

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 4, 2011

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

Councilmembers present: Mayor Don Gerend, Deputy Mayor Nancy Whitten, Councilmembers Mark Cross, John Curley, John James, Tom Odell, and Michele Petitti.

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

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Deputy Mayor Whitten led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried as amended unanimously 7-0.

Amendment: Councilmember Odell requested Item 4 Contract for Landscape Maintenance be removed from the Consent Agenda. Deputy Mayor Whitten requested Item 2 Final Plat Approval for Trossachs Division 14 be removed from the Consent agenda. These items will be placed after Proclamations and Proclamations.

Student Liaison Reports

- Skyline High School
Skyline just returned from Winter Break. Students participated in the State “Math is Cool” competition. The school placed very well. Student Will Parker received a scholarship and an internship with the SeaHawks. Students are planning winter Tolo. They are also working on ideas to raise money for Skyline Student Scholarship program.
- Student Government Representatives from Redmond High School attended the meeting to see how local government works.

Proclamations/Presentations

- *Report: Association of Washington (AWC) Cities Executive Director*
The Chief Executive Officer Mike McCarty made a presentation to City Manager Ben Yazici for serving as President of the Association. Mr. McCarty explained that 100% of Washington Cities are members of the Association. Mayor Don Gerend is the current Secretary on the board.
- *Presentation: Transportation Improvement Board Presentation/244th Avenue Project*
Public Works Director/Transportation Improvement Board Member Laura Philpot presented the city with a plaque commemorating the collaborative grant effort for the 244th Avenue SE Project.
- *Presentation: Parks & Recreation Association Award*
Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson presented staff member Joanna Puthoff with the Outstanding Professional of the League by the Washington State Association of Parks & Recreation.
- *Election: Deputy Mayor for 2011*
Mayor Don Gerend asked for nominations for Deputy Mayor. Deputy Mayor Whitten nominated Tom Odell. Councilmember James seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Public Comment

C.J. Kahler, Representing Sammamish Cares, This organization is a collaboration between the City of Sammamish, Sammamish Kiwanis, Sammamish Rotary, Faith in Action and Habitat for Humanity Eastside. These organizations will provide help for residents who can no longer make routine repairs to their property, either due to age, infirmness or monetary incapacity. This will help to avoid costly code enforcement penalties. The city's Volunteer Coordinator Dawn Sanders, will intake the requests for assistance. These requests will then be passed on to Sammamish Cares. The group has applied for and received a \$5,000 grant. Sammamish Cares will not do any screening, the help will be limited to homeowners and this will be a one-time offer.

Consent Calendar

Payroll for period ending December 15, 2010 for pay date December 20, 2010 in the amount of \$238,646.77

Approval: Claims for period ending December 16, 2010 in the amount of \$1,365,217.79 for Check No.28069 through No.28196

Approval: Claims for period ending January 4, 2011 in the amount of \$1,800,000.39 for Check No.28197 through No.28288

~~Resolution: Granting Final Plat Approval To The Plat Of Trossachs Division 14~~

Resolution: Accepting the NE 19th Drive Phase 2 Neighborhood Traffic Management Program Street Improvement Program as complete

~~Contract: Right of Way Landscaping Maintenance/Northwest Landscaping~~

Contract: Stormwater System Cleaning/Bravo Environmental

Amendment: On Call Electrical/ANM

Approval: Minutes for December 7, 2010 Regular Meeting

Approval: Minutes for December 14, 2010 Special Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Curley moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Contract: Right of Way Landscaping Maintenance/Northwest Landscaping

Councilmember Odell pointed out to Council that this contract represents the on-going cost of maintaining right-of-way landscaping. He questioned whether this cost will continue to escalate. He also wanted to point out that this contract amount is not as high as some residents might believe.

MOTION: Councilmember moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Northwest Landscaping in an amount not to exceed \$95,000. Councilmember seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Resolution: Granting Final Plat Approval To The Plat Of Trossachs Division 14

Councilmember Whitten and Curley raised questions about the tree retention and dirt removal from the plat site. Councilmember Whitten would like to see the original dirt and vegetation remain. Assistant City Manager/Director Kamuron Gurol explained that the developer is adhering to current requirements.

MOTION: Councilmember James moved to approve the resolution granting final plat approval to Trossachs 14. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Ordinance: First Reading Temporarily Authorizing Fundraising Signs In Certain Zones Of The City; And Declaring An Emergency

Deputy City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report. This draft ordinance is being presented at Council direction to allow for signs on private property for the purposes of raising funds for a community purpose. The sign may be as large as 32 square feet. This is the first reading of this emergency ordinance, which would be in place for six months. Council must also set a date for the public hearing. Since it is an emergency ordinance, Council could move to suspend their rules and pass the ordinance tonight.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on first reading as well as setting a public hearing date for February 15, 2011 and amend Section 4d limit the sign duration to six months. Councilmember Petitti seconded.

AMENDMENT: to amend the motion to allow for other non-profits that are supporting a public activity. Motion carried as amended 5-2 with Deputy Mayor Odell and Councilmember Whitten dissenting.

Councilmember Whitten and Deputy Mayor Odell expressed concern over the lack of restrictions in this ordinance. City Attorney Bruce Disend explained that this emergency ordinance is designed as an interim step to meet a pressing goal. The Planning Commission will consider this ordinance in greater detail.

Council Reports

Councilmember Cross urged everyone to sign up for the email alerts on the city's website. He found it very helpful during the recent snow storm.

Mayor Gerend asked for volunteers for the Public Safety Committee. If no one else expresses an interest, he and Deputy Mayor Odell will remain on the board. Mayor Gerend and Deputy Mayor Odell will continue on as representatives for Suburban Cities Association. He asked for volunteers for the Finance Committee to contact him before the next meeting.

City Manager Report

Assistant City Manager Kamuron Gurol gave an update on the Shoreline Master Plan process. Public Works Director Laura Philpot gave an update on the Maintenance and Operations Facility. City Manager Ben Yazici reported that the retreat will most likely be held in Suncadia Resort on February 3 – 5. He will be working on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor