

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting March 1, 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 Tom Odell (arrived 6:45 pm) Councilmembers Mark Cross, John Curley, John James, and Nancy Whitten.

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Michele Petitti.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to excuse Councilmember Petitti. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

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, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. The Skyline Student Liaison led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Student Liaison Reports

Skyline High School: Tolo was held last week. Spirit week included a fundraiser to raise money for in-house scholarships. Jazz and Java will be held on March 19, 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm. The Skyline Jazz band will be featured. Winter sports are over.

Proclamations/Presentations

- Approval: Lease Agreement with King County Sheriff for Room 202 City Hall

Public Comment on Lease Agreement

Erica Tiliacos, 1130 Lancaster Way SE, Lancaster Ridge Homeowners Association and Friends of Pine Lake have both been promised that there would not be any additional parking space added to the City Hall property. She said the new parking lot being contemplated for the King County Police, as part of this lease agreement, will exceed the allowed parking. She also feels it will add to traffic congestion and noise pollution.

John Galvin, 432 228th Avenue SE, He feels that the revenue generated from the lease will not cover the cost of the necessary improvements. He feels this is a waste of taxpayer money.

Director of Administrative Services Mike Sauerwein gave the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us). Councilmember James asked if some changes could be made to the current agreement at this point. Mr. Sauerwein said that the contract negotiations were over, but some changes could be made at Council direction. Councilmember Curley questioned how many additional police car trips this would generate in the city. Sheriff Sue Rahr explained that the station would be the home base for detectives and administrative staff. Officers go straight from their home to their patrol area. This change will save the County hundreds of thousands of tax payer dollars. She feels this is a great example of jurisdictional cooperation. She said there will be very few additional siren calls generated by the police staff residing at city hall. Councilmember Whitten questioned whether the city is receiving adequate compensation for renting the space. City Manager Ben Yazici explained that the parking lot is really the only additional expense for the City, since we would have had to spend about the same dollar amount to improve the space for our use. Mr. Gurol explained that the city is meeting the requirements in terms of the additional parking spaces.

MOTION: Councilmember Curley moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the lease agreement with King County and to negotiate with the King County for a minimum amount of time wherein they can vacate the premises. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember James moved to strike Section 3.b. Deputy Mayor Odell seconded. Motion was withdrawn

Public Comment

Chris Pribbernow, 2518 233rd Place NE, He thanked the Council for the wonderful changes that he has seen in the City. He is a senior at Eastlake High School and he feels the tree socks in front of Starbucks are unnatural and they stand out rather than blending in on this busy intersection.

John Galvin, 432 228th Avenue SE, He compared the Town Center process to that of Bothell's, which has been much more successful and taken much less time. He proposed some priorities for the Town Center development.

Consent Calendar

Payroll for period ending February 15, 2011 for pay date February 18, 2011 in the amount of \$226,068.64

Approval: Claims for period ending March 1, 2011 in the amount of \$822,014.09 for Check No.28636 through No. 28705

Contract: Engineering On-Call/WH Pacific

Contract: 244th Non-Motorized Design/Reid Middleton

Approval: Minutes for February 15, 2011 Regular Meeting

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Odell moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Public Hearings

Ordinance: Third Reading and Continuation of Public Hearing Relating To Siting Of Wireless Communication Facilities; Amending Chapter 21A.55.070 And .080 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code; Providing For Attachment Of Base Station Equipment And Limiting Height Increases; Providing For Severability; And, Establishing An Effective Date

Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development Kamuron gave the staff report and gave a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)

Public Hearing

Mayor Gerend opened the public hearing at 7:45 pm.

Public Comment

James Wasniack, 22101 SE 32nd Street, He answered Councilmember Cross's question regarding why the antennas are concealed in some monopoles and not others. He said Council should try to limit microwave backhaul and limit the number of carriers on one structure.

Richard Bush, Northwest Wireless Association: The association supports the proposed amendments with the exception of limiting the pole heights. He explained that pole height must exceed the height of surrounding trees. He also suggested changing Section 21A.55.070 to require the top of the underground vault to be flush with the surrounding grade.

Stan Bump, He pointed out a typo in the ordinance relating to inches rather than feet.

Public Hearing closed at 8:20

MOTION: Councilmember Curley moved to approve the ordinance amending the Wireless code. Councilmember Cross seconded.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Cross moved to amend Section 1(b)(ii) to say “encased” monopole. Deputy Mayor Odell seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Whitten moved to delete the monopole options from sections 1b(i), 2(b) and 3(b)(i). Councilmember James seconded. Motion carried 4-2 with Councilmembers Odell and Curley dissenting.

AMENDMENT: Mayor Gerend moved to change the language in 21A.55.070 (1) read that the top of the vault be flush with the ground. Council reached consensus on this.

Council directed Mr. Gurol to make any needed changes to the ordinance regarding color and material and allowing the DCD Director flexibility.

