

**City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Special & Regular Meeting
Minutes
November 12, 2013**

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy Mayor Hensel recessed the special meeting at 6:30 p.m. to an executive session to discuss Litigation and Potential Litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). He stated that the executive session will last for approximately 20 minutes and that action is anticipated when the meeting is reconvened. Deputy Mayor Hensel extended the executive session for five minutes at 6:45 p.m., and again at 6:55 p.m.

POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deputy Mayor Hensel added Ordinance No. 13-0369, Emergency Interim Zoning Regulations, to the regular meeting agenda as Business Agenda Item A, moving the 2014 Fee Schedule to Business Agenda Item B. There were no objections.

ADJOURNMENT – Deputy Mayor Hensel adjourned the special meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Councilmembers present: Mayor David Baker (arriving 7:35 p.m.), Deputy Mayor Bob Hensel, and Councilmembers Brent Smith, Laurie Sperry, Allan Van Ness and Milton Curtis

Councilmembers excused: Councilmember Glenn Rogers

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Debbie Bent, Director of Community Development; Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner; Rod Kaseguma, City Attorney; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Deputy Mayor Hensel led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was Council consensus to approve the agenda as revised following the Executive Session.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carl Michelman, 18023 62nd Avenue NE, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns regarding the Kenmore Village residential development and business licensing.

John Hendrickson, 5919 NE 202nd Lane, Kenmore, was present to apologize for a misstatement he made during Citizen Comments at a recent Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Hensel thanked the citizens for their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Hensel moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Councilmember Sperry seconded the motion to Approve Check Nos. 28843 - 28935 in the Amount of \$420,795.00 and Electronically Transferred Payroll Funds Totaling \$65,468.16 for the Period Ending October 25, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing to Receive Public Testimony on Revenue Sources and Proposed Tax Levy for 2014, Ordinance No. 13-0365 – Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director, was present to provide a PowerPoint presentation. She was also available to answer any questions.

She provided information on property tax rates and assessed valuation and noted that the City must set the tax levy every year by State law. She stated that the City has not taken a property tax increase since 2005, and that a 1% increase in 2014 would generate over \$40,000 for the General Fund. She also reviewed a few other key revenue sources for the General Fund, including sales tax, criminal justice tax, utility taxes, State liquor revenues, development revenues and franchise fees.

Mayor Baker opened the public hearing to receive public testimony on this issue at 7:34 p.m.

The following citizen spoke:

Carl Michelman, 18023 62nd Avenue NE, Kenmore, was present to ask the Council to take into consideration what other taxes and fees are being imposed, such as utility taxes and business license fees.

As there was no further testimony, Mayor Baker closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Adopt Ordinance No. 13-0369 Approving Emergency Interim Zoning Regulations Prohibiting Marijuana Businesses under State Initiative 502 for Six Months – Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner, was present to give a brief staff report. She was also available to answer any questions.

She stated that staff believes this ordinance will support the City's policies regarding protection of single-family residential neighborhoods in terms of possible adverse impacts of marijuana businesses under Initiative 502. If adopted, Ordinance No. 13-0369 would go into effect immediately and expire on May 12, 2014. A public hearing will be held on November 25th.

Councilmember Curtis moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 13-0369 Approving Emergency Interim Zoning Regulations Prohibiting Marijuana Businesses under State Initiative 502 for Six Months. Councilmember Van Ness seconded the motion. Mayor Baker abstained from voting, as he was not present for the staff briefing. The motion passed 5-0.

Adopt 2014 Fee Schedule, Resolution No. 13-227 – Bryan Hampson, Development Services Director, was present to give a brief staff report in which he stated that the proposed changes to the fee schedule are to business license fees and to clear up confusion due to typographical errors. Director Hampson, Assistant City Manager Ousley and City Manager Karlinsey were available to answer any questions.

Councilmember Smith moved to Adopt the 2014 Fee Schedule, Resolution No. 13-227. Councilmember Curtis seconded the motion.

Mayor Baker moved to amend the main motion to approve all fees except the business license fee, and to wait on the business license fee until more information on alternative licensing options can be obtained. Councilmember Van Ness seconded the amendment. The amendment to the main motion failed 2-4, with Councilmembers Sperry, Curtis and Smith and Deputy Mayor Hensel voting no.

The unamended main motion, to Adopt the 2014 Fee Schedule, Resolution No. 13-227, passed 4-2, with Councilmember Van Ness and Mayor Baker voting no.

STAFF REPORT

Lean Project Update – Bryan Hampson, Development Services Director, was present to give a brief update. He stated that the Development Services staff has looked at the overall short plat process, from preapplication through construction, to try to create even more efficiencies in the process. He was also available to answer any questions.

Traffic Calming Update – Rob Karlinsey, City Manager, was present to give a brief update. He stated that a traffic fatality on 62nd Avenue a couple of weeks ago triggered a reaction from the neighbors. He, some Councilmembers, and some State delegates followed up by doing a walking tour of the area. They believe they are seeing a lot of diversion of traffic from other routes and have asked King County to do a traffic and speed study. The City will consider signage, speed bumps, and other devices once the results of the study are available. In the meantime, the City will work with neighbors to cut back vegetation in the right of way. He was also available to answer any questions.

City Manager Karlinsey announced that on November 19th the City will provide a mobile workshop for approximately 50 National League of Cities (NLC) Conference delegates from across the country, showcasing Kenmore and how we are taking advantage of our assets to promote economic development.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilmember Van Ness reported on a recent Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) meeting.

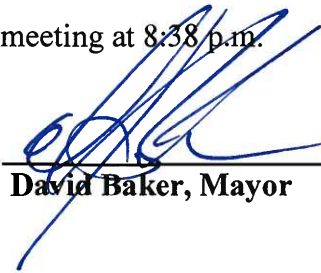
Councilmember Sperry stated that Council needs to discuss whether or not to take the 1% property tax increase this year, especially given the long-range forecast for the City's General Fund. She noted that the Kenmore library is working on being more connected with the community. They plan to participate with the City at some of our business seminars to show businesses how the library can serve them.

Brent Smith noted that the business incubator is giving the City positive public exposure.

Mayor Baker would like to see business incubator information available at the upcoming business seminar. He stated that the Sound Cities group would like to see a business incubator presentation. He noted that business incubator participant Peter Hauser, of CooKoo Watch, donated four watches to give as prizes during the City's NLC mobile tour. The Mayor also reported on an NLC session he attended today.

ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Hensel adjourned the regular meeting at 8:38 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safrin, City Clerk