

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting July 15, 2013

Mayor Tom Odell called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Tom Odell, Deputy Mayor Ramiro Valderrama, Councilmembers John Curley, 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 Bon, Assistant City Manager/Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, City Attorney Kari Sand, and Assistant to the City Clerk Lita Hachey.

Roll Call

Roll was called.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Whitten led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentations/Proclamations

Presentation: Evergreen Ford

City Manager Ben Yazici introduced Dan Rowe, Owner of Evergreen Ford in Issaquah. Mayor Odell presented Mr. Rowe, with a plaque and proclamation for his donation of an electric vehicle, for one year, to the City of Sammamish.

Presentation: Fire Services

Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein introduced Peter Moy, Principal with FCS Group Consultants. Mr. Moy gave a presentation. (*available on the city's website at <http://www.sammamish.us/events/Default.aspx?ID=2784>*). Councilmember Whitten asked that the Technical Advisory Board (TAB) update the City Council at future Council meetings. Peter Moy and Mr. Yazici will move forward with the process for fire services. Mayor Odell and two of the board members will meet over the summer to continue to find a solution.

Update: Community and Economic Development

Deputy City Manager Lyman Howard introduced Chris Medford and Brian Labelle with Community Attributes. Mr. Medford gave a presentation. *(available on the city's website at <http://www.sammamish.us/events/Default.aspx?ID=2784>).* Councilmember Whitten objected to the Community and Economic Development process. She would like to see more involvement of the community. Councilmember Valderrama would like clarification of the direction and the costs for more commercial revenue. Councilmember Gerend discussed the Town Center Plan and the focus on jobs and dwelling units along 228th Ave. Councilmember Vance would like to know the all the options available in the study before making a decision. Mr. Medford stated that everything at this stage is preliminary and open to change. Councilmembers discussed and questioned the options with Mr. Medford. Mayor Odell suggested delaying questions and discussion to a study session at future date.

Motion: Councilmember Vance, based on early evidence gathered as part of the Economic Development Strategy plan project relating to the Town Center viability, moved that Council direct staff to present to Council a set of actionable steps to support development of the Town Center Plan. Councilmember James seconded. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilmembers Whitten and Valderrama dissenting.

Councilmember Valderrama disagrees with moving forward without further discussion and information. Councilmember Whitten disagrees with a number of issues in the proposed plan. She would like to see more of a common vision amongst Council.

Presentation: Habitat for Humanity

City Manager Ben Yazici introduced Tom Granger, Operations Manager for the Habitat for Humanity of Seattle and Kirk Utzinger, CEO. Mr. Granger gave a presentation. *(available on the city's website at <http://www.sammamish.us/events/Default.aspx?ID=2784>).* Mr. Granger thanked all the City staff and Councilmembers involved in the donation of the Lamb House property to the Habitat to Humanity organization.

Public Comment

Dave Augustine, 723 212th Ave SE, Mr. Augustine is a firefighter and resident of Sammamish. He thanked Mr. Rowe for his donations to the City of Sammamish. He discussed the Fire Services Study. He stated how the local fire fighters could assist Sammamish should they choose to go independent. He is concerned about the financial costs and the need for experienced personnel. He would like to be involved in this process should it occur.

Ron Haworth, Fire Study Technical Advisory Board member (TAB), discussed the closing of fire stations. He suggested keeping the people that are already on the job in place. He stated the salaries and benefits be should be similar to current.

Lee Felling, Fire Study Technical Advisory Board member (TAB), Mr. Felling discussed the Fire Services Study report by Peter Moy and would like to remind Council about the long-term costs. A governing body should be in place, whose goal is the interests of the Sammamish taxpayers and citizens. Director of Administrative Services, Mike Sauerwein will meet in September with the TAB group.

Susan Richardson and Jim Osgood, 19661 SE 24th Way, discussed the Overlay Pilot program and the disappointment they feel about the decisions made by Council. Public comments are available upon request to the City Clerk at manderson@sammamish.us

John Galvin, 432 228th Ave SE, discussed the limitations put on by Council when dealing with the Council's Town Center decisions. He would like to see more vision.

