

COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting October 6, 2015

Mayor Tom Vance called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 3:30 pm.

Councilmembers present:

Mayor Tom Vance
Deputy Mayor Kathy Huckabay
Councilmember Don Gerend
Councilmember Bob Keller
Councilmember Tom Odell
Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama (arrived at 3:35 pm)
Councilmember Nancy Whitten

Staff present:

Ben Yazici, City Manager
Jeff Thomas, Community Development Director
Kathy Curry, Wetland Biologist and Senior Environmental Planner
Jessi Bonn, Parks & Recreation Director
Tim Larson, Communications Manager
Andrew Zagars, City Engineer
Jed Ireland, Senior Project Engineer
Mike Kenyon, City Attorney
Lita Hachey, Deputy City Clerk

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Councilmember Keller led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda and the Consent Agenda

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

Public Comment

Scott Hamilton, 19727 SE 19th St, Spoke regarding the Cascadia Rising Earthquake Preparedness program happening in June 2016 and his disappointed that Sammamish City Hall was not participating in this program.

Mary Wictor, 408 208th Ave NE, Spoke regarding the drainage and construction issues in the Tamarack neighborhood.

Cheryl Trew, 445 210th Ave NE, Spoke regarding the drainage issues on a vacant lot near her home, in the Tamarack neighborhood.

Karen Moran, 20705 SE 3rd Way, Spoke regarding emergency preparedness in Sammamish.

Susan Hass, 19524 SE 24th Place, Spoke regarding Sammamish and the importance of tree retention.

Consent Agenda

- Payroll for period ending September 15, 2015 for pay date September 18, 2015 in the amount of \$ 321,467.50

Approval: Claims For Period Ending October 6, 2015 In The Amount Of \$3,065,745.37 For Check No. 41463 Through 41584

Contract: SE 4th Street Design/Perteet, Inc.

Contract: 2015 Pavement Repairs/NPM Construction

Contract: Inglewood Glen Repairs/Iron Creek Construction

Contract: HVAC Software Upgrade/Johnson Controls

Contract: EHS Sports Field Turf Replacement Design Contract/DA Hogan

Contract Amendment: Community Center Construction Testing and Inspections/Kleinfelder

Interlocal Agreement: Water Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA 8)

Approval: Minutes September 1, 2015 Regular Meeting

Approval: Notes September 8, 2015 Study Session

Approval: Notes September 14, 2015 Committee of the Whole

Public Hearings

Ordinance: Second 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

Community Development Director Jeff Thomas gave the staff report and reviewed the remaining 18 items in the Comment Table with Amendments (*see table #1 -18 - attached. Please view the meeting video for complete discussion on the City of Sammamish website at www.sammamish.us*), assisted by Wetland Biologist/Senior Environmental Planner, Kathy Curry.

Public Hearing re-opened at 3:53 pm

Susan Prince, 17518 NE 119th Way, Redmond WA, ISA certified Arborist, Spoke regarding the code definitions and various terminology inconsistencies. *(Comment sheet available upon request from the City Clerk at manderson@sammamish.us)*

Mary Victor, 408 208th Avenue NE, spoke regarding the tree retention and presented three photos of trees in the Tamarack neighborhood. *(Photos available upon request from the City Clerk at manderson@sammamish.us)*

Nicola Weis, 1716 211th Way NE, Spoke about the wooded areas around her home and in Sammamish. She would like the Council to do a wildlife analysis and to protect wildlife corridors.

Jan Bird, 3310 221st Ave SE, Spoke supporting the tree retention ordinance.

Barry Margolese, 105 S Main St, Seattle WA, Spoke regarding the tree retention ordinance in comparison to the cities of Redmond and Seattle.

David Hoffman, 385 116th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA, Master Builders Assoc., Spoke in favor of the tree retention ordinance. He suggested several amendments to the ordinance.

Ilene Stahl, 21553 SE 28th Lane, Spoke in favor of the tree retention ordinance and thanked the Council for all their hard efforts in its preparation.

Karen Moran, 20725 SE 3rd Way, Spoke regarding “scrap trees” (Cottonwood trees etc.) and other habitat issues.

