

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting March 17, 2015

Mayor Tom Vance called the regular 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
Jessi Bon, Parks and Recreation Director
Jeff Thomas, Community Development Director
Emily Arteche, Senior Planner
Mona Davis, Senior Planner
Kari Sand, City Attorney
Tim Larson, Communications Manager
Melonie Anderson, City Clerk
Lita Hachey, Deputy City Clerk

City Manager, Ben Yazici requested that Council and staff leave their microphone on at all times. When the microphones are turned off, the official recording will not be complete.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. City Manager, Ben Yazici led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda and the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Whitten moved to remove, Bill # 3 Resolution: Approving the plat alteration for Elston Ridge, from consent and move it after the Executive Session under New Business on the agenda. Councilmember Odell seconded.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Student Liaison Reports

Skyline High School Co-Student Liaison - Alyssa Forney, gave the following update: their computer science team completed in the PLU, 5th Annual High School programming contest and came in 1st place. Skyline Vocal Jazz students went to Moscow, Idaho for a competition. Skyline Cheer competed at Nationals in Florida. The Silver Team came in 2nd in the World Non-tumbling event. Skyline DECA took 200 students to the DECA State competition. Fifty-four of those students qualified for Nationals. ASB has started to plan "Spring Fling".

Presentations/Proclamations

Public Comment

Todd Southwick, 413 209th Ave NE, spoke regarding the drainage problems on 209th Ave NE near Inglewood Hill Road. Water continues to flood the roadway near the pond. *(Showed a PowerPoint available upon request to the City Clerk, Melonie Anderson)*

Mary Victor, 408 208th Ave NE, spoke regarding the Tamarack neighborhood and the problems that they are having with the drainage. This is an environmentally critical area. *(Showed a PowerPoint available upon request to the City Clerk, Melonie Anderson)*

Mark Cross, 247 208th Ave NE, spoke regarding the Tamarack neighborhood and the drainage and flooding problems. *(Showed a PowerPoint available upon request to the City Clerk, Melonie Anderson)*

Fred Elliot, 20709 NE 43rd Street, spoke in favor of removing the NE 42nd Street barricade.

Greg Reynolds, 4339 210th Place NE, submitted a Memorandum for July 3, 2003 from Steven Chen to John Cunningham recommending to remove the NE 42nd Street barricade. *(Comment sheet available upon request to the City Clerk, Melonie Anderson)*

Tyson Storch, 20603 Ne 37th Way, spoke regarding the NE 42nd Street barricade and would like this issue brought back at the next Council meeting. *(Comment sheet available upon request to the City Clerk, Melonie Anderson)*

Ellen Zweig, 3820 206th Place NE, spoke in favor of removing the barricade, especially for emergency medical reasons. She feels that it would be a shorter route to the emergency clinic in Redmond.

Yuhe Yang, 20611 NE 37th Way, he spoke in favor of removing the NE 42nd Street barricade to allow another access on and off the plateau from the Timberline neighborhood. He feels this is a safety issue for his street as more cars have to exit only on NE 37th Way.

David Ferguson, 21013 NE 44st Street, spoke regarding the NE 42nd Street barricade and the time when Sahalee Way washed out and the north end traffic was rerouted to Inglewood Hill Rd. He would like to see the barricade removed and used as an alternate route off of the Sammamish Plateau.

Dora Turan, 21130 NE 43rd Place, spoke in favor of opening up the NE 42nd Street barricade. Suggested a roundabout to slow traffic. Suggested further studies need to be done and this could be done by opening it up and seeing the results.

Bob Seidensticker, 19836 NE 42nd Street, spoke regarding the barricade and feels that opening it is a mistake and that it should remain closed.

Imi Yen, 20611 NE 37th Way, spoke regarding the NE 42nd Street barricade. Asked about what happened when the SE 32nd Street barricade was opened. Were there any incidents that occurred after it was removed? She suggested doing the research now to determine if the barricade should be opened.

Consent Agenda

Payroll for period ending February 28, 2015 for pay date March 5, 2015 in the amount of \$ 287,306.55

Approval: Claims for period ending March 17, 2015 in the amount of \$2,356,385.67 for Check No. 39865 through 39975

Ordinance: Second Reading Adopting Provisions Related To Surface Water Management In The Surface Water Design Manual And As Also Codified Into Chapter 20 Of Title 13 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code (O2015-389)

Resolution: ~~Granting Approval for the Plat Alteration for Elston Ridge~~

Contract Award: Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Project/Pioneer Construction

Contract Amendment: ITS Project Construction Management/Jacobs Engineering

Bid Award: Pine Lake Driveway Resurfacing/Northwest Asphalt, Inc.

Approval: Minutes for February 17, 2015 Regular Meeting

Approval: Minutes for March 3, 2015 Regular Meeting

Public Hearing

Update: 2015 Comprehensive Plan

Director of Community Development, Jeff Thomas and Senior Planner, Emily Arteche gave an update and presentation on the 2015 Comprehensive plan. *(PowerPoint available on the City's website at www.sammamish.wa.us).*

Councilmember Whitten requested color, enlarged copies of all the maps in the 2015 Comprehensive plan binder.

Public Hearing opened at 7:27 pm and closed at 7:29 pm with the following public comment.

Jason Upton, 42211 194th Place NE, questioned why, if this is a twenty year plan, is the City updating the Comprehensive plan now, when we are eight years away?

City Manager Yazici stated that State law requires that there is an update every ten years but it has a twenty year planning period.

Executive Session – Evaluating the qualifications of an applicant pursuant to RCW42.30.110(1)(g) and property acquisition pursuant to RCW42.30.110(1)(b) and potential litigation pursuant to RCW42.30.110(1)(i)

Council retired to the executive session at 7:30 pm and returned at 9:05 pm with the following actions:

Resolution: Appointing Three Members to the Sammamish Planning Commission (R2015-625)

MOTION: Councilmember Valderrama moved to appoint to the Sammamish Planning Commission Eric Brooks to Position # 1 (Term Expires January 31, 2016), Shanna Collins to Position # 3 (Term Expires January 31, 2019) and Larry Crandall to Position # 4 (Term Expires January 31, 2019). Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion was approved unanimously 7-0.

Appointment of Planning Commissioners - The City Council hereby appoints the following individuals to the Sammamish Planning Commission as hereafter set forth:

Eric Brooks	Position #1	Term Expires January 31, 2016
Shanna Collins	Position #3	Term Expires January 31, 2019
Larry Crandall	Position #4	Term Expires January 31, 2019

New Business

Resolution: Granting Approval for the Plat Alteration for Elston Ridge
Director of Community Development, Jeff Thomas and Senior Planner, Mona Davis gave a staff update and PowerPoint presentation on the Plat Alteration for Elston Ridge. *(PowerPoint available on the City's website at www.sammamish.wa.us).*

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the Elston Ridge Plat Alteration. Deputy Mayor Huckabay seconded. Motion was approve 4-3 with Councilmembers Odell, Whitten and Valderrama dissenting (R2015-624).

Councilmember Odell questioned why there were sidewalks on both sides of road? He did not approve that this plat received approval from the beginning.

Councilmember Whitten questioned if there was a shrunken ROW used in exchange for LID or the obligation to plant the 360+ trees and the commitment to a reduced ROW. She would have liked to see a reduction in the number of homes to create space for more trees.

Councilmember Valderrama stated that we need a better review process to catch these problems in the future.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the settlement agreement and associated easements for the appeals involving the Barrington and Morningside preliminary plats based on substantially the terms set forth in the draft agreements and subject to further review for completeness by City Staff. Deputy Mayor Huckabay seconded. Motion was approved unanimously 7-0.

City Manager, Ben Yazici spoke regarding the proposed purchase of the Mars Hill Church property on 228th Ave NE. The property was listed at \$ 8.75 million dollars and recently reduced to \$ 7.5 million

dollars. Council had directed Mr. Yazici to pursue the options to purchase the property for higher education purposes in our community.

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to authorize the City Manager to finalize the Purchase and Sales agreement for the purchase of the Mars Hill Church property located at 120 228th Ave NE in Sammamish for a purchase price of \$ 6.1 million dollars, subject to a feasibility contingency, to be used for purposes of higher education facilities. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion was approve unanimously 7-0

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Valderrama moved to amend this motion to state that if there is no commitment for the facility after one year, that the City move to put this back on the market. No second. Motion failed.

Council Reports

Mayor Tom Vance requested that the Committee of the Whole meetings be cancelled on May 18, 2015 and June 15, 2015, but remain in reserve.

Deputy Mayor Kathy Huckabay stated that committee quarterly reports could be done at the COW meetings.

Councilmember Bob Keller attended a Public Issues Committee (PIC). He is on a committee to end homelessness. He discussed the solid waste issue with regards to the Comprehensive Plan and the goal to have a seventy percent (70%) incentive to recycle.

Councilmember Don Gerend attended the National League of Cities Conference in Washington, DC last week where President Obama and seven other cabinet members spoke. Transportation and homelessness were key issues that were discussed. He also is a member of the Information, Technology and Communications Committee and they were given updates from the Federal Communications Commission. The State Transportation package was passed by the Senate and Senate Bill No. 59.90 will eliminate the state tax exemption for WSDOT projects and also takes away the local sales tax portion.

Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama would like to follow up on the public comments made regarding law suites about legal ownership on the Eastlake Sammamish Trail. He would like to get more information on the position of the City about these ownership issues. He, Mayor Vance and Councilmember Odell attended the 45th Town Hall Meeting.

Councilmember Tom Odell, representing Sound Cities, stated that the first meeting in 2015 for the Growth Management Policy Committee, will be on April 22 and deal with an old issue of school sighting policy amendment. The July meeting will deal with climate change and October will be dealing with housing.

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to extend the meeting for an additional five minutes. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion approved unanimously 7-0.

City Manager Report

City Manager, Ben Yazici discussed the NE 42nd Street barricade issue. He recommended that council defer the barricade study to the next biennial budget cycle due to staff workload and budget restraints.

The next option would be to have a special meeting to review the current work plan for staff and determine which items to remove so there will be capacity to undertake the barricade study.

Councilmember Odell agreed with this direction from the City Manager.

Councilmember Whitten believes that a safety study is needed, including costs and mitigation. She foresees using a consultant for this. Both parties need resolution and finality on this matter. She does not feel that it should be put off, it should be done now.

Councilmember Gerend feels promises were made and we need to resolve the issues now. We need to address this from a technical view. He would like staff to come back to Council with a response to what was asked tonight from our Citizens.

Deputy Mayor Huckabay states that public process is needed and the time to do it properly. The next biennium is appropriate for the work to be done right.

Councilmember Valderrama supports Ms. Whitten's and Mr. Gerend's recommendation to do the process now. He stated that we owe it to the neighborhood to move forward.

Councilmember Keller feels we need to be respectful of the staffs' time. We need staff to gather the information that is out there and to give Council an idea of a process and timeframe.

Mayor Vance feels that time is needed in this process and doubts it will happen this year. We stated that we need some finality to this issue. Maybe it will be next year, remove some work load items or hire extra staff to get the barricade study done.

Councilmember Whitten feels we need more of a commitment to what will be done and should set a schedule now to establish a timeframe.

Mr. Yazici said staff will have documentation compiled by the end of May as well as a matrix. They could start the planning process in September.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm

Lita Hachey, Deputy City Clerk

Thomas E. Vance, Mayor