenses were on track for the period, with the exception of legal expenses, which staff is working to reduce. She stated that overall general fund revenues are at 103% of projections, with sales tax close to budget; water and sewer fees lagging a bit, pending negotiation of the franchise agreement; development fees ahead of projections; real estate excise tax trending upward; and impact fees on target. In response to a Councilmember question, she stated that the only debt the City has is approximately $240,000 in surface water debt which we inherited from King County upon incorporation. She stated that the debt will be paid in full in 2016.

West Sammamish Bridge Update – Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director, and Kevin Kim of Jacobs Engineering, provided a PowerPoint presentation. They reviewed the history of the East Sammamish Bridge and West Sammamish Bridge since October 2012, including monitoring and inspection activities. They also reviewed initial findings by Jacobs Engineering and stated that Jacobs is recommending the City take no action at this time. They detailed the next steps, including having Jacobs complete their studies and continuing to monitor the bridge. They were also available to answer any questions.

Resolution No. 13-221 Recommending Light Rail Station at NE 145th Street and I-5 – Kris Overleese, Engineering & Environmental Services Director, was present to give a brief staff report regarding the resolution, which supports Shoreline's desire for a light rail station at this location. She stated that other locations are being considered by Sound Transit, and that the NE 145th Street and I-5 location is the easiest for Kenmore residents to get to, as well as having the biggest potential for transit-oriented development. She was also available to answer any questions.

It was Council consensus that the resolution be modified to add language regarding Sound Transit making every effort to ensure that bus service will be available to the station from Kenmore. Council requested that the modified resolution be brought back for Council approval on the September 23, 2013 consent agenda.

STAFF REPORT

Drive-Through Regulations in the Downtown Commercial Zone – Debbie Bent, Community Development Director, was present to provide information to the Council on the existing regulations. She stated that the intent of the regulations when passed in 2003 was to try to limit vehicle uses and encourage more pedestrian-friendly and transit-oriented development. It was also intended that existing business drive-throughs would phase out over time and that drive-through usage is discouraged for the downtown area. City Manager Karlinsey asked the Council for direction as to whether this issue should be brought back to Council to explore options for changing the regulations. Director Bent discussed some options for changing the regulations and what that might mean.

It was Council direction that staff should bring back some options for Council to consider.

City Manager Karlinsey asked Council if the City would be able to spend some money to promote a City Council Candidates Forum being held by the Kenmore Business Alliance on October 8th at 6:30 p.m. at Bastyr University.

It was Council consensus that the City should not promote the Kenmore Business Alliance/Chamber of Commerce event with City funds.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/REPORTS

Councilmember Smith stated that the City Manager and Assistant City Manager did a great job on the legislative wrap-up event.

Councilmember Rogers noted that Mercer Island is utilizing a vehicle with laser beams to drive through the city and gather information about infrastructure.

Deputy Mayor Hensel thanked the staff for a great fireworks event on the 4th of July.

Mayor Baker announced that the City received $20,000 from KaBOOM! He noted that he went in front of the State Liquor Control Board to state the City's concerns, and had several interview requests following that. He stated that he attended a great meeting last week with our three State Representatives, Farrell, Pollet and Frockt. He noted that the State Senate Transportation Committee is currently holding hearings throughout the State, and that Council needs to be present and visible at these meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the regular meeting at 9:07 p.m.

David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Safrin, City Clerk