

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting July 21, 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 Ramiro Valderrama
Councilmember Nancy Whitten

Councilmember Absent:

Councilmember Tom Odell

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to excuse Councilmember Odell. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Staff present:

Lyman Howard, Deputy City Manager
Jeff Thomas, Community Development Director
Mike Sugge, Management Analyst
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. Councilmember Whitten led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda and the Consent Agenda

Councilmember Whitten asked for Item # 2 Ordinance granting the powers of Initiative and Referendum be removed from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Valderrama asked to remove Item #9 – Vehicle Purchase and Item #10 – Inglewood Hill Trunk Line Project/Osborn Consulting from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to approve the agenda, including the Consent Agenda, as amended. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Presentations/Proclamations

Public Comment

Mary Jo Kahler, 21911 SE 8th Place, Spoke regarding tree removal in a new development going in near her house.

Hesham Hussien, 30423042 230th Lane SE, He complained of being harassed by the police and City Staff.

Juju Ameen, 3042 230th Lane SE, She spoke regarding police harassment and crimes that are being committed against them.

Todd Southwick, 413 209th Avenue SE, Spoke regarding the stormwater problems in the Tamarak neighborhood.

Cindy Taylor, 250 208th Avenue SE, Spoke regarding the stormwater problems in the Tamarak neighborhood.

Mary Wicktor, 408 208th Avenue NE, Spoke regarding the Stormwater problems in the Tamarak neighborhood.

Nancy Anderson, 26657 SE 31st, Spoke regarding traffic and safety concerns along the Issaquah/Fall City Road.

Tom Harmon, 4369 243rd Avenue SE, Spoke regarding the Beaver Lake Management District.

Consent Agenda

Payroll for period ending July 15, 2015 for pay date July 20, 2015 in the amount of
\$ 340,382.78

Approval: Claims For Period Ending July 21, 2015 In The Amount Of \$2,714,652.27 For Check No. 40838
Through 40977

Resolution: Granting Final Plat Approval To The Plat Of Lake Vista (Estates) PLN2012-00046

Resolution: Filling Vacancies On The Klahanie Annexation Transition Committee, And Providing For Filling Of
Any Future Committee Vacancies Without Further City Council Action

Interlocal Agreement: Automated Fingerprint Identification System

Bid Award: Lower Sammamish Commons Park Trail Accessibility/Spiritridge

Authorization To Award Bid: Big Rock Park Phase 1

Authorization to Hire: Development Review Engineer

Ordinance: Second Reading Establishing A New Sammamish Municipal Code Chapter 1.15 Relating To
The Powers Of Initiative And Referendum; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date
(Removed from Consent Agenda).

MOTION: Councilmember Keller moved to adopt the ordinance establishing the powers of Initiative and
Referendum. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried 5-1 with Deputy Mayor Huckabay dissenting.

Councilmember Whitten feels that this is a good ordinance but some of the state-imposed restrictions on it are
not good.

Deputy Mayor Huckabay expressed concerns that the process at the state level needs to be changed to give
cities more flexibility regarding initiatives. Until that happens, she is not supportive of the ordinance.

Authorization: Vehicle Purchase (removed from Consent Agenda)

Amendment: Inglewood Hill Trunk Line Project/Osborn Consulting (removed from Consent Agenda)

MOTION: Councilmember Valderrama moved to approve the vehicle purchase and the Osborn contract. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Public Hearing

Ordinance: Second Reading, Repealing The Sammamish Comprehensive Plan; Adopting The 2015 Sammamish Comprehensive Plan; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date

Director of Community Development Jeff Thomas gave the staff report. All Council-requested changes have been incorporated into the final document Council is reviewing tonight.

Public Hearing opened sat 7:17 pm

Public Comment

Jan Bird, 3310 221st Avenue SE, Still confused over the use of the term “Wildlife Corridors”. She doesn’t feel it is being used consistently.

Erica Tiliacos, Friends of Pine Lake, She made the following recommended changes to the Plan: Add R-1 to the environmentally sensitive areas. In section EC1.14 Remove the word “feasible”, EC1.20 should include overlay areas, EC1.21B eliminate “where feasible”. EC2.1 should discourage building in flood plains. EC2.4 eliminate “to the greatest extent possible”. Same with EC3.21 and add avoid or minimize. EC3.5 what do the supporting techniques require? 3.18 “When practicable” should be eliminated and add that tracts should be dedicated to the City so they will be protected. EC4.2 is very vague. EC4.9 is only calling out a few species. EC5.56 studies should be done. EC5.60 basin plans should be updated not completed.

Sharon Steinbis, 24933 SE 14th Street, Spoke in support of Wildlife Corridors. Establishing trails that connect neighborhoods could also serve as corridors.

Public Hearing was continued at 7:28 to September 1, 2015.

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to adopt the ordinance. There was no second.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to continue the Public Hearing and second reading of the ordinance to September 1, 2015 for continued review and discussion. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Council should try to get all of their changes and edits by August 14. Staff will compile substantive changes into a table. Edits and grammar changes will just be made without notation back to Council.

Ordinance: First Reading Amending Chapters 21A.15, 21A.35 And 23.100, As Well As Establishing A New Chapter 21A.37 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code Pertaining To Trees Regulations And Civil Code Compliance; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date

Mr. Thomas and Mike Sugge gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (available on the City's website at www.sammamish.us).

Public Hearing opened at 7:59 pm

Christine Malchow, 20910 SE 8th Place SE, She spoke regarding the tree replacement standards. She questioned if individual homeowners would be held to the same standards as developers. She also wondered if a percentage to could be added to the regulations regarding how many trees can be removed per year. She questioned the replanting timeline.

Jan Bird 3310 221st Avenue SE, She would like to have requirements that arborist and contractors must sign a document that they are aware of the City's regulations regarding tree removal so they would be held jointly responsible for illegal tree removal.

Nancy Anderson, spoke previously, Spoke about adding requirements that replanted trees must also live. She wanted better enforcement of trees cut illegally.

Hesham Hussien, spoke earlier, He wondered why trees are getting such special protection but his family is not getting the same treatment.

Erica Tiliacos, Friends of Pine Lake, she feels the ordinance is confusing and difficult to understand. She also feels that these regulations will still allow a significant number of trees to be removed each year.

David Hoffman, Master Builders, They are beta-testing the new regulations on a development in the City to see how the ordinance will affect them (submitted written comments, available upon request of the City Clerk).

Public hearing was continued to the next regular meeting at 8:16 pm.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business - None

Council Reports

Mayor Vance reported on the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Habitat for Humanity Project and the TRJ development in the Town Center.

Councilmember Gerend attended the Water Resource Inventory Area 8 meeting. A new interlocal agreement will be coming for Council approval in the fall. He attended the Sound Cities Association (SCA) Legislative Committee meeting. He had a conference call with National League of Cities.

Councilmember Valderrama attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting. He also requested a study session to see what mitigations will done for projects in the town center. He asked again for a meeting with the King County Councilmembers regarding the Eastlake Sammamish Trail.

Councilmember Keller attended the EF & R Personnel committee meeting. They have selected a recruiting firm to search for the new fire chief. SCA Public Involvement Committee endorsed putting the BEST Start for Kids funding request on the ballot.

Deputy Mayor Huckabay attended the EF & R meeting. She would like to see the City start a program to attract pollinators to the community.

Councilmember Whitten was disappointed to be pressed to vote on the Comprehensive Plan when they had so little time to review the draft copy.

City Manager Report - No report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Thomas E. Vance, Mayor