Consent Agenda

- Payroll for the period ending June 30, 2013 for pay date July 5, 2013 in the amount of \$292,990.78
- Approval: Claims for period ending July 15, 2013 in the amount of \$1,649,763.75 for Check No. 35154 through No. 35276
- Resolution: Granting Final Plat Approval To The Plat Of Brauerwood Estates PLN2011-00026 (R2013-541)
- Resolution: Granting Final Plat Approval To The Plat Of Laurel Hills, Division 4 (R2013-542)
- Bid Award: NE Sammamish School Intersection Improvement Project/R.W. Scott
- Bid Award: 228th Avenue S & SE 24th Street Left Turn Pocket Extension Project/Watson Asphalt
- Interlocal Amendment: Transit Service Direct Financial Partnership Agreement/King County/Sammamish/Redmond/Issaquah/Microsoft
- Contract: Concurrency Management/David Evans & Associates
- Contract: Stormwater Mapping/Gray & Osborne

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to approve consent calendar. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Public Hearing - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Bid Award: 244th Avenue SE Non-Motorized Improvements Project/Rodarte Construction

Director of Public Works, Laura Philpot gave a staff report, discussed the project process and bid award. Ms. Philpot showed a presentation (*available on the city's website at <http://www.sammamish.us/events/Default.aspx?ID=2784>*)

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to authorize the City Manager to award and execute a contract with Rodarte Construction Inc. for construction of the 244th Avenue SE Non-Motorized Improvements project, in the amount of \$1,915,937.50 and administer a construction contingency in the amount of \$191,594 and to authorize a contract amendment with David Evans and Associates, Inc. for construction support services in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00. Councilmember James seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Odell proposed an amendment to put up signage around the areas adjacent to the bike lanes, where there is no parking, posted as no parking. Amendment withdrawn.

Mayor Odell called for a 5-minute recess at 8:52 pm.

Department Update: Parks & Recreation

Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Bon gave a staff report and showed a presentation. *(available on the city's website at <http://www.sammamish.us/events/Default.aspx?ID=2784>)*

Councilmember James commented on the proposed parking on SE 8th street at Big Rock Park and maintaining the existing trees. Ms. Bon noted that parking is still at the conceptual level.

City Manager Yazici stated that the Community Gardens committee delegated plots based on a lottery system.

Department Update: Community Development

- Hours of Construction
- Tree Retention
- Comprehensive Plan Update

Mr. Gurol gave a staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation. *(available on the city's website at <http://www.sammamish.us/events/Default.aspx?ID=2784>)*. Mr. Gurol distributed a copy of the 2015 Comprehensive plan rewrite to the Council. This report will be available on the City website or upon request from the City Clerk, Melonie Anderson at manderson@sammamish.us

Hours of Construction

Council would like to see "holidays" removed from the construction hour's schedule. Mayor Odell would like to see a differentiation between commercial and residential area construction time hours.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to remove holidays from the construction working hours. Mayor Odell seconded. The motion carried unanimously 7-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to adjust the weekday, construction working hours to end at 7:00 pm. Mayor Odell seconded. The motion failed 3-4 with Deputy Mayor Valderrama, Councilmembers Gerend, James and Vance dissenting.

Deputy Mayor Valderrama, Councilmembers Gerend, James and Vance did not agree with changing the hours from 8:00 pm to 7:00 pm due to the already limited hours of seasonal construction times.

Tree retention

A presentation shown by Assistant City Manager/ Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol and was discussed by City Council. Education is possibly the best method to prevent non-permitted tree

cutting. Mayor Odell stated he would like to see more trees retained in the City. Clear cutting should be limited in new subdivisions. Mayor Odell would like to up the tree retention ratio from 25% to 30%. He would also like more replanting of native trees. Councilmember Whitten would like information on what other jurisdictions are doing in regards to tree retention and requested this be discussed at a study session at a future date. Council agreed to have future discussion with the Planning Commission.

Mayor Odell extended the meeting until 10:30 pm.

2015 Comprehensive Plan Rewrite

Mr. Gurol discussed the Comprehensive Plan rewrite and reviewed the packet that was distributed. Council discussion followed.

Council Reports

Mayor Odell: Congratulated the Eastlake Little League Majors Softball Team with winning the Washington State Championship. They move on to the Regional tournament. Team photo displayed.

Deputy Mayor Valderrama: Attended the Eastside Fire & Rescue board meeting regarding the status of Klahanie Fire Station 83. He requested that Staff come back in September at a study session with an update on the Environmental Critical Areas Ordinances. Particularly in regard to impervious soil conditions and how the process as a whole, is proceeding.

Councilmember Vance: Commented on the Eastside Fire and Rescue consultants that were hired and that Council respond to their questions in a timely manner.

City Manager Report

Potential parking options at Sammamish Landing Park

The City owns land across the street but it is very expensive to develop. Retaining walls are required and a rough estimate for the project is \$800,000. To be discussed further at a meeting in September. Council gave direction to have the striping on 187th Ave NE completed as soon as possible.

Executive Session – Personnel Issues pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

Council retired to Executive Session at 10:28 pm, returning at 10:38 pm with the following action taken.

MOTION: Councilmember Vance moved to approve the 2012-2013 appraisal of City Manager, Ben Yazici. This includes an outstanding evaluation with a 3% raise in salary. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm

Lita Hachey, Administrative Assistant
to the City Clerk

Thomas T. Odell, Mayor