

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting March 7, 2017

Mayor Don Gerend called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor Don Gerend
Deputy Mayor Bob Keller
Councilmember Tom Hornish
Councilmember Kathy Huckabay
Councilmember Christie Malchow
Councilmember Tom Odell
Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama

Staff present:

Lyman Howard, City Manager
Jessi Bon, Deputy City Manager
Angie Feser, Parks & Recreation Director
Kyle Endelman, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director
Tim Larson, Communication Manager
Mike Kenyon, City Attorney
Lita Hachey, Deputy City Clerk

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Councilmember Valderrama led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Malchow seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

City Manager Lyman Howard proposed to move the Executive Session to before the City Manager's Report.

Presentations/Proclamations

Community Center Operations

David Mayer, Executive Director, YMCA of Greater Seattle, gave a Community Center update and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*available upon request to the City Clerk, manderson@sammamish.us*)

Student Liaison Report

Tyler Zangaglia gave an update of events for Eastlake High School. The tolo dance is coming up on March 18th. The girls' basketball team had a very successful season, moving on to the state championships. Spring sports will be starting soon, which include, girls' tennis, baseball, boys' soccer and track & field. The DECA program did well in business and marketing, placing high at the state competition.

Public Comment

Rituja Indapure, 25822 SE 41st Place, spoke regarding the anti-immigration ban and the rising number of hate-crimes that are happening all around the country. She feels that we need to take action now as these crimes already are happening in Sammamish. Education and awareness of our rights need to be brought forward.

City Manager Lyman Howard read the following to the Citizens of Sammamish:

In recent months we've seen disturbing reports from around the country of attacks directed at religious minorities, ethnic groups and other vulnerable populations.

And unfortunately, we've also seen incidents closer to home. Just recently, a bomb threat was received by the Jewish Community Center on Mercer Island. And the Muslim Association of Puget Sound mosque in Redmond was vandalized twice late last year.

Choosing not to remain silent, the Sammamish City Council issued a proclamation in December affirming this community's inclusive values, stating that no discrimination would be tolerated on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Tonight, as the City Manager of Sammamish, I would like to add that everybody here at City Hall understands and embraces the inclusive policies outlined by our City Council in that proclamation.

From our police officers, to our parks and maintenance personnel, to our planners and engineers, we all understand what our City Council is insisting on – the fair and dignified treatment of all people.

We know these stories from around the country can be frightening to both children and adults.

And we don't want these menacing symptoms of hate to become more frightening due to any silence on our part.

So that's why, as your City Manager, I want every one of you – the good residents of Sammamish – to know that I will administer and deploy the resources of this City on behalf of each and every one of you.

Your City Council and your City Manager will defend and protect the dignity and wellbeing of all people.

We hope you never have occasion to do so, but if you ever feel under immediate threat, please call 9-1-1.

And if you'd like to speak to me, please call.

To those of you listening tonight who've been made uncomfortable by recent events, I hope you know that we mean what we say.

You are welcome here. We are enriched by your presence. And we intend to earn your trust by practicing what is best in the American tradition, and rejecting the hateful actions of a perverse few.

Deputy Mayor Keller suggested publishing the following proclamation again, from the December, 13, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Sammamish City Council Proclamation: Reaffirming Our Values –

In the wake of a contentious and discordant national election, we take this moment to pause and reaffirm our principles and values.

As your City government, our role is to bring people together and not divide them. Our job is to be

welcoming of all people and all ideas in recognition that we truly are stronger and smarter together. We need to recognize certain essential principles and conduct our government and hopefully our lives consistent with those principles.

Consequently, as your City Council, we pledge:

To do all we can to foster civil discourse.

To ensure that City services are always provided in a manner that does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

To foster a community that always encourages people to achieve their potential and help others to do similarly.

To protect our air, water and other parts of our natural environment to protect the health and futures of our families and future generations.

To welcome, without reservation, new people from all parts of our world, with an abiding faith in their potential to be part of and strengthen our community.

To never marginalize or demonize any person or group of people.

To respect and listen to people and their ideas.

To understand that we have a responsibility not just to ourselves but to others in our region including many who are not as fortunate.

To do all we can to ensure that our children will inherit a world that includes all of the good that the world our parents brought us into had.

To encourage that our national, state and regional leaders uphold these same values.

We commit to regularly remind ourselves of these principles and to judge ourselves and our City by our adherence to them.

Proclaimed, this 13th day of December, 2016.

Minal Kode, resident of Sammamish, she is an immigration attorney and on the board of an organization called API Chaya. This is a non-profit organization that provides support to people who have experienced domestic abuse, sexual assault, forced marriage, human trafficking, and exploitation. She spoke regarding the hate crimes around the country and in our own city and state. She feels we are being naïve if we believe that this will not happen in Sammamish. She would like for us all to work together to create programs and help clinics to safe-guard our community

Todd Myers, 27585 SE 31 Pl, with the Washington Policy Center, he feels there is a lot of false information out there concerning plastic bags. He is encouraging Council not to support the ban. He feels the plastic bag ban has been over-rated.

