

**City of Sammamish  
City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
November 1, 2000**

Mayor Jack Barry called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 7:35 pm.

**Councilmembers present:** Mayor Jack Barry, Deputy Mayor Troy Romero, Councilmembers Phil Dyer, Don Gerend, Ron Haworth, Kathleen Huckabay, Kenneth Kilroy.

**Staff present:** City Manager Michael Wilson, Director of Administrative Services Dennis Richards, Public Works/Finance Director Ben Yazici, Director of Community Development Ray Gilmore, City Attorney Bruce Disend and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

**Roll Call/Pledge**

Roll was called. Student Liaison Lin Yang led the pledge.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**AMENDMENT:** Councilmember Dyer moved to amend the agenda to include under Item 6c the hardship exception hearing for Mr. James Guse. Deputy Mayor Romero seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**2. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

- Eastlake High School Report (Student Liaison Lin Yang): The school had a safe and fun homecoming. The football team won their game 13-7 against Woodinville. November 10<sup>th</sup> is the date for the last football game against Redmond. The Girls Volleyball team is playing in district playoffs. Tennis doubles team is playing in State Championship.
- Finance (Councilmember Huckabay): Committee reviewed the 2001/2002 City Budget. The committee looked at each department budget. They are looking forward to the public hearings tonight and at the next regular meeting on November 1. The Committee is working on formulating policy. The planned date for adoption of the budget is December 6.
- Community Development (Councilmember Dyer): The committee reviewed the hardship exception for Mr. James Guse and recommended it be added to this evening's agenda. They also reviewed the request for the City to assume the Beaver Lake Management District. Due to the time sensitivity of this assumption

the committee recommended this item be added to the November 15 Council meeting agenda for consideration.

- Public Works Committee (Councilmember Haworth): No report
- Mayor's Report (Mayor Barry): Commented on the problems with the development at Bella Sera. He also commented on a joint letter with City Manager Michael Wilson to the Plateau Water and Sewer District encouraging them to seek alternative water sources. A copy of this letter is available upon request from the City Clerk. The Mayor encouraged the staff to develop a process whereby the citizens can meet with Council to express their opinions on the Eastlake Sammamish Trail and the formation of an L.I.D. to finance an alternative route for the trail. He also encouraged Council to form a position on the trail.

### **3. Public Comment**

Mark Cross, 247 208<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Encourage Council to involve all residents living around both the proposed King County trail and the Neighborhood trail proposal. He suggested a personal notification to these residents of any public meetings to be held.

Tom Harmon, 2302 West Beaver Lake Drive, The Plateau Water and Sewer has adopted for distribution the Comprehensive Water Plan. The Plan has been sent to Issaquah, Sammamish and King County for ratification.

### **4. Consent Calendar**

- a) **Claims for period ending November 1, 2000 in the amount of \$290,614.60**
- b) **Payroll and benefits for period October 1 through October 15, pay date of October 20 in the amount of \$68,756.07**
- c) **Minutes of Regular Meeting October 4, 2000**
- d) **Minutes of Special Meeting/Study Session October 11, 2000**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

### **5. Public Hearing: Proposed 2001/2002 City Budget**

City Manager Michael Wilson gave a 35-minute power point presentation to explain some of the more complicated parts of the budget. A copy of this presentation is available upon request from the City Clerk.

Councilmember Huckabay explained the procedure for Council to comment on forming policy and expressing any concerns about any specific department of within the budget. She requested those questions be addressed to her and copied to the other members of the Finance Committee, Don Gerend and Ken Kilroy. The finance committee has two areas of concern, staffing and the complexity of the proposed budget.

Mayor Barry opened the Public Hearing at 8:55 pm.

**Public Comment:**

Barbara Kraus, 21419 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, She addressed the need for a Neighborhood Liaison program and express support for including funding for it in next year's budget.

Glenn Forbes, Liaison for Homeowners Association, He supported HOA's coming together and believes these organizations should take the initiative to form the Neighborhood Liaison program and there should not be much budgetary support from the City.

Tom Harmon,(Spoke previously), Believes the time has come for a community television station. He feels the community would be willing to partnership with the City to provide this service.

Lin Yang, 22924 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Commented on the lack of alternatives for youth activities. He will work with the City to help start the Youth Advisory Board in an effort to broaden these opportunities.

Helen Boyer, 21240 SE 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Requested Council considers support for neighborhood parks, small pocket parks and a community center in the budget.

Public Hearing Closed at 9:15 pm

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dyer moved to rearrange the agenda to considered Item 6c and all of Items 7 before moving on to Unfinished Business Item 6. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Council Recessed from 9:15 pm to 9:25 pm.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dyer moved to consider Items 6c, 7b, 7c and then return to the scheduled agenda.

