

**City of Kenmore, Washington
City Council Special Joint Meeting
with Lake Forest Park City Council
and Northshore Fire District Board
Minutes
May 16, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER – The Kenmore City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor David Baker at 5:30 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; Kris Overleese, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Bryan Hampson, Development Services Director; Rod Kaseguma, City Attorney; and Patty Safrin, City Clerk

Present from City of Lake Forest Park: Mayor Jeff Johnson; Deputy Mayor Catherine Stanford; Council Members Phillipa Kassover, John Resha, and Mark Phillips; City Administrator Pete Rose; and Police Chief Steve Sutton

Present from Northshore Fire District: Commissioners Eric Adman, Dave Maehren, and Don Ellis; and Fire Chief Jim Torpin

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Baker recessed the meeting to an executive session at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). He stated that the executive session will last for approximately 45 minutes and that no action is anticipated when the meeting is reconvened.

Mayor Baker extended the executive session for ten minutes at 6:15 p.m. Mayor Baker closed the executive session at 6:25 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS

Refreshments were provided from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Baker reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Lake Forest Park Mayor Jeff Johnson led the flag salute.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jill Palmquist, 1 East Road, Tacoma, was present as a representative of Hopelink, to thank Council for the Affordable Housing proclamation and to urge them to consider tenant protections.

Mike Dee was present but decided not to make his statements.

Mayor Baker thanked the citizens for their comments.

JOINT MEETING AGENDA

Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Recap and Next Steps - Jim Torpin, Fire Chief, Northshore Fire Department, stated that they commissioned a study about 12 years ago to look at options for regional fire. The initial report was received in 2012. It concluded that Northshore Fire Department is a viable stand-alone fire department; however, the study also listed a number of other possible options. He stated that the Fire District Board established a number of guiding principles for how to evaluate these options. They joined Bothell & Woodinville in late 2013 to explore the feasibility of a regional fire authority (RFA). The March 2014 report stated that an RFA is feasible and would provide some benefits. At that point there were still questions to be investigated, such as staffing levels, financial equity on the initial buy-in, and organizational philosophy. Another concern was the likelihood of it passing if taken to the citizens. A final report in 2015 concluded that an RFA was not going to happen. However, he stated that the fire department will continue to partner and look at areas where they can find efficiencies with cooperation. Commissioner Maehren made a comment. Chief Torpin was available to answer any questions.

Northshore Emergency Management Coalition (NEMC) - Bryan Hampson, Development Services Director; Stephen Sutton, Chief of Police, Lake Forest Park; and Carl Lunak, NEMC Emergency Coordinator, were present to give a brief report on the NEMC agreement update, joint planning efforts, and the Cascadia Rising joint exercise coming up in June.

Carl Lunak, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the NEMC, including the background of ESCA dissolving in December of 2015, the formation of NEMC, identifying a detailed scope of work, progress on updating the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, coordination and training of volunteers, setting up the joint emergency operations center, staff training and a long-term training plan, resource management, coordinated communications, and combined emergency exercises.

Director Hampson stated that the Fire Department will be the main emergency operations center (EOC) and the City's EOC will be secondary, which is required by State law. Chief Sutton mentioned the upcoming Cascadia Rising exercise in June. City Manager Karlinsey stated that Carl Lunak is only on loan from Northshore Utility District (NUD) for one year, so we have to figure out what will happen after that.

Sound Transit 3 - City Manager Karlinsey stated that everything we asked for is on the draft ST3 plan. He noted that we are hearing that the ST3 Board were very impressed by our 5-City cooperation in getting our message across to them. Lake Forest Park City Administrator Rose stated that it is important to remain vigilant and involved at all stages of the process. Karlinsey emphasized that whether or not the ballot measure passes, the journey is not over on November 8th.

Regional Transportation Issues - City Manager Karlinsey stated that we have lots of things in common, and SR 522 is one of them. Citizens want us to do something about traffic congestion, and there are influences on it which are beyond our control. He stated that the City is working on ideas for how to take our voices to Olympia next year and how to do it together with other cities and entities.

Idea to Rename Bothell Way in Lake Forest Park & Kenmore to Northshore Way or Lakeshore Way - City Manager Karlinsey stated that this came up at the January Kenmore City Council retreat, and we had our city attorney research what is needed to change the name of a State highway. He asked if there is any interest in looking into this further. Mayor Johnson said he has no problem with the idea, but businesses will have to make a lot of changes, and the Lake Forest Park Towne Centre businesses all have Bothell Way addresses. Deputy Mayor Van Ness spoke about the origin of the name "Bothell Way," and the fact that it is cumbersome and misleading. Other Councilmembers from both cities voiced their opinions and concerns.

General Fire District and City Updates – Fire Chief Torpin stated that he finished a workshop on strategic planning last week. His report is not out yet, but a lot of the work has been done. The Fire District now has their second 4-wheel drive vehicle, which will help them get to people faster in some situations. They have had some conversations with Kirkland about a joint staffing station up on the hill, but nothing has come of it as yet.

Lake Forest Park Deputy Mayor Stanford stated that Lake Forest Park is also working on a strategic plan, which will be a 2- to 5-year work plan, focusing on five of their Council goals.

CITY COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

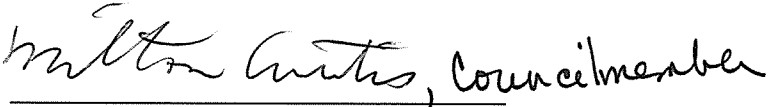
Councilmember Sperry stated that it was a fun weekend with the seaplane fly-in and the waterfront fair.

Deputy Mayor Van Ness stated that he is pleased to see that our historical wall mural is progressing.

Mayor Baker stated that the event he attended last week in Renton with Peter Kageyama was great. He was in Washington, DC, this weekend meeting with some of our delegation. Congresswoman Del Bene has expressed an interest in the opening of our Town Green.

ADJOURNMENT

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


for Milton Curtis, Councilmember
David Baker, Mayor

ATTEST:


Patty Safrin, City Clerk