

COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting/Joint Study Session with Parks & Recreation Commission June 11, 2013

Mayor Tom Odell called the special meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 4:30 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Tom Odell, Deputy Mayor Ramiro Valderrama, Councilmembers John Curley (arrived 5:35 pm), Don Gerend, John James, Tom Vance and Nancy Whitten.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Public Works Director Laura Philpot, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Councilmember Vance led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

Myrl Vantor, 3510 254th SE, Issaquah, Spoke requesting the city consider incorporating Klahanie into the city of Sammamish rather than Issaquah.

Sheila Fiske 19622 SE 16th Street, Spoke regarding the proposed pilot program recommended in the ECA.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to inform the citizens of Klahanie that, if the current annexation of the greater Klahanie area into the City of Issaquah were to fail, the City of Sammamish is committed to moving forward to annex the area. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance: Fourth Reading: Pertaining To The Protection And Regulation Of Environmentally Critical Areas, Amending Chapters 21a.50, 21a.15 And 21a.70 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code (120 minutes)

Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at www.sammamish.us*). The Council then continued to amend the ordinance.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Whitten moved to amend the fee-in-lieu mitigation program to limit the use of fee-in-lieu mitigation for streams and wetlands to city capital projects and single family homes. Fee-in-lieu mitigation would be prohibited for subdivisions and non-residential development. Councilmember Vance seconded (Item 4A from the Decision Table).

Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to amend the previous amendment to exclude the Town Center. Councilmember Vance seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

MAIN AMENDMENT: motion carried as amended 5-1 with Councilmember James dissenting.

Councilmember James feels the city should retain more flexibility regarding implementing these regulations.

Councilmember Whitten withdrew her amendment list as 4b in the Decision Table.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Gerend moved to set up a Sammamish fee-in-lieu program. Deputy Mayor Valderrama seconded. Councilmember Gerend withdrew this motion because staff indicated that this program could be set up in conjunction with King County (Item 4C in Decision Table).

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Gerend moved to prioritize fee-in-lieu mitigation sites to expand the habitat for Lake Sammamish Kokanee and/or provide for expanded educational opportunities. Deputy Mayor Valderrama seconded.

AMENDMENT: Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to amend the motion by adding the language “when not practical or feasible in the same sub basin”. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember James moved to change the language to “and/or” expanded educational opportunities. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

MAIN AMENDMENT: Carried as amended unanimously 6-0 (Item 4D in Decision Table).

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Vance moved to modify the Council Review Draft to replace the term “building” with “single family dwelling units (which would include accessory dwelling units)”. Councilmember Whitten seconded.

AMENDMENT: Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to add the words “except buildings in the commercial zones up to 1,000 square feet”. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried 4-3 Councilmembers James, Vance and Whitten dissenting

MAIN AMENDMENT: Motion carried 5-2 with Councilmembers Gerend and Curley dissenting (item 5A in the Decision Table).

Item 5B in the Decision Table is now considered moot.

AMENDMENT: Deputy Mayor Valderrama move to adopt a pilot program allowing for the alteration of up to 3 isolated wetlands associated with single family home construction. Applies to Category III or Category IV isolated wetlands with an area of less than or = 4,000 square feet, and a low habitat score (less than or = 15 habitat score). Councilmember Gerend seconded.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Whitten moved to amend the amendment to include a low water quality/hydrology score as well as a low habitat score (for example combined less than 35). Councilmember Vance seconded. Motion failed 3-4 with Councilmembers Gerend, Curley, Valderrama, and James dissenting.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Vance moved to lower the limit to 2,000. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion failed 3-4 with Gerend, Curley, Valderrama, James dissenting

AMENDMENT: Whitten moved to prohibit any pilot program within the Pine and Beaver Lake shoreline areas. Councilmember Vance seconded. Motion failed 3-4 with Deputy Mayor Valderrama, Councilmembers James, Curley and Gerend dissenting.

MAIN AMENDMENT: Main motion carried 5-2 with Mayor Odell and Councilmember Vance dissenting (Item #6B –Decision Table).

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to allow single family homes to increase their impervious surface/footprint by up to 400 square feet. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried 7-0 (Item #8 Decision Table).

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Vance moved to not adopt the pilot program for subdivision/development in the no-disturbance area. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion failed 3-4 with Councilmembers Curley, Gerend Valderrama and James dissenting (Item #9A – Decision Table).

MOTION: Councilmember Vance moved to direct staff to bring an emergency ordinance extending the ECA Sunset Clause to July 31, 2013 for consideration at the June 17 meeting. Councilmember Gerend seconded.

Mayor Odell clarified that the ECA discussion was being tabled to the July 2, 2013 Regular Meeting.

New Business - None

Council Reports - None

City Manager Report - None

OPEN STUDY SESSION

- **Presentation: Sammamish Heritage Society** – Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson reported on all of the Work the Society has performed in an effort to relocate and restore the

Freed House. She showed a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website at www.sammamish.us). Last month the Society won the John D Spellman Award for groups demonstrating an outstanding dedication to historic preservation.

- Discussion: Community Center
- Discussion: Collective Garden Moratorium and Recreational Marijuana

Executive Session – Potential Litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(g).

Council retired to executive session 8:30 pm and returned at 9:00 pm. No action was taken

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Thomas T. Odell, Mayor