

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Special Meeting January 13, 2015

Mayor Tom Vance called the special meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

### **Councilmembers present:**

Mayor Tom Vance  
Deputy Mayor Kathy Huckabay  
Councilmember Don Gerend  
Councilmember Bob Keller  
Councilmember Tom Odell  
Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama  
Councilmember Nancy Whitten

### **Staff present:**

Ben Yazici, City Manager  
Lyman Howard, Deputy City Manager  
Laura Philpot, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director  
Jeff Thomas, Community Development Director  
Joe Guinasso, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance and IT  
Jessi Bon, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Beth Goldberg, Director of Administrative Services  
Melonie Anderson, City Clerk  
Lita Hachey, Deputy City Clerk

### **Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll was called. Councilmember Keller led the pledge.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Whitten moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilmember Odell requested a one minute of silent for the citizens of the Paris, France who lost their lives this past week in the terror attack.

### **Public Comment**

Larry Crandall, 4335 Issaquah Pine Lake Road SE#1406, Sammamish WA, spoke regarding the SAMMI Awards Foundation. He thanked the City of Sammamish and the City Council for their generous support of the SAMMI Awards Foundation. The event will be held at the Sammamish Teens Center on Saturday,

March 21, 2015.

### **Presentations/Proclamations**

- Arts Commission Interviews continued from the January 6, 2015 meeting.
  - Mandagere Shashidhar
  
- Parks & Recreation Commission Interviews continued from the January 6, 2015 meeting.
  - Mikhail Tatrín
  - Stephanie Hibner
  - Sheila Sappington
  - Michael Towbin

**Executive Session** – Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(h) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant. Council retired to executive session at 7:35 pm and returned at 8:15 pm and took the following action regarding appointments to boards and commissions.

### **Unfinished Business - None**

### **New Business**

**Resolution:** Appointing Two Members to the Sammamish Arts Commission

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Huckabay moved to approve appointing Claradell Shedd (Position 5) and Priti Joshi (Position 6) to the Arts Commission. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0 (R2015-612).

**Resolution:** Appointing Four Members to the Sammamish Parks & Recreation Commission

**MOTION:** Councilmember Valderrama moved to approve appointing Katherine Low (Position 2), Sid Gupta (Position 4), Stephanie Hibner (Position 6) and Nicole Beaty (Position 7) to the Parks Commission. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0 (R2015-613).

The Council will vote for six (6) new members, with two (2) becoming alternates. The alternate positions will be created and voted upon in a resolution that will be presented at the next meeting on February 3, 2015. Sheila Sappington and Nancy Way were selected to be the proposed alternates.

**Discussion:** Survey Questions for Solid Waste and Cable TV Services

City Manager Ben Yazici outlined the process for renewing the solid waste and cable TV services. Director of Administrative Services, Beth Goldberg gave a staff update and showed a PowerPoint presentation (available on the City's website at [www.sammamish.us](http://www.sammamish.us)).

Council reviewed and discussed the draft survey questions provided by Elway Research, regarding the city's solid waste and cable TV services. Each Councilmember provided feedback to each of the proposed questions.

## **Council Reports**

Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama – Citizens are interested in a public comment period about the King County Trail. He would like to know if there will be a time available in Sammamish to discuss Phases 2A and 2B. He also stated that there are reports that King County has had police out watching the residents along the trail. Are there any records that show this has been happening? City Manager Yazici will follow this up on this with Councilmember Valderrama.  
He and Councilmember Gerend attended the Citizens for Sammamish meeting in October.

Councilmember Tom Odell - attended an Early Learning symposium in Seattle last week, with Councilmember Keller, on the need for more focus during the early years of life.

Mayor Tom Vance - attended an Eastside Fire and Rescue meeting. A new chair, Allan Geltoff and vice-chair Mary Lou Pauley were selected. He also attended an Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting and finalized a legislative agenda.

Councilmember Don Gerend - Sammamish Friends met last night and chose the winners from the photo contest for young kids. Everyone will meet at 4 pm, this Friday outside Trader Joe's to award the prizes.

Councilmember Bob Keller - spoke about a free app that was available to parents at the Early Learning symposium.

**City Manager Report** - No report

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm

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Lita Hachey, Deputy City Clerk

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Thomas E. Vance, Mayor