

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
February 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER – The regular meeting of the Kenmore City Council was called to order by Mayor David Baker at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

FLAG SALUTE

Janet Quinn led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was Council consensus to approve the agenda as submitted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Karyl Gelatt, 7208 NE 190th Court, Kenmore, was present to detail the reasons that she does not support the proposed school district boundary adjustments affecting the City of Kenmore.

Anne Anderson, 16304 81st Place NE, Kenmore, was present to state her concerns regarding trees needing to be better protected at new developments in the City, including having a higher standard for the quality of replacement trees.

Aileen Hammar, 6511 NE 192nd Place, Kenmore, was present to read a letter from her daughter regarding her concerns about the proposed school district boundary adjustments.

Jen Pierson, 7309 NE 204th Place, Kenmore, was present to state her concerns about the proposed school district boundary adjustments.

John, Fran and Kate Erskine, 7513 NE 195th Street, Kenmore, were present to state their concerns about the proposed school district boundary adjustments.

Mark Miller, 7519 NE 204th Place, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns about the proposed school district boundary adjustments.

Richard Lawlor, 18551 63rd Avenue NE, Kenmore, was present to state his concerns about the proposed school district boundary adjustments.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Northshore School District Proposed Boundary Adjustments – Larry Francois, District Superintendent; Janet Quinn, School Board President; and Enrollment Demographics Task Force (EDTF) members Doug Wilson, Community Support; Ryan Fujiwara, Task Force Chair; and Katrina Rose, Community Representative and Boundary Subcommittee, were present. They provided a PowerPoint presentation on the EDTF's work and their draft recommendations. Ryan Fujiwara stated that boundary adjustment considerations included instructional, demographic, operational and geographic. They did a community survey to determine themes to consider in drawing boundaries. The themes identified were academic patterns and program location, feeder patterns, proximity to schools, busing, cohorts and neighborhoods, and waivers. They also worked with certain assumptions and challenges in redrawing boundaries, such as how to fit six middle school populations into four high schools. They are currently gathering input from the community and will take that input into consideration before submitting the draft recommendations to the School Board in early April. Final boundary line plan approval is anticipated for Spring of 2016. They were also available to answer any questions.

King Conservation District (KCD) Presentation – Melissa Lang, Outreach Coordinator, was present to describe the mission and background of the King Conservation District and detail the KCD proposed 2015 Program of Work. She provided a PowerPoint presentation and was also available to answer any questions. Several new initiatives were identified as essential regional priorities, including activities and partnerships that will help build a regional, sustainable, and equitable food system; expanding the region's green infrastructure; and restoring private shorelines, both fresh and marine. The Program of Work Five-Year Implementation Plan outlines the ways in which KCD proposes to implement its proposed new programs and expand specific current programs. She detailed some of KCD's upcoming programs, and she noted that the City of Kenmore has approximately \$100,000 in its Jurisdictional Grant fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was Council consensus to Adopt the Minutes for the February 9, 2015 City Council Meeting.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Adopt Ordinance No. 15-0396 Updating the 2015-2020 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Surface Water, Parks, and Transportation - Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director, and Kris Overleese, Public Works Director/City Engineer, were present to give a brief report. They were also available to answer any questions. Three transportation projects in the CIP will be amended, due to successful transportation grant applications, as presented to the Council at their February 9th and 17th City Council meetings.

Councilmember Smith moved to Adopt Ordinance No. 15-0396 Updating the 2015-2020 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Surface Water, Parks, and Transportation. Deputy Mayor Van Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

STAFF REPORT

Status Update on Parks Capital Projects - Debbie Bent, Community Development Director, was present to give a status update on the seven park projects included in the Park Capital Improvement Program (CIP). She noted that the agenda packet includes an alignment shown for the Tolt Pipeline Trail, and staff is working hard to improve and pave the trail from 68th Avenue to the connection with the trail in front of the townhouse building. They are also currently working on some issues with the City of Seattle, who own the right-of-way. She was also available to answer any questions.

JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Discuss Results of a Public Survey on an Amended Comprehensive Plan Vision Statement - Debbie Bent, Community Development Director; Lauri Anderson, Senior Planner; and Planning Commission members Mike Mulcare, Debra Srebnik, Carol Baker, Mark Ohrenscall, and Vice Chair Angela Kugler were present to give a brief PowerPoint and summary of responses to the Vision Statement Survey. 42 % of respondents liked “vibrant waterfront community” as a descriptor for the City. 81% of respondents think that Kenmore should have a small town feeling, which was characterized by most respondents as, “A place that feels safe and friendly, where you know your neighbors and others in the community and have a sense of belonging.” In all cases, most respondents agreed with the individual vision statements. Director Bent detailed how the amended Vision Statement was created. They were also available to answer any questions.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

City Manager Karlinsey stated that he recommends canceling the March 9th City Council meeting, as three Councilmembers will be absent and there is a special meeting scheduled on March 2nd. He noted that the volunteer appreciation event will take place on February 24th at 6:00 p.m. He also reminded Council that author Peter Kageyama will be in Kenmore April 6th and 7th to present “For the Love of Kenmore” workshops.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER INITIATIVES

Councilmember Smith stated that the group to plan a Veterans’ tribute has been terminated. He would like to work with the Mayor and City Manager to create some type of document to ensure that when the City completes the plaza in front of City Hall, it will include a Veterans’ component.

Councilmember Sperry stated that if we send a thank you letter to the Northshore School District representatives, we should include the part of the citizen survey that has to do with schools.

It was Council consensus that the City send a letter to the Northshore School District stating that we strongly support maintaining the unity of the schools in Kenmore.

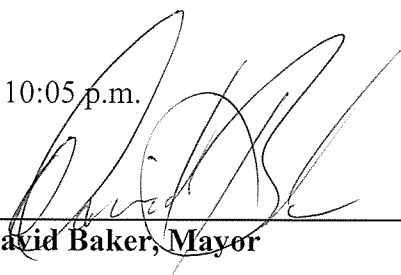
Councilmember Curtis stated that he would like to see the City replace the entire top of the chain link fence on the east side of 61st Avenue NE to a cable, as has been done for a portion of the fence, as it is currently a safety issue.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

Mayor Baker distributed a handout on homelessness. He stated that Sound Cities would like to take a vote on April 22nd to support the Ten-Year Plan, and they are looking for feedback on some specific areas. They would like cities to repeal any local ordinances which criminalize homelessness, such as sleeping in parks. They would also like to close the gap in the number of housing options available to those with incomes below 30% of the median income. In addition, there are three other items on which they are looking for support. The Mayor stated that he will represent Kenmore this Friday at a HUD conference on ending veterans' homelessness. Tomorrow he plans to go to the Veterans' Administration to recruit for Kenmore's Canoe & Kayak Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Baker adjourned the regular meeting at 10:05 p.m.



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Saffin, City Clerk