

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting October 17, 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, Councilmembers Mark Cross, John Curley, John James, Michele Petitti and Nancy Whitten.

**Staff present:** City Manager Ben Yazici, Deputy City Manager Lyman Howard, Public Works Director Laura Philpot, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

### Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Eastside Catholic Student Liaison Chad Brown led the pledge.

### Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Councilmember James moved to amend the agenda by moving the City Manager's report as the first item of business. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

### Student Liaison Reports

- Eastside Catholic High School – Chad Brown
- Skyline High School - Kylie Gacek

### Public Comment

Cary Young/Kristina Williams, 22212 NE 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Executive Director of Sammi Awards. Ms. Young thanked the City Council and Staff for the support they have provided the Sammi Awards ceremony year after year. She feels this helps build a sense of community. She introduced Kristina Williams who will take over as the Executive Director of the Sammi Awards. Ms. Williams announced that nominations are now open for the Sammi Awards. To nominate someone go on-line at this web address <http://www.sammiawards.org/sammis/online.php>.

Richard Kuprewicz, 4643 192<sup>nd</sup> Drive NE, He was representing Citizens for Sammamish, He urged the Council to be very sensitive and transparent in the process for removing the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Barricade. He said it was extremely important to keep the website up to date with the most current information. He encouraged both council and staff to use as much time as necessary to collect traffic data.

### Consent Calendar

- Payroll for the period ending September 30, 2011 for pay date October 5, 2011 in the amount of \$255,660.74

1. Approval: Claims for period ending October 17, 2011 in the amount of \$1,817,247.81 for Check No. 30410 through No. 30549
2. Interlocal: 2011 Pavement Overlay Utility Adjustments/SPWS District
3. Bid Award: Crack Seal/Doolittle Construction
4. Contract: 244<sup>th</sup> Street Lighting/Intolight
5. Contract: On-Call Fencing/All Around Fencing
6. Amendment: Vactoring/Bravo Environmental

**MOTION:** Consent Calendar was approved unanimously 7-0.

### **City Manager Report**

Finance Director Joe Guinasso gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint Presentation (*available on the city's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*). He covered the major changes between the 2011 and the 2012 budget which included some changes in compensation for city staff, police and fire. He explained that staff is recommending allocation of additional funds to implement EnerGov (an integrated permit tracking and asset management software) and to fund a Police Reserve Officer program. Staff is also suggesting that \$3 million be set aside for future development of infrastructure in the Town Center and they are also proposing a 1% increase in the sales tax. Council showed consensus regarding most of these items with the exception of the 1% property tax increase. Mr. Yazici reiterated that staff is just seeking approval for the place holder number of \$3 million for Town Center. Then, at the Council retreat in January, the Council will develop the processes for the allotment of the funds. Councilmember Cross requested staff break down the ending fund balance to show exactly why the funds were not spent or whether or not all these funds have been committed.

### **Public Hearings**

#### **Ordinance: First Reading:**

**Ordinance Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Amending Chapter, 21A.20 Related To Accessory Dwelling Units And Duplexes Of The Sammamish Municipal Code**

**Ordinance Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington Relating To An Interim Municipal Code Amendment To Allow For Cottage Housing Demonstration Projects.**

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.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*)

Councilmember Whitten said she would like to have these code amendments go to a study session before beginning to consider them. Mr. Gurol said that the current timeline does not allow for an additional study session. Deputy Mayor Odell was also supportive of the study session and inquired if there was any rush to get these amendments completed.

Mayor Gerend opened the Public Hearing at 8:13 pm. There was no public comment. Public Hearing was continued to December 6.

Councilmember James would like to exempt affordable housing units from the Cottage Housing cap of 50 in the program.

Councilmember Whitten requested additional information on how impact fees would be calculated on both Cottage Housing and duplexes.

Mayor Gerend is supportive of allowing both duplexes and cottage housing in the R-1 zone as well.

Mr. Gurol will make changes to the ordinance for duplexes and ADU to make it clear that these amendments do not apply to single family dwellings. Council agreed that allowance should be made for duplexes on corner lots and incentivizing affordable housing.

Council expressed support for enlarging the square footage for detached ADU's.

### **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

#### **Ordinance: First Reading amending Sections 2.30.020, 2.60.020 and 2.65.010 of the Sammamish Municipal Code related to the terms commencement and completion of Council Commissioners.**

City Clerk Melonie Anderson gave the staff report. The changes being recommended are as follows: Change the starting date for all commission to February 1 and the ending date to January 31 of any given year. Eliminate the alternate positions on the Arts Commission and add position numbers and provide for staggered terms. Council had no questions regarding these changes. The ordinance will come back for second reading on November 1, 2011.

#### **Resolution: Opposing Initiative 1125 To Protect Gas-Taxes And Toll Revenues Act. Protect The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment To Washington's Constitution (R2011-462).**

Ms. Anderson gave the staff report. At the October 4, 2011 Council requested staff to develop a resolution in support of I-1125 and opposing I-1125. Council then asked for public comment before voting in this resolution.

Jim Waznick, He advocated no action on this issue. He does not believe the City Council should be taking sides on state issues.

Jesse Bornfreund, 21530 NE 29<sup>th</sup> Street, He agreed with the previous speaker.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to approve the resolution opposing I-1125. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion passed 5-2 with Councilmembers James and Curley dissenting.

Councilmember Curley thinks the council should not be selective in the state initiatives. Either they should take a position on all of them or none of them.. Councilmember James concurs and does not feel the city should be taking a position. That should be left up to the voters.

### **Council Reports**

Councilmember Petitti announced that the Nightmare at Beaver Lake begins Thursday night. All of the proceeds go back into community non-profits.

Deputy Mayor Odell encouraged all residents to make nominations for the Sammi Awards. You can make nominations on line. He also attended the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting.

Mayor Gerend said that several issues will be added to Council agenda for next year, one is take-back of pharmaceuticals.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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Donald J. Gerend, Mayor