Council directed staff to make research new advances in fiber optic wireless facilities and bring forth any changes to the wireless code that may be required.

MAIN MOTION: Carried as amended 6-0 (O2011-298)

Council recessed from 8:40 pm to 8:45 pm.

Public Hearing

Ordinance: First Reading Amending Chapter 21A.20 To Authorize Professional Office Uses In The R-12 And R-18 Zones And Amending Chapter 21A.65 To Clarify Existing Standards Governing Animals In The Sammamish Municipal Code

Mr. Gurol gave the staff report. These are minor amendments to 21A of the Sammamish Municipal Codes. Referred to as Code Blocks #3, which proposed allowing Professional Office Uses in the R-12 and R18 zones as well as prohibiting the keeping of roosters within the city limits. These code amendments have been considered by the Planning Commission. They did recommend allowing Professional Office uses and did not recommend the prohibition of roosters.

Mayor Gerend opened the Public Hearing at 9:00 pm. There was no public comment. The public hearing was continued to the March 21, 2011 meeting at 9:01 pm.

Ordinance: An Ordinance Adopting Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Regulations And Amending Chapters 20.15, 21B.20, 21A.15, 21A.20 And 21A.40 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code

Mr. Gurol gave the staff report. He gave a short PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*). He explained that this is new territory for most cities, so the Planning Commission recommendation is to leave the ordinance flexible to see how it will work.

Public Comment

Public Hearing opened at 9:09 pm.

James Wasniack, 22101 SE 32nd Street, He recommended that Council require any Electric Vehicle charging stations that are put into public parking lots be regulated so that only cars being charged can park in the spot.

The Public Hearing was continued to the March 21, 2011 meeting at 9:11 pm.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Resolution: Authorizing The Removal Of The SE 32nd Street Barricade

Public Works Director Laura Philpot gave the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*). She explained the lengthy process the city has gone through, involving public process and evaluation of the criteria to remove the barricade. The resolution requests the removal of the SE 32nd Street Barricade following the implementation of a traffic mitigation plan.

Councilmember Cross expressed concern that the traffic circles could push pedestrians more into the roadway. Ms. Philpot explained that the crosswalk could be painted further away to keep the pedestrians separated.

Council expressed consensus about additional lighting along this route since there are so many new traffic calming measures. City Manager Ben Yazici said staff would check with the residents to see if they are supportive of additional lighting.

Public Comment

Jim Wasniak, 22613 SE 32nd Street, He appreciated that fact that staff listened to his concerns about speeding in the neighborhood. He is satisfied, that if the traffic mitigation plan is put in place, the barricade should be removed.

Kurt Strand 22101 SE 32nd Street, He wishes his part of the neighborhood had sidewalks, that sight distance problems are corrected, and had street lights. He doesn't feel connectivity is necessary. He feels the sidewalks should go in before the barricade is removed.

Kathy Cummings, 21812 SE 33rd Place, She feels removing the barricade will change the entire nature of her neighborhood. There are no sidewalks, the school children walk in the middle of the street and their property values will be destroyed.

Mike Comerford, 3220 220th Avenue SE, He agreed with the previous speaker. He does not believe the mitigation measures will improve the safety of this area. He also suggested keeping the barricade until sidewalks are installed.

Bob McCoy, 21629 SE 33rd Place, He spoke in favor of the barricade removal and supported the mitigation measures suggested by staff.

Gregg Reynolds 4329 210th Place NE, He has a barricade in his neighborhood and he has been pleased to see that the barricade removal process considers both sides of the issue and makes the decision which benefits the most people.

Mike Perry, 21660 SE 33rd Place, He does not feel that he will benefit by the removal of the barricade and he doesn't feel it should be removed. If the Council does remove the barricade, additional studies should be done. He does not feel the west side of the barricade is getting enough mitigation. If the barricade is removed, the traffic mitigation plan should be approved by the City Council and it should not happen prior the end of the school year.

MOTION: Councilmember Curley moved to approve the resolution authorizing the removal of the 32nd Street barricade after completing the proposed traffic mitigation plan. Councilmember Cross seconded.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Cross moved to extend the sidewalk to north side of SE 32nd Street. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried 5-1 with Deputy Mayor Odell dissenting.

Motion carried as amended 6-0 approved (R2011-450)

Contract: Community Center Design/BRS

Parks and Recreation Director Jessi Richardson gave the staff report. This contract is for a feasibility study for a Community Center.

Councilmember James feels that we should have chosen a location before doing a feasibility study. Ms. Richardson explained that the consultant scope of work will include ideas on where to build the facility.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Odell moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with BRS in an amount not to exceed \$125,000. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried 5-0.(Councilmember Cross left before the vote).

Council Reports - No report

City Manager Report - No report

Executive Session – Potential Litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 10:48 and returned at 11:30 pm. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor