



MINUTES

City Council Special Meeting

6:30 PM - April 14, 2020

City Hall Council Chambers, Sammamish, WA

Mayor Karen Moran called the study session of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Karen Moran
Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow
Councilmember Jason Ritchie
Councilmember Kent Treen
Councilmember Chris Ross
Councilmember Ken Gamblin
Councilmember Pam Stuart

All Councilmembers Attended via Go To Meeting

Councilmembers Absent:

Staff Present:

Interim City Manager David Rudat
Interim Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities Anjali Myer
Sr. Management Analyst Mike Sugg
Recreation Manager Chris Jordan
Webmaster Cynthia Tiwana
IT Director Jim Hominiuk
Assistant City Attorney Lisa Marshall
City Clerk Melonie Anderson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mike Sugg, Senior Management Analyst led the pledge.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilmember Jason Ritchie moved to approve the agenda as amended. Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Deputy Mayor Malchow requested to add an item to the agenda to have Council provide direction to the Association of Washington Cities regarding allowing residential construction during the COVID-19 emergency.

Councilmember Stuart requested to add an item: Waive Late Fees on Rental Properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ramiro Valderrama, commented on the proposed contract with Eglick & Whited.

Rick Schively, Parish Administrator Mary Queen of Peace. He advocated for an extension of the permit for the homeless encampment currently residing on church property.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Event Cancellations Due to COVID-19

Interim City Manager Dave Rudat gave the staff report.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow moved to cancel the Fourth of July Celebration. Councilmember Kent Treen seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow moved to cancel the Farmers Market for 2020. Councilmember Kent Treen seconded. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilmember Jason Ritchie and Councilmember Pam Stuart dissenting.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow moved to cancel the Party on the Plateau. Councilmember Kent Treen seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow moved to cancel all summer events. Councilmember Kent Treen seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Discussion: Legal Representation for the Gerend Case

Mr. Rudat gave the staff report.

MOTION: Councilmember Ken Gamblin moved to to direct the Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Eglick and Whited not to exceed \$100,000, which would include any representation in the Gerend case as deemed necessary by the Interim City Manager. Councilmember Kent Treen seconded. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilmember Jason Ritchie and Councilmember Pam Stuart dissenting.

Discussion: Tent City 4 Permit Extension due to COVID-19

Mr. Rudat gave the staff report.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow moved to direct staff to bring forward an ordinance to extend the permit to allow the homeless encampment to remain at Mary Queen of Peace Church for an additional 30 days. Councilmember Kent Treen seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Pam Stuart moved to amend the motion to extend the permit for 60 days. Councilmember Jason Ritchie seconded. Motion failed 2-5 with Mayor Karen Moran, Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow, Councilmember Kent Treen, Councilmember Chris Ross, and Councilmember Ken Gamblin dissenting.

Discussion: Masks for Grocery Store Workers

Mr. Rudat gave the staff report. The general consensus is that the grocery stores are on top of this issue. No action was taken on this topic.

Discussion: Feedback on Residential Construction Activity to Association of Washington Cities (AWC)

Luke Esser, City Lobbyist, gave the staff report. AWC is looking for feedback from cities as to whether residential construction should be opened up during the COVID-19 crisis. Specifically whether local government could regulate this activity without relaxation of health and safety standards and flexibility on review and inspection services. Mr. Esser will follow up with the Interim City Manager tomorrow.

Discussion: Waive Late Fees on Rental Payment

Councilmember Stuart suggested that the Council take action that would waive late fees and interest for late rent payments. City Attorney Lisa Marshall explained that it is unlikely that the City can insert itself into residential or commercial lease agreements, making any City ordinances on these matters unenforceable. No further action was recommended at this time.

COUNCIL REPORTS/ CITY MANAGER REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.

MOTION: Councilmember Jason Ritchie moved to adjourn. Deputy Mayor Christie Malchow seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Karen Moran, Mayor