

COUNCIL MINUTES

Joint Meeting Study Session with Planning Commission/Regular Meeting March 21, 2011

Mayor Don Gerend called the joint study session of the Sammamish City Council/Planning Commission to order at 5:30 pm.

OPEN STUDY SESSION

➤ **Sustainability Strategy**

Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol introduced Josh Weil and Deb Sogge of the Sammamish Chamber of Commerce, Larry Crandall, Sammamish Parks and Recreation Commissioner, and Kathy Curry, staff Wetland Biologist. They provided an overview of the work that has been done in developing the city's sustainability plan (*PowerPoint is available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*).

Mayor Gerend suggested expanding on the complete streets portion of the strategy. Planning Commission Joe Lipinski feels the strategy concentrates too much on environmental sustainability and does not emphasize economic sustainability enough. Councilmember Cross would like to see a bigger commitment to air and water quality in the plan. Planning Commissioner Jan Klier feels that the city should maintain a very broad, high level view of the plan. Planning Commissioner Mike Collins recommended involving as many residents as possible to help develop and promote the strategy.

CLOSE STUDY SESSION

7:40 pm

Mayor Don Gerend called the Regular Meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 7:40 pm.

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Odell moved to excused Councilmember John James. Councilmember Cross seconded Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

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, Wetland Biologist Kathy Curry, Jim Gruber, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Boy Scout Troop #677 led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda carried unanimously 6-0.

Public Comment

Spencer Tickman, Troop #677, explained that the troop members were at the meeting to fulfill one of the requirements for their Citizenship and Community merit badge.

John Galvin, 432 228th Avenue SE, He made the point that, because there are limited shopping or employment opportunities in the Town Center, the Council should begin to carefully consider what is necessary to make it financially and environmentally sustainable.

Consent Calendar

- Payroll for period ending March 15, 2011 for pay date March 18, 2011 in the amount of \$235,848.38

Approval: Claims for period ending March 21, 2011 in the amount of \$1,101,528.83 for Check No.28715 through No. 28861 (note: Check Nos. 28706 through 28714, were accounted for on the March 1, 2011 claims)

Resolution: Approving the 2011 Work Program and Budget for a Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) (R2011-452)

Approval: March 1, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Public Hearings

Second Reading: Ordinance Amending Sammamish Municipal Code 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 Regulating Animals

Public Hearing opened at 6:49 pm and closed with no public comment.

MOTION: Councilmember Curley moved to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 (O2011-299).

Second Reading: 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

Public Hearing opened at 6:51 pm and closed with no public comment.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Odell moved to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-1 with Councilmember Whitten dissenting (O2011-300).

Councilmember Whitten feels the regulations do not go far enough to promote the use of electric vehicles.

Unfinished Business -None

Council recessed from 7:00 pm to 7:40 pm

New Business

Resolution: Selecting the Year 2011 Road Overlay Projects.

Jim Grueber, Senior Project Engineer gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*PowerPoint is available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*). Councilmember Whitten questioned whether these are the best streets to be included in the projects for 2011.

Councilmember Cross expressed his concern that the Tree Farm neighborhood does not carry enough traffic to warrant being one of the 2011 overlay projects. He doesn't feel this project could be included. Mayor Gerend explained that the Council made a promise to the Tree Farm neighborhood to overlay the chip seal that was put down last year. Councilmember Odell advocated using chip seal on the streets with few driveways leading to it because it is less expensive. Councilmember Whitten would like a broader range of streets to choose from.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to approve the resolution authorizing the 2011 Overlay Projects, excluding the Tree Farm Neighborhood project. Deputy Mayor Odell seconded.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Whitten moved to approve the list as presented, including the Tree Farm project. Councilmember Curley seconded. Amendment carried 4-2 with Deputy Mayor Odell and Councilmember Cross dissenting

MAIN MOTION: Carried as amended 4-2 with Deputy Mayor Odell and Councilmember Cross dissenting (R2011-253).

City Manager Ben Yazici said that he will direct staff to go out to bid with the current project list. Staff will come back with some options for additional projects if the construction bids come in lower than the current budget. Staff will then issue an addendum to include any additional streets to the 2011 projects.

Council Reports

Councilmember Cross reported seeing a great deal of water going over the roadway on sections of Eastlake Sammamish Parkway. City Engineer Jeff Brauns explained that staff is aware of these problems and are looking for ways to address the issues.

Councilmember Petitti asked about the water problems in Beaver Lake Park. Ms. Philpot said she is working with staff and the Beaver Lake Management Board to solve the problem.

Deputy Mayor Odell reported that he and Mayor Gerend attend the National League of Cities conference in Washington DC last week. He found the conference and the training sessions to be extremely useful.

City Manager Report

Emergency Storm sewer trench repair: Mr. Yazici explained that there is a trench failing in the Crossings Subdivision. This work needs to be done immediately so he authorized the contract for the work to be done. The cost is not expected to exceed \$20,000.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor