

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting June 16, 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 (arrived at 7:02 pm)
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, Finance and Technical Services Director
Beth Goldberg, Director of Administrative Services
Mike Kenyon, City Attorney
Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Boy Scout Den 7 Troop 682 led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda and the Consent Agenda

Deputy Mayor Huckabay moved to amended the June 2, 2015 Council minutes to include that Denise Darnell also spoke about her high school class being in favor of a plastic bag ban. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Keller moved to approve the agenda including the Consent Agenda as amended. Deputy Mayor Huckabay seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Public Comment

Jim Berry, 1420 NW Gilman Blvd, Representing Mountains to Sound Greenways, He invited everyone to attend the 25th Anniversary Trek. July 11-19, 2015. For more information go to mtsgreenway.org/trek.

Jill Loveland, 25710 SE 32nd Place, She spoke in favor of the Initiative & Referendum powers and urged Council to grant them.

Mary Wickter, 408 208th Avenue NE, She showed a PowerPoint presentation regarding technology for drainage options.

Tom Harmon, 4369 243rd Avenue SE, He spoke in favor of an August 1 annexation date for Klahanie.

City Manager Ben Yazici responded to Mr. Harman's public comment. He explained that the reasons to delay the annexation until 2016 were to allow enough time to hire police and city staff, as well to as to make sure that the current residents of the City do not experience a decrease in services as a result of the annexation.

Consent Agenda

- Payroll for period ending May 31, 2015 for pay date June 5, 2015 in the amount of \$ 325,750.89

Approval: Claims for period ending June 16, 2015 in the amount of \$ 3,414,910.99 for Check No. 40536 through 40662

Interlocal Agreement: 2015 Pavement Management Program-Overlays/Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer

Interlocal Agreement: 2015 Pavement Management Program-Overlays/Northeast Sammamish Sewer & Water

Contract: 2015 Pavement Management Program-Overlays Project Management/KBA, Inc.

Approval: May 5, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Approval: May 12, 2015 Study Session Notes

Approval: May 18, 2015 Committee of the Whole Notes

Approval: May 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Approval: June 1, 2015 Special Study Session Notes

Approval: June 2, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Public Hearing - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Council Reports

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten suggested the following changes be considered to the Environmental Element of the Comprehensive Plan update: In addition to existing policy and regulations, the Erosion Hazard Near Sensitive Water Body and Wetland Management Area overlays, as well as small lake basins, are entitled to additional protections by the City such as seasonal clearing and grading restrictions, tree retention, reduced impervious surface limits, open space dedication requirements, reduced lot dimensions as well as density credit limitations. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilmember Whitten believes that the Community Development Director's discretion is too broad. She would ask council approval to seek expedited review in Fall 2015. She requested the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to set specific meeting dates for scheduling of such review of the following two matters:

- 1.1 Possible deletion from the Overlay Code, SMC 21A.50.225(2)(c) of the director's discretion to create exceptions to the overlay requirements.
- 1.2. Possible repeal of our Low Impact Development Code for reasons that it is becoming obsolete because of the NPDES permitting requirements and it now grants to grants such things as density credits for things like tree retention required under our critical areas code, double dipping.

Mr. Yazici said he would check with Community Development staff regarding their work load to determine if these topics could be added to the fall calendar.

Councilmember Whitten also believes the comprehensive plan process has shown that some of the previous provisions unique for the protection of our overlay areas and our small lake basins (Pine and Beaver) have been changed without policy discussion by council. The changes were likely a result of broader changes in our general city-wide code and/or rules and regulations (e.g., to our Surface Water Drainage manual or in our NPDES permit papers), and without an understanding of the changes they were causing to the overlay and small lake protective provisions. Possible example: Except for in critical areas, seasonal clearing and grading restrictions for our small lake basins was eliminated. The 35% impervious surface limitation in the overlays is reportedly being interpreted to apply differently than it did before, and the 45% impervious surface limitation in the small lake basins can now increase up to 75% in certain cases.

Council was supportive of these items being looked at and discussed at a study session.

Councilmember Keller reported on the EF & R Board meeting. He reported on the Sound Cities Association (SCA) Public Involvement Committee and reported that the SCA did not agree to support the plan to end homelessness. He expressed concerns about parking and street crossings at Sammamish Landing Park.

Councilmember Gerend reported on the National League of Cities steering committee meetings.

Deputy Mayor Huckabay reported on the EF & R budget.

Councilmember Valderrama requested that Council consider funding options for the Issaquah Pine Lake Road project at a future Council meeting. He also asked when the City Council will meet with County legislators to discuss the Eastlake Sammamish Trail issues.

Councilmember Odell reported on the Transportation Committee meeting for the National League of Cities.

Mayor Vance attended the first graduation ceremony for students from the Tesla STEM High School and Eastlake High School graduation ceremony.

City Manager Report

- **Update:** Solid Waste Request for Bid - Administrative Services Director Beth Goldberg gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website at www.sammamish.us).

- **Update:** Habitat for Humanity Project – Deputy City Manager Lyman Howard gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website at www.sammamish.us). Council asked staff to check on the access to the development. They would like to see ingress/egress at SE 20th Street. Councilmember Valderrama requested the total value of the project had it not been subsidized and what the median income of residents would be. Councilmember Whitten inquired about any monetary donation the city is giving to the project.

Executive Session – Executive Session regarding the evaluation of an applicant for public employment pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

Council retired to Executive Session at 8:11 am and returned at 8:36 pm.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to authorize the Mayor to sign an employment contract for Lyman Howard as the next City Manager with a salary of \$181,158.25 and under the terms of the agreement. Deputy Mayor Huckabay seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Thomas E. Vance, Mayor