

**City of Kenmore
City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 15, 2026**

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PRESENT:

Councilmembers: Mayor Nigel Herbig
Deputy Mayor Valerie Sasson
Councilmember Melanie O’Cain
Councilmember Jon Culver
Councilmember Eric Adman
Councilmember Nathan Loutsis
Councilmember Marshall (excused)

Staff: City Manager Teri Killgore
City Attorney Dawn Reitan
City Clerk Scott Passey
Co-Clerk Shannon Tipple-Leen
Nicole Suarez, Communications
Melinda Merrell, Finance & Administration Director
Tshilaba Verite, Senior Budget Analyst
Community Development Director Debbie Bent
Richard Sawyer, Environmental Services Director
Samantha Loyuk, Development Services Director

Speaking Guests: none

Public Comments

Speaking Guests: Dan Mathias, Kenmore resident
Elizabeth Mooney, Kenmore resident
Jim Myers, Kenmore resident
Tracy Banaszynski, Kenmore resident
Peter Lance, Kenmore resident
Maria Hudson, Bellevue, WA
William Creighton, Kenmore resident

CALL SPECIAL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Herbig called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Herbig read the Land Acknowledgement Honoring First Peoples.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Herbig led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented.

PROCLAMATION

- A. The Kenmore City Council proclaimed June 19, 2026 as Juneteenth throughout the City of Kenmore.

WHERE'S THE FUN?

City Manager Teri Killgore and Community & Business Engagement Coordinator Nicole Suarez highlighted the Station 51 Pancake Breakfast and recognized Inglemoor High School as National Rowing champions.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The City Council received comments from the public.

Timestamped link here: <https://youtu.be/9MusplClalY?t=939>

BUSINESS AGENDA

- A. Adopt Proposed Ordinance No. 26-0644, November 2026 General Election Ballot Measure City of Kenmore Proposition No. 1 Climate & Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services Levy, *presented by Teri Killgore, City Manager, Melinda Merrell, Finance and Administration Director, and Tshilaba Verite, Senior Budget & Fiscal Analyst*

Staff presented a proposal to adopt Ordinance 26-0644 placing Proposition 1, the city's first levy lid lift, on the November 2026 ballot to address Kenmore's structural budget deficit. The measure would increase the regular property tax levy to stabilize finances and sustainably fund three priority program areas: climate and environmental stewardship, affordable housing support, and human services.

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 26-0644, November 2026 General Election Ballot Measure City of Kenmore Proposition No. 1 Climate & Environmental Stewardship, Affordable Housing, and Human Services Levy

Moved by Culver; seconded by Adman.

VOTE: 5 Yes – Adman, Loutsis, Culver, Sasson, Herbig; 1 No - O'Cain.

MOTION PASSES.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Environmental Monitoring (Water) Update, *presented by Debbie Bent, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director, Richard Sawyer, Environmental Services Director, and Samantha Loyuk, Development Services Director*

Staff provided an update on city and private water quality monitoring and dredging activities. They highlighted ongoing beach sampling and algae work, use of an EPA brownfield grant for shoreline assessments, completion of Glacier Northwest's permitted dredging, and early planning for future city dredging in the Kenmore Channel and Sammamish River.

- B. Other – City Manager Teri Killgore

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS & COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), the City Council entered an executive session to discuss real estate acquisition. This executive session was slated to last 15 minutes until approximately 8:47 PM. The Council exited the executive session at approximately 8:48 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Herbig adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:48 PM.



Scott Passey, City Clerk



Nigel Herbig, Mayor

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