Hank Klein, 21800 SE 28 St, with Sustainable Sammamish, spoke in support of a ban of the use of plastic bags in Sammamish and showed a Powerpoint presentation. (presentation available upon request to the City Clerk, manderson@sammamish.us)

Ken Gamblin, 1830 216 Pl, spoke in favor of a plastic bag ban in Sammamish. (presentation available upon request to the City Clerk, manderson@sammamish.us)

Sean Smith, 1605 2885 216 Ct SE, he feels that there are two sides to every issue and feels that common sense analysis would be to just ban them.

Deb Sogge, Sammamish Chamber of Commerce, supports the plastic bag ban but does not support the five cent charge for the use of a bag because it poor customer service.

Mayor Gerend directed the City Manager to schedule this item for discussion at a future study session or regular business meeting. He encourages both the pro and con groups of the plastic bag issue to provide the City with scientific references.

Councilmember Odell commented that he would like staff to contact the technical experts like NOAA, Washington Fish and Wildlife, WRIA8 for their options on the topic.

Councilmember Hornish is not sure that this is the time to commit to studying this topic. This is a very large issue. Councilmember Valderrama would also like to wait and do a deeper dive into the subject at a later date. Deputy Mayor Keller supports a look at the issues when there is time.

Reid Brockway, 167 E Lk Sammamish Shore Lane NE, spoke with an appeal for better communication from Sammamish. This issue concerns the East Lake Sammamish Trail. The Trail homeowners feel disconnected from what is happening. He feels we need to open up the channels of communication with the City and King County.

Mary Wictor, 408 208 Ave NE, spoke about the stormwater flows and silt. *Powerpoints on George Davis Creek and Zackuse Creek (available upon request to the City Clerk, manderson@sammamish.us)*

Jan Bird, 3310 221 Ave NE, spoke regarding the public comment process. She feels that grouping by category would be difficult to organize. For Study Sessions, limit comments to the topics on the agenda. Limit public comment to thirty minutes, period, with three minutes for individuals and five minutes for members of an organization.

Sean Smith, spoke previously, commented on immigrants coming to our country and feels everyone needs to be welcoming to all people, from every nation. Directed people to a website called www.welcomingamerica.org

Consent Agenda

Payroll for period ending February 28, 2017 for pay date March 3, 2017 in the amount of \$ 347,461.30

Approval: Claims For Period Ending March 7, 2017 In The Amount Of \$1,792,004.81 For Check No. 46677 Through 46766

Approval: Minutes for February 21, 2017 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the Consent agenda. Councilmember Hornish seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Public Hearing - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Scoping Discussion: Communications Strategic Plan

Tim Larson, Communications Manager, presented on the communications strategic plan to evaluate the City's current approach and identify an improved Citywide communications strategy going forward. The 2017-2018 City Council Department budget includes \$25,000 for the development of a communications

strategy and showed a Powerpoint. (presentation available on the City website at www.sammamish.us)

MOTION: Councilmember Hornish moved to approve the proposed scope of work and authorize the City Manager to proceed with consultant selection and procurement. Councilmember Malchow seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0.

Process: Public Comment at Council Meetings

City Manager Lyman Howard gave an update from the Ad Hoc Public Comment Task Force.

CURRENT CALENDAR:

- 1st Monday of the Month – Shorter Study Session from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
- 1st Tuesday of the Month – Regular meeting from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM
- 2nd Tuesday of the Month – Study Session from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM
- 3rd Tuesday of the Month - Regular meeting from 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM
- 4th Week of the Month – Travel and Prep week for Council and Staff

Study Sessions:

- Committee discovered that Sammamish is the only city offering public comment at Study Sessions. We are recommending that Public Comment not be included on the agenda for study sessions.
- Citizens are able to contact the City Council and Staff directly if there is an urgent matter that needs to come to Council or the City Manager's attention.
- There is minimal delay from the Monday's (Study Session) to Tuesday's (Regular) meetings.
- There is the same delay from the 1st regular meeting of the month to the 2nd regular meeting of the month as there is from the 2nd regular meeting of the month to the 1st regular meeting of the next month.
- We will continue to have monthly, Council Office Hours.
- We will have a City booth, manned by Councilmembers and Staff, at the Farmer's Market.
- We have a number of special projects meeting for public interaction and topical comment.
- Councilmembers have expressed their willingness to meet with our citizens over coffee or here at City Hall via appointments.