Public Hearing was closed at 4:19 pm.

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to approve the Ordinance (O2015-395) 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 as amended. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Council recessed for dinner and executive session at 6:00 pm till 6:30 pm.

Executive session was extended till 6:40 pm. No action was taken.

Student Liaison Reports – none

Public Comment

Carolyn Houger, 1923 218th Lane SE, Spoke about the loss of trees and wildlife in Sammamish.

Bill Hammond, 24017 NE 14th Street, Spoke regarding his property and the inability to now subdivide with the tree retention restrictions.

Continued discussion on Item # 11 of the Tree Ordinance Comment Table w Amendments (*see table #1 - 18 - attached. Please view the meeting video for complete discussion on the City of Sammamish website at www.sammamish.us*)

Council recessed for five minutes.

Council Committee Reports

Councilmember Keller reported that the Eastside Fire & Rescue personnel committee will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the Chief's position, resumes that have been submitted and the interviewing process.

Councilmember Odell discussed the WRIA8 meeting that occurred on Sept 17th, 2015. They are looking for a new chairperson. At the meeting they discussed habitat status and trends, and the low counts for salmon at the Ballard locks.

Deputy Mayor Huckabay reported that the Eastside Fire & Rescue Board meeting will be this Thursday, Oct. 8th. They will have an update from the Regional Fire Authority from District 10 and 38 and will be discussing changes to the interlocal and non-profit agreements.

Council Reports

Councilmember Valderrama complimented the Farmers Market for its success this summer. He attended a Citizens for Sammamish meeting. He stated that he will be scheduling a meeting with King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert to discuss the East Lake Sammamish Trail and he encourages other councilmembers to join him.

Mayor Tom Vance also encourages a meeting with Councilmember Lambert but would like to have an update from Sammamish City staff first to get the current facts.

Councilmember Keller discussed the Levy for the Best Start for Kids, that will be on the ballot and whether the Council can support it. He suggested a five minute presentation to Council for information purposes at the next Council meeting if we can get a pro and a con speaker.

Councilmember Gerend attended the Road Usage Charge Steering Committee last week.

Councilmember Odell attended a Transit Development meeting in Redmond last week with Councilmember Keller. They attended a leadership meeting at the YMCA. He also attended the Lake Washington School District Bond meeting last Wednesday. Lastly, he noted that the Intelligent Transit system went into effect this week and is working quite well.

Councilmember Whitten remarked that other jurisdictions like Bellevue, Issaquah and Redmond are adopting the program for flashing yellow lights on left turns. She has seen wonderful results with this program.

Councilmember Gerend asked if Sammamish will be participating in the Cascadia Rising program.

Presentations/Proclamations - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

City Manager Report

Emergency Operations Update

Ben Yazici discussed the City's emergency management program. He described Sammamish's continuing effort and attention to emergency operations. He discussed the emergency operation plan from 2002 (updated in 2007), the update of the emergency procedures manual and the plan to participate in the Cascadia Rising. He gave an update of the emergency operation centers recent upgrade in the Council Chambers and Executive Briefing room. City Hall has a back-up generator that was used in the last two snow events for emergency shelters. Emergency broadcasting antennas have been installed statically around the City. Sammamish has installed back-up batteries for all signals in Sammamish. Staff meets with and supports the Sammamish Citizen Corps. He stated that Sammamish takes their emergency planning very seriously. The emergency frequency number will be published in the newsletter and posted on the Sammamish website.

Sahalee Way Transportation Update

John Cunningham, Interim Public Works Director, Andrew Zagars, City Engineer and Jed Ireland, Senior Project Engineer gave project update and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the City website at www.sammamish.us*).

Councilmembers gave a show of hands in favor of moving forward with the project. Councilmembers Valderrama and Whitten were not in favor and requested a more inclusive process for Citizens and Council. (for more details of this presentation, please go to the City website – City Council meeting video at: <https://www.sammamish.us/tools/VideoPlayer.aspx?eventID=3353>)

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm

Lita Hachey, Deputy City Clerk

Thomas E. Vance, Mayor