

City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
November 16, 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; Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Richard Sawyer, Surface Water Program Manager; Rod Kaseguma, City Attorney; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

FLAG SALUTE

Councilmember Smith led the flag salute.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was Council consensus to approve the agenda as submitted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizens wishing to speak during the Citizen Comments period.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Baker pulled Item D from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration.

Councilmember Curtis moved to approve Consent Agenda Items A through C. Mayor Baker seconded the motion to Adopt the Minutes for the October 26, 2015 City Council Regular Meeting; Authorize the City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 14-C1358 with Public Health of Seattle/King County (PHSKC) for a Local Hazardous Waste Management Grant; and Approve the 2016 State Legislative Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Sperry moved to approve Consent Agenda Item D, Confirm Current Kenmore Library Board Alternate Carol Chaput as a Regular Board Member. Mayor Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing to Receive Public Testimony on the Proposed 2016 Tax Levy, Ordinance No. 15-0411 - Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director

Mayor Baker opened the public hearing to receive public testimony on this issue at 7:07 p.m.

As there were no citizens wishing to testify, Mayor Baker closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Discussion of the Proposed Tax Levy for 2016, Ordinance No. 15-0411 - Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director, was present to provide a brief PowerPoint presentation. She noted key dates for the budget, CIP, and tax levy consideration and approval. She stated that inflation was so low this year that the Implicit Price Deflator (IPD) is lower than 1%, which does not happen very often. If the City takes the .25% increase, it would lower our banked capacity, so staff's recommendation is to take a 0% increase this year and bank 1% for future need. She was also available to answer any questions.

It was Council consensus to bring back an ordinance in keeping with the staff recommendation of taking a 0% increase in the tax levy for 2016 and banking 1% for future need.

Cityworks Software Demonstration - Richard Sawyer, Surface Water Program Manager, was present to provide a demonstration of the Cityworks software in order to enable Councilmembers to view Citizen Action Requests (CARs) at home. He demonstrated the software on the video screen. He distributed written instructions to the Council. He was also available to answer any questions. City Manager Karlinsey stated that this tool is available to Council as policy makers.

Salary Commission Appointments - Mayor Baker stated that he recommends Todd Baker, Char Crawford and Glenn Rogers to serve on a Salary Commission to determine Council salaries. He noted that, according to State law, the Council is required to abide by whatever decision the Salary Commission makes. The Salary Commission members will serve until they reach a decision, at which point the Commission would be dissolved.

Councilmember Curtis moved to appoint Todd Baker, Char Crawford, and Glenn Rogers to serve on a Salary Commission. Deputy Mayor Van Ness seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

STAFF REPORT

City Manager Karlinsey stated that staff has begun a process to enter into an agreement with State Parks to give the City control of the ball fields at St. Edward State Park for the purpose of improving, operating, and maintaining them. The anticipated timeline is to have an agreement by late March 2016, when the State Parks Commission meets in Olympia. He stated that he would like to have a public meeting on the topic, although timing for a public meeting has not yet been determined. This work is a follow-up on Council direction from the November 9th City Council meeting.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilmember Smith thanked City Manager Karlinsey and Community Development Director Debbie Bent for their efforts regarding the ball fields.

Councilmember Denuski stated that she was on the Town Green art selection board with Councilmember Sperry last week. She stated that they narrowed the candidates down to four from 27 applicants.

Mayor Baker stated that he attended a Sound Transit 3 (ST3) Steering Committee meeting on Thursday. As a result of that meeting, a meeting is being planned with the Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, Bothell and Shoreline City Councils during the week of January 11, 2016. There is an ST3 Board meeting coming up at the end of January, and they want to make sure that everyone is on the same page and working together. Tomorrow he will meet with the new Mayor of Lake Forest Park, Lake Forest Park Councilmember Catherine Stanford, and Shoreline's legislative person, Scott McCall to discuss ST3 to make sure everyone is asking for the same thing. He stated that he will attend the ST3 Board meeting on December 4th to show a Kenmore presence. At that meeting, ST3 will narrow the list of projects and pass out templates that cities will need to work with. Today he met with John Fine, President of United Way, to talk about King County cuts to senior services, especially senior food programs; however, nothing was resolved. He stated that the Kenmore Bothell Interface Group (KBIG) met last Tuesday, and he was part of a panel on tent cities at that meeting. He noted that Councilmember Herbig was there as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Baker recessed the regular meeting to an executive session at 8:15 p.m. (after a 7 minute break) to discuss 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 may be taken as a result of the executive session.

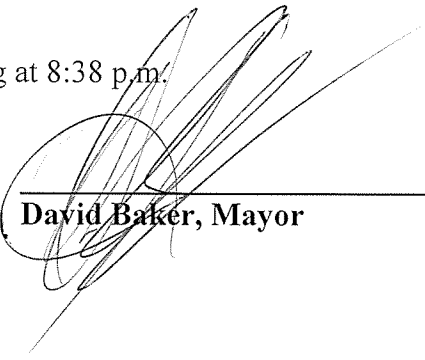
Mayor Baker reconvened the regular meeting at 8:35 p.m.

POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Smith moved that 1) the City Manager is authorized to settle the dispute between the City and MSPT XI regarding the grades and composition of the Kenmore Town Green project soil through the payment of \$30,000 by MSPT XI to the City, and to sign a settlement agreement in a form approved by the City Attorney; and 2) the City Manager is authorized to sign an amendment to the "Amended and Reciprocal Grant of Easements and Agreement" between the parties, and new easements related to the agreement, that are necessary to settle the dispute. Mayor Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safran, City Clerk