Regular and Special Meetings

Three options for council consideration:

Option 1 - Recommended

- List an estimated time of 30 minutes for public comment on the agenda. Allow the presiding officer the ability to extend it by another 30 minutes if needed. If there is additional comment after the hour, it will be heard at the end of the meeting up to 10:00 PM.
- Allow 3 minutes per person or 5 minutes for a recognized community group.
- Allow 3 speakers per topic or per side of a topic – encourage collaboration and well-presented ideas.
- The presider uses tries to encourage elaboration and to group the topics by category so that there is continuity of subject matter.
- Remove the council rule allowing a second opportunity to speak on another topic – the speaker should include that second topic in their initial presentation. This does not apply to or limit the ability to comment at public hearings. Strike this bullet.

Option 2

- Continue to allow public comment until done.
- Encourage collaboration by speakers
- Encourage the presiding officer to proactively manage the comments
- Remove the council rule allowing a second opportunity to speak on another topic – the speaker should include that second topic in their initial presentation. This does not apply to or limit the ability to comment at public hearings.

Option 3

- Start public comment at 8:00 PM or as soon thereafter as practical.
- List an estimated time of 30 minutes for public comment on the agenda. Allow the presiding officer the ability to extend it by another 30 minutes if needed. If there is additional comment after the hour, it will be heard at the end of the meeting up to 10:00 PM.
- Allow 3 minutes per person or 5 minutes for a recognized community group.
- Allow 3 speakers per topic or per side of a topic – encourage collaboration and well-presented ideas
- Group the topics by category so that there is continuity of subject matter
- Remove the council rule allowing a second opportunity to speak on another topic – the speaker should include that second topic in their initial presentation. This does not apply to or limit the ability to comment at public hearings.

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to remove bullet #5 from Option # 1. Councilmember Malchow seconded. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilmember Odell dissented.

MOTION: Councilmember Valderrama moved to approve Option # 1 as amended. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0.

MOTION: Councilmember Hornish moved to remove public comment at the first Study Session of the month and place public comments at the beginning of the meeting at the second study session of the month at 6:30 pm limited to 30-minutess and on topics to be discussed. Councilmember Malchow seconded. Motion carried 4-3 with Councilmembers Keller, Huckabay and Valderrama dissenting.

Councilmember Malchow feels that all public comment should be at 6:30 pm.

Councilmember Odell would like public comment at the end on Tuesday.

Councilmember Valderrama would like at both sessions and at the same time, with a 30-minute limit on both. Deputy Mayor Keller agrees with Councilmember Valderrama to have both at 6:30 pm with at 30-minute limit.

Council Reports/Committee Reports

Mayor Gerend submitted report on North-End Mayor's meeting earlier today.

Councilmember Valderrama reported that yesterday he, Mayor Gerend and Councilmember Hornish attended a presentation at Citizen's for Sammamish on the financial situation of Sammamish. He suggested that they might be allowed to show this presentation at the upcoming Finance retreat. Eastside Fire and Rescue will be discussing the interlocal agreement

extension, this coming Thursday.

Councilmember Malchow will be attending the Public Issues Committee Meeting tomorrow night. There is potential action relating to appointments to Sound Cities Association board of directors. She submitted a written report available in the Council packet.

Executive Session – Potential Property Acquisition pursuant to RWC 42.30.110(1)(b), Personnel pursuant to RCW42.30.110(g), and Potential Litigation pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1)(i)

Council retired to executive session at 8:42 PM and returned at 9:50 pm and took the following action:

MOTION: Councilmember Malchow moved to approve the City Manager’s contract for 2017 in the form provided to the City Clerk, which reflects a 1.7% cost of living increase to the City Manager’s 2016 base salary, a one-time merit bonus of \$3,693 reflecting 2% of the City Manager’s 2016 base salary, and a maximum annual carry-over of accrued vacation leave of 380 hours. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0.

City Manager Report

East Lake Sammamish Trail - King County (KC) and staff held a cordial meeting on February 28th, drafting county-wide standards for the entire system. The City still has concerns about those standards. The shoreline substantial development permit (SSDP) was shifted to a Type 4 from a Type 2 Permit Process which is appealable to the Hearing Examiner. The City is intending to hire a trail expert to assist us in the reviews. The surface water review will be double-checked through a peer review process. The City will send questions and comments to KC on the 60% submittal in late March. KC will provide a 90% and a 100% plan set. There is a willingness to hold public meetings and post individuals at City Hall. King County stated they will be working with trailside residents to look at what was promised and discussed previously.

The Central Washington University (CWU) lease agreement is moving forward with terms consistent with the earlier MOU. The lease agreement is scheduled for Council review at the March 21, 2017 regular meeting, per the terms. CWU officials have been on site drawing up plans for tenant improvements.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 pm

Lita Hachey, Deputy City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor