

**City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Special Meeting
Minutes
February 29, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER – The Kenmore City Council special meeting was called to order by Mayor David Baker at 7:05 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

Northshore School District Board Members and Staff present: Larry Francois, Superintendent; Amy Cast, Board President; Kimberley D’Angelo, Board Vice President; David Cogan, Board Member; Ryan Fujiwara, Executive Director of Support Services; and Karen Mooseker, Director of Capital Projects. Board Member Ken Smith was present by phone for the first part of the meeting, and in person from 8:15 p.m.

Northshore School District Board Members and Staff excused: Carolyn O’Keefe, Deputy Superintendent, and Sandy Hayes, Board Member

Staff present: Rob Karlinsey, City Manager; Nancy Ousley, Assistant City Manager; Joanne Gregory, Finance & Administration Director; Kris Overleese, Public Works Director/City Engineer; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was Council consensus to approve the agenda as submitted.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizens wishing to comment.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- **NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATES**
 - School Boundary Changes and North Creek High School

Superintendent Francois stated that the recent boundary changes touch each of the District’s 29 service areas to some degree. He detailed the service areas as defined in the color-coded maps, broken down into high school areas, middle school areas and elementary school areas. He noted that elementary cohorts will stay together in middle school and high school. Arrowhead, Moorlands, Woodmoor and Kenmore elementary schools will all feed into Inglemoor High School. Additional boundary adjustments are anticipated, to provide relief for overcrowded elementary schools by moving 6th graders into middle schools in 2017, and with the opening of a new school in 2020.

He gave a brief update on the new North Creek High School, which is projected to open in September of 2017. Karen Mooseker gave a short video of the inside of the school so far, with commentary on the design elements.

- All-Day Kindergarten and Class Size Mandates

Francois stated that Washington State has mandated full-day kindergarten in 2017, with the option to implement in September of 2016. Northshore School District is implementing a hybrid of half-day and full-day kindergarten programs for Lockwood, Moorlands and Shelton View in September 2016. Kenmore and Arrowhead will be able to offer full-day kindergartens in September of 2016. Parents of full-day kindergarten students will no longer have to pay a fee.

He stated that changes to kindergarten through third grade class size ratios are still in discussion at the State legislature.

- Upcoming Levy Renewals and Bond Measures

Francois noted that the District is currently working on selecting community members to serve on two task forces which will make recommendations to the School Board, the Capital Bond Planning task force and the Technology Levy Planning task force. As part of the task force work, the School District is updating assessments of building and technology infrastructure.

He stated that, traditionally, they have run levies and a bond every four years, which has worked out well by letting families see all the costs together. The 2018 bond will include funding for another north end school.

- School Impact Fees

Francois explained that, based on County code criteria for District-wide enrollment capacity at all grade levels, Northshore School District does not currently qualify to collect impact fees from developers. He stated that they continue to complete and submit annual capital facility plans to local jurisdictions as part of the impact fee eligibility process.

- **CITY OF KENMORE UPDATES**

- Upcoming City Park and Ball Field Improvements, including St. Edward Ball Fields

City Manager Karlinsey projected an aerial image of Bastyr University and St. Edward State Park and pointed out a 3-acre sports facility which has fallen into neglect and disrepair. He stated that in 2008 the State Parks Commission did not grant approval for the City to take those ball fields over, but we are once again in discussion with State Parks to renovate and take control of the field, and we are hoping for a 30-year term. The City will do a SEPA analysis and, if State Parks approves it, we are looking at a couple of funding options, so timing is not known at this time. With lighting and synthetic turf, the cost would be about \$3M, or about half that without lighting and with natural grass.

He also showed an aerial view of the City-owned portion of Moorlands Park. The arrangement through 2018 is that Moorlands Elementary School uses Moorlands Park in return for maintenance. However, the City has significant improvements planned for the park, so the level of maintenance will increase significantly, and changes will need to be made. The project is currently under design, and construction is expected to begin in 2017.

- Imagine Kenmore Potential Fall Ballot Measure

Karlinsey reported that the City Council has asked staff to work with the community on a potential ballot measure. He stated that we have done a pretty aggressive campaign to get input from citizens as to what they would like to see. Currently the Council is narrowing down the feedback into several possible ballot measure options.

- Downtown Developments

Karlinsey briefly mentioned downtown development projects, including Lakepointe development; the sale of property behind Kenmore Village and in Kenmore Village for development by Main Street Property Group, including approximately 250 apartments; the purchase of some of the Kenmore Village property in 2013 by Kenmore Camera for their new store location; and the Town Green property. He stated that the City is making strides towards having a downtown sense of place in Kenmore.

- Sound Transit 3

Karlinsey reported on the City's efforts to have a project, such as bus rapid transit, in the ST3 proposal going to voters in the next couple of years. He stated that congestion on Bothell Way has to do with what's going on regionally, and that we have a good 5-city coalition of cities advocating for our ST3 proposals. He noted that we are also proposing parking garages to go along with the bus rapid transit and proposing that a light rail study be conducted for the corridor.

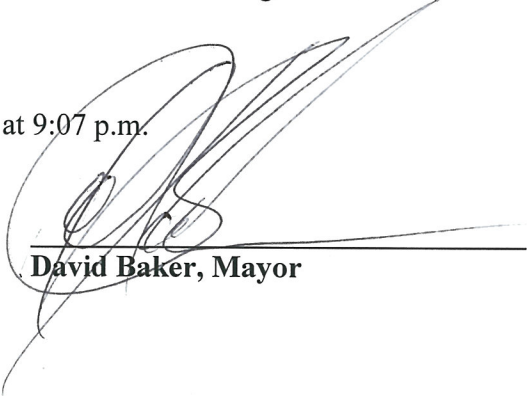
CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

Councilmember Smith stated that the Northshore Senior Center, which is in the Northshore Parks Service Recreation Area, is no longer going to be run by Northshore Senior Services, and will be independently run.

Deputy Mayor Van Ness stated that he and Mayor Baker are going to the National League of Cities meeting in Washington, DC and plan to meet with some of our legislators.

ADJOURNMENT

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



David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patty Safrin, City Clerk