



STUDY SESSION NOTES

Study Session September 11, 2012

Mayor Tom Odell opened the study session of the Sammamish City Council at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment

This is an opportunity for the public to address the Council. Three-minutes limit per person or 5 minutes if representing the official position of a recognized community organization.

Robert Renner, 1130 269th Ave SE, Sammamish – spoke with regards to the Trossachs connectivity issue that has been ongoing for over 12 years. He would like the Council to take action in his community and use the connectivity funds that have been collected. He asked Council about when improvements would be done.

Paula Baruffi, 9236 SE Shoreland Drive, Bellevue – She requested that the Sammamish Council research the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) to determine if this is the type of organization they want guiding policy and promoting regulations here in Sammamish. She stated that the City of Bellevue recently voted not to renew their membership with ICLEI.

Larry Costello, 13050 470th Ave SE, North Bend – speaking of behalf of property rights organizations in King County and Washington State, he requested that the City of Sammamish not renew its membership with ICLEI. He feels they are promoting a political agenda on a global scale.

John Vasko, 19411 NE 43rd Place, Sammamish – He wishes to address the issue of sustainability and ICLEI's Agenda 21. He proposes that local planning should be done locally by persons familiar with the local environment and local people. He supports Sammamish withdrawing from its membership with ICLEI.

Topics

- Budget Overview - (presentation available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)
- 2013-2014 Budget – Community Development (presentation available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)
- Sustainability Report - (presentation available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)

Council Committee Reports

- Councilmember Vance reported on the Public Safety committee-next meeting on September 27, 2012 – Economic Development Committee- next meeting on September 25, 2012
- Councilmember Gerend reported that the Finance Committee will meet on September 15, 2012.
- Mayor Odell reported on the Eastside Fire and Rescue Board (EFR). The finance operations board met last month and brought up reworking the headquarters building for office space and a pole barn for storage. Growth Management Policy Committee met this afternoon.

Council Reports

- Councilmember Gerend attended a conference called “Beyond Oil” put on by the Cascadia Institute.
- Councilmember Valderrama reported on Planning Commission and Citizens for Sammamish meetings.
- Councilmember Whitten spoke about the Trossachs developments and the hearing decision to leave the barricades in place.

City Manager’s Report

- City Legislative Priorities- the city needs to develop its own legislative agenda and City Manager, Ben Yazici distributed a draft copy for Council to review. He would like to see it finalized in the next couple of weeks.

Adjournment

9:24 pm