**5. Unfinished Business**

**c) Hardship Exception/James Guse**

The Community Development Committee considered Mr. Guse's request for a hardship exception. The committee felt that Mr. Guse acted in good faith in proceeding with the subdivision, based on advice given by City Staff. The Committee recommended that Council grant Mr. Guse a hardship exception based on the fact that the rules changed while he was involved in the process. Mayor Barry expressed reluctant support for granting the hardship. Deputy Mayor Romero clarified that staff did not give Mr. Guse incorrect information; it is just that Council reinterpreted the exception rule after Mr. Guse was given the preliminary information.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dyer moved to grant James Guse a hardship exception to develop his short plat. Motion passed 6-1 with Councilmember Kilroy dissenting.

## **7. New Business**

### **b) Hardship Exception: Noelke/1801 244<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE**

Community Development Director Ray Gilmore gave the staff report. Mr. Noelke is requesting a hardship exception so that he may proceed with the 5-lot short plat of 4.77 acres. Mr. Noelke will lose his water certificates within six months if he is not granted the exception.

Councilmember Kilroy suggested that the Water District should not limit the time frame on water certificates issued under the moratorium. Water Commissioner Tom Harmon explained the Water District does not recognize any city moratorium when issuing water certificates. The reason for the time limitation on the water certificates is so the certificates are either used or surrendered to someone who will use them promptly. Councilmember Huckabay said that Council is being pressured to grant these hardship exceptions because of the expiration of water certificates.

Applicant Gerald Noelke and Robert Parnell of R.N. Parnell Company answered Council questions regarding timing on applying for an extension of the water certificates on the property.

Councilmember Kilroy was in favor of the exception but recommended staff work with the Water District in extending water certificate deadlines while the building moratorium is in effect. Councilmember Huckabay said that she would abstain from voting on the hardship exception because she attends the Church that is developing the adjacent property. She expressed concern over the fact that it seems too many people are trying to circumvent the building moratorium by applying for these exceptions.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to grant the hardship exception to Gerald Noelke. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1 with Councilmember Gerend dissenting and Councilmember Huckabay abstaining.

### **c) Hardship Exception: Propst/18841 NE 49<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Gilmore explained that Leanore Propst is requesting a hardship exception to proceed with the 2-lot short plat of her property.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dyer moved to grant the hardship exception to Leanore Propst. Councilmember Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Councilmember Haworth stated for the record that he was in favor of granting hardship exceptions to long-time residents of the City as opposed to someone who comes into the City to purchase property with the intent of developing it. That was the reason he voted in favor of granting the Noelke exception.

- a) **Second reading: An ordinance of the City of Sammamish, Washington, amending the budget for the calendar year 2000 as provided in Ordinance No. 99-44, approved December 8, 1999.**

Public Works/Finance Director Ben Yazici gave the staff report. There are three reasons for amending the FY 2000 budget. (1) Fluctuations in the revenues and expenditures. (2) Changes in budgeting strategies. (3) Capital deficit is higher due to major improvement projects completed by the City. There were changes made to the ordinance since the first reading to reflect requests from Council.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve an ordinance for the City of Sammamish to amend the 2000 budget. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0 (O2000-71)

- b) **Contract: Fire Services Settlement Agreement-EFR & Redmond**

Councilmember Haworth explained the changes in the agreement since it was last presented to Council. The contract is now for five years of service instead of seven. All Redmond stations will be responding to calls within the City if that is necessary to provide contracted service. The repayment time is shorter, to save money on interest. There will be no financial commitment by the City to Redmond after the expiration of the five-year agreement.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract for Fire Services with EF & R. Councilmember Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

## 6. New Business

- a) **First Reading: An ordinance of the City of Sammamish, Washington, adopting the 2001-2002 budgets.**

Mr. Wilson explained this was the first reading of this ordinance. Council will study specific aspects of the proposed budget at the Council Study Session on November 8, 2000. The second reading and further consideration of the ordinance will take place after the second public hearing at the November 15, 2000 Regular Meeting.

- d) **Interlocal: Water Resource Inventory Area 8 agreement**

Community Development Director Ray Gilmore explained this agreement was finalized on October 14, 2000 by the consortium of the participants of the interlocal agreement. As a regional watershed planning program it will be a key element for response and compliance with Endangered Species Act requirements. The City's share of the cost is \$15,523 and will be reestablished on an annual basis.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Huckabay moved to authorize the City Manager to sign an interlocal agreement for the Water Resource Inventory Area 8 Agreement. Deputy Mayor Romero seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**e) Resolution: Final Plat Approval of Arbors at Pine Lake**

Mr. Gilmore gave the staff report. The proposal is for a 26-lot plat on 8.4 acres. The plat was submitted to King County in 1996. The applicants have met all conditions of approval set by King County.

Councilmember Gerend asked several questions regarding drainage and run-off that may result from development of the property. Pete Dye, Senior Engineer for King County answered questions regarding the development.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Kilroy moved to grant final plat approval for the Arbors at Pine Lake. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

**7. Adjournment: Mayor Barry adjourned the meeting at 10:15 pm.**

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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Jack Barry, Mayor