

**City of Sammamish  
City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
June 7, 2000**

Mayor Jack Barry called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Councilmembers present:** Mayor Jack Barry, Deputy Mayor Troy Romero, Councilmembers Don Gerend, Ron Haworth and Kathleen Huckabay.

**Councilmembers excused:** Phil Dyer and Kenneth Kilroy.

**Staff present:** City Manager Michael Wilson, City Attorney Bruce Disend, Administrative Services Director Dennis Richards, Community Development Director Ray Gilmore, Public Works/Finance Director Ben Yazici, Chief Dick Baranzini, and Acting City Clerk Ruth Muller.

**Student Liaisons:** Jamie Furse, Skyline High School and Montsine Nshom, Eastlake High School.

**Roll Call/Pledge**

Roll was called and Student Liaisons Furse and Nshom let the pledge. Councilmember Haworth moved to excuse Councilmembers Kilroy and Dyer from the meeting. Councilmember Gerend seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations**

Mayor Barry recognized and welcomed to the meeting National Merit Scholar finalist Gerrit Hall, a resident of Sammamish, who attends Redmond High School. The mayor presented a certificate to Mr. Hall recognizing this achievement.

Mayor Barry introduced Elizabeth Best, Marketing Director with Tarragon, who developed the Saffron project at the intersection of Northeast 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue Northeast. Ms. Best said that this project was developed incorporating community input and will be an asset to the community. Joe Blatner from Tarragon announced that their grand opening celebration is scheduled August 19.

**Approval of Agenda**

Deputy Mayor Romero moved that the agenda be approved. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. Councilmember Haworth moved to amend the motion to add an item No. 4.(e) for discussion of fire service contract negotiation. Councilmember Gerend seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried unanimously.

Councilmember Huckabay moved to amend the agenda to remove Check No. 2153 to Regency Realty Corp. from Claims approval. Councilmember Gerend seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried unanimously.

The motion to approve the agenda as amended carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Bente Pasko, 22109 N. E. 21<sup>st</sup> Way, provided copies of briefs and research she has done on court cases concerning legality of railbed use. Ms. Pasko stated that there have been some statements made that are in conflict with what the courts have ruled. As the region's population increases, governments need to make use of all methods of transportation and the East Lake Sammamish Trail would be a benefit to the citizens.

Karl Leist, 4170 212<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E., said that the City is still not staffed sufficiently to enforce environmental codes and this provides a window of opportunity for people/developers to ignore requirements.

Tom Harman, 2302 West Beaver Lake Drive S.W., urged the Council to provide community access to the television channel available for City use. He has made contact with a representative from AT&T Cable Services and suggests that this be a study session item on June 14.

Vicki Beres, 2305 East Sammamish Drive S.E., said that the homeowners living along the proposed East Lake Sammamish Trail are in the minority and they are asking that there be a fair and open hearing on this issue to make sure that there will be a useable, safe trail.

**Consent Calendar**

Councilmember Huckabay moved that the Consent Calendar be approved as amended. Deputy Mayor Romero seconded the motion. Councilmember Gerend requested that the April 26, 2000 Council minutes be corrected on Page 2, last paragraph to show that his motion was to "support retaining use of HOV lanes during non-peak hours to two-or more-passenger vehicles". Deputy Mayor Romero seconded the motion including the minutes correction. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**Appointment of Student Liaisons:** Mayor Barry introduced Kerri Lindsey from Skyline High School and Lin Yang from Eastlake High School. Councilmember Gerend said that he and Councilmember Haworth participated in the student interviews and were very impressed with all students, and their recommendation is that these two be appointed. Deputy Mayor Romero moved that Kerri Lindsey, Skyline High School, and Lin Yang, Eastlake High School, be appointed as the student liaisons for the year 2000/2001. Councilmember Gerend seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Parks and Recreation Projects:** Parks/Recreation Manager Watling reviewed the Commission Project Work Plans covering development of a Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, distribution of a Parks and Recreation community assessment survey, and establishment of a Citizens Task Force to address the potential of building a public

recreation/community center. Copies of project timelines and the survey were provided to the Council. Parks/Recreation Commissioner Karen Moran added that the Commission has spent many hours in preparing this workplan; and also reminded Councilmembers of the City celebration in July. Councilmembers discussed the workplan relating to survey distribution and cost, technical support budget and purpose, task force makeup, need to determine if recreation/community center is a priority for the community, and maintenance standards timeline.

Deputy Mayor Romero moved that the Council endorse the Parks and Recreation Commission workplan as presented. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution No. R2000-51:** Councilmember Gerend moved that Resolution No. R2000-51 be adopted granting final plat approval to Highland Ridge AKA Cambria Division II. Deputy Mayor Romero seconded the motion. Community Development Director Gilmore reviewed this file that was completed in King County and has met all requirements for subdividing. The motion to approve R2000-51 carried by majority vote with four aye votes – Gerend, Haworth, Romero, Barry, and one nay vote – Huckabay.

**Resolution No. R2000-52:** Deputy Mayor Romero moved that Resolution No. R2000-52 be adopted Approving Public Benefit Rating System, Current Use Assessment to Tax Parcel No. 022406-9055. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. Community Development Director Gilmore reviewed requirements for homeowners applying for this benefit, and approval requirements. Ted Sullivan, Administrator for this program in King County, provided additional information on criteria for approval under this program. The motion to approve R2000-52 carried by majority vote with four aye votes – Gerend, Huckabay, Romero, Barry and one nay vote – Haworth.

**Fire Services Contract Negotiation:** Councilmember Haworth reported that during the discussions leading up to the contract negotiation phase, the Public Safety Committee had been advised that the City could contract with District No. 10. However, legal advice has been provided to the City requiring that the contract be entered into with Eastside Fire and Rescue. Councilmember Haworth moved that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate a contract for fire services with Eastside Fire and Rescue Service. Councilmember Gerend seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Haworth explained the representation and vote distribution that is currently in place for the Board of Eastside Fire and Rescue, and some options being discussed to include Sammamish. Councilmembers indicated they would prefer that this Board be made up of two representatives from each City and four representatives from the fire districts.

### **Council and Committee Reports**

Councilmember Huckabay reported that the Finance Committee is developing a policy for approval of requests for human services funding and the Committee recommends that no expenditures be authorized until the Council has approved a policy. Sammamish is

not included in the interlocal agreement with WRIA, and this subject should be on a future study session so that a decision can be made as to whether we wish to participate in this agency. Recent Suburban Cities Association GMA Board and Transportation Board meeting agenda items have been on regional policies on growth and how to fund.

Councilmember Haworth reported on the June 1 Public Works Committee workshop that included representatives from Metro and Sound Transit. Service to the Plateau area may not change as the bond issue was quite specific as to funding for the service.

Councilmember Gerend reported that he has learned that there may be some discretionary uses for funding surplus that result from growth, and he will follow this issue.

Deputy Mayor Romero reported that the Planning Advisory Board applications are due June 12; the Community Development Committee may consider a meeting day change.

Student Liaison Nshom reported that ASB positions have been filled at Eastlake High School.

Student Liaison Furse reported that Skyline High School has had its ASB ceremonial transition and requested that the City investigate the construction start time on 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue, as many students are experiencing delays since it appears that construction is beginning earlier than allowed.

Mayor Barry presented Sammamish City pins to Student Liaisons Furse and Nshom and thanked them for their service this year.

Mayor Barry reported that the Council agenda is developed by the City Manager and the mayor and he plans to include the following items on a future agenda: advisory ballot, anniversary newsletter, Council/Staff Retreat, and additional commissions. Councilmembers advised that they would also like to have television cable channel, volunteer policy, and volunteer projects addressed.

### **City Manager and Staff Reports**

Administrative Services Director Richards reported that the rear parking lot at City Hall has been paved and marked. Several staff positions have been filled and we have made some promotions. An additional building inspector will be hired with the intent that code enforcement will be handled through the building department.

Community Development Director Gilmore reported that an information data base is being developed for the permit log and that the Community Development Committee will be addressing the City's vision statement and a wireless facilities ordinance.

Chief Baranzini reported that the police also participate in code enforcement as needed, on staff changes, and that a high school volunteer for the department from Eastlake, Jonathan Kee, received a Rotary college scholarship.

Public Works/Finance Director Yazici reported on the 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue design phase workshops scheduled for June 16 and June 17, that an application was submitted to Public Works Trust Fund for a \$500,000 loan at ½% interest rate, on the status of several projects, and on regional transportation coordination meetings.

City Manager Wilson reported that there will soon be available a monthly financial status report, the fire services contract first negotiation meeting focused on goals and it is planned to have these negotiations completed and a contract ready by the August 2 Council meeting. The budget process has been discussed with the Finance Committee, senior staff will have a June 8 retreat to prepare for Council/Staff retreat, library annexation discussion will be on June 14 study session agenda with action by July 5 if this is to be submitted for the primary election. Mr. Wilson extended appreciation to Lola Nelson-Mills as staff coordinator for the first newsletter this year, and the website domain change is in work.

**Public Comments**

Karl Leist, 4170 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.E., said that the public is looking for prompt response to code enforcement violations, since the environment has taken a beating and enforcement is necessary prior to any violation activity; he recommends a point of contact if this job is to be handled by several persons.

Toni Hardesty, 2526 227<sup>th</sup> Place N.E., suggested that emergency telephone numbers and agendas be included on the website.

Bente Pasko, 22109 N. E. 21<sup>st</sup> Way suggested that volunteer projects could include assistance to the elderly in the community in maintenance of their property.

Tom Harmon, 2302 West Beaver Lake Drive S.E., said that the Saddle Club could use volunteers as they are re-working their facilities. Sammamish Plateau Water/Sewer District held the water lottery June 5 and issued 280 certificates from 300 applicants.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mayor Barry adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

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Ruth Muller, Acting City Clerk

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Mayor Jack Barry