

COUNCIL MINUTES

Study Session/Special Meeting

December 13, 2011

Mayor Don Gerend called the study session/special meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:35 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, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, Communications Manager Tim Larson, City Attorney Bruce Disend, Maintenance Manager Kyle Endelman, Parks Manager Mike Keller and Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk Lita Hachey.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Councilmember Cross led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

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

Student Liaison Reports

- Eastlake High School (Felipe Concha) The football team lost in the State play-off to Lake Stevens and Basketball season is on now. Homecoming was in October and raised a lot of money. Tolo will be in February which is another big fund raiser event. Plateau Pink Day with Eastside Catholic and Skyline is later in May and is a cancer awareness day. Construction has begun at the school and the use of portables has been causing some problems.
- Eastside Catholic High School (Chad Brown) – The fall sports are now wrapped up. The football team made it to the 2nd round of playoffs, the girls' volleyball came in second place in State and the girls' soccer team came in third in State. Winter sports are just starting. The Juniors had a retreat in Fort Flagler near Port Townsend and it was a great bonding time.

Presentations/Proclamations

- **State of the City** – Mayor Gerend gave a presentation (*PowerPoint can be found on the City website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*)

City Manager Yazici presented Mayor Gerend with a plaque from Money Magazine's "Top one hundred Places to Live in America". Sammamish was ranked number fifteen.

Public Comment

Bob Brady ; Mr. Brady made a presentation to Mayor Gerend of a plaque of Ron Sims' permission letter to name the city "Sammamish". The letter was written on June 13, 1997.

Ramiro Valderrama, NE 18th Place – He would like the Council to continue to maintain the financial stewardship that is entrusted to it. The recently passed budget included 3 million dollars to jump-start of the Town Center infrastructure and he would like to see conditions put in place on how that money is to be spent. The Council approved a 3.2 % cost of living raise for City Employees and he would like Council to reconsider that raise and study what other Cities are doing first. Wellness benefits rebate of 2% of the cost of medical premiums should be reevaluated and retained for the City instead of returning it to the employees.

Ella Moore- President of the Sammamish Heritage Society – Ms. Moore gave an update on the Reard House. The Heritage Society is involved in the restoration of the house and needed to provide the money for the move, a new foundation and excavation. They have received a King County Grant for \$28,850.00. They now have a total of \$65,005.01. She would like to thank the Council and staff for all their efforts and contributions to this project.

Rose Mary Carrol- 20814 NE 26 Place – She is a member of the Sammamish Heritage Society. She is thrilled with the achievements of the Society and wants the Reard House to be part of the history in Sammamish and restore the house as it should be.

Bob Petitti, Councilmember Petitti's husband – Congratulations to Michele Petitti for her ten years of service to the City. He is very proud of her. He understands how hard the City staff works and he would like to thank to rest of Council for all their dedication over the years. He gave a big welcome to new council.

John Galvin – 432 228th Ave SE – As we all know now, ACE Hardware may close by September 2012. He hopes that the store will be able to find a new location within the City. ACE has approached him with interest in his a plan to develop land within the Town Center but the development plan was refused by the City. Many citizens in the City want to help but so far it doesn't seem possible. Mr. Galvin suggested the City needs to be

planning for the future.

Eric Thies – Skyline Student Liaison- Eric apologized for arriving late but he was at a charity event in Renton. He wishes everyone Happy Holidays. There is a lot going on at the school right now. Last week was Winter Wonder Week. Winter Wonder night was not as successful as hoped because of poor advertising but hopes are that next year will be better. They had a musical acoustic night called Unplugged which featured about 10 artists from the school and funds went to Make-a-Wish-Foundation. The Football, Soccer and Swim teams all won State Championships this year. This week is about The Invisible Children and involves an organization in Uganda helping children soldiers. The hope is to raise awareness as well as money. Winter break is coming soon.

Study Session – Mayor Gerend opened the session at 7:20 pm.

Discussion: Traffic Enforcement Cameras – Sammamish Police Chief Nate Elledge gave a staff report (*Power point will be available on the City website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*)

City Manager Ben Yazici reported that the system works well with transient traffic. A police presence will work better on our residential streets. It is an expensive system and the perception is that the cameras are installed just to increase revenue.

Councilmember Odell agrees with this and finds the equity of the system a concern.

Councilmember James suggested that maybe cameras just be installed around the schools. New systems are out there but Chief Elledge is not familiar with them.

Councilmember Curley questioned our school zones and likes the flashing lights and 20 mph speed signs. He feels that Discovery Elementary is still a problem. Director of Public Works Laura Philpot informed him that the City has already made improvements at this location and we have seen a decrease in the speeding. The word “School” was painted on the road pavement along 228th Ave SE. Most of the elementary schools have the flashing beacons at the moment. The Junior High’s and High schools now are qualified so we hope to update them in the future.

Mr. Yazici announced a new grant has been awarded to the City for 244th Ave NE Improvements in the amount of \$1.1 million.

Discussion: 2012 Non-motorized Project/Inglewood Hill Road: City Engineer Jeff Brauns gave a staff report (*PowerPoint presentation can be found on the City website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*.)

Discussion followed on how 244th funds can be used for Inglewood Hill Road Improvements. The proposal will be for the design to be on the south side of the Inglewood Hill Road. Mr. Brauns suggested adding street lights at the time of construction. Council agreed that lights would be ideal and it would cost about \$150,000 for a City run street light system and half of that cost for a Puget Sound Energy run system. Councilmember Whitten is concerned with the

phosphorous clean-up and Ms. Philpot assured her that all regulations will be followed. Bike lanes will be included in the design.

Study Session closed at 8:05 pm.

Consent Calendar

1. Contract: Custodial Service/Advanced Building Services
2. Contract: Landscaping Services/Plantscapes, Inc.
3. Contract: Sports Turf Maintenance/Brickman Group
4. Contract: Street Sweeping/Best Parking Lot
5. Final Acceptance: Sammamish Landing Picnic Shelters/Henderson
6. Final Plat Approval: The Reserve at Inglewood

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

Unfinished Business- None

New Business- None

Council Reports

Councilmember Curley – It has been a pleasure to serve with Councilmembers Cross and Petitti. He has learned a lot from serving with them and wishes them the best.

Mayor Gerend – Update on Suburban Cities Association. Deputy Mayor Odell will be an alternate on the Regional Transportation Committee and also on the King County Growth Management Planning Council. Mayor Gerend has renewed his position on the Transportation Policy Board for Puget Sound Regional Council and is an alternative on the Executive Board.

Deputy Mayor Odell – Thanks to Councilmembers Cross and Petitti for their time and service to the City. It has been a pleasure to work with them and he has benefited from the experience.

Councilmember Petitti- It is with mixed emotions that she leaves the Council role.

Councilmember James –Thanks to Councilmembers Cross and Petitti. Report on the Economic Development Committee. He would like to see ACE Hardware stay in Sammamish.

City Manager Report

City Manager Ben Yazici suggested re-arranging the schedule for tonight to start with the Retiring Council Recognition.

Retiring Council Recognition

Mr. Yazici acknowledged Councilmembers Petite's and Cross's accomplishments during their time spent on City Council. *(PowerPoint presentation can be obtained upon request to the City Clerk Melonie Anderson)*

Mayor Gerend presented a plaque to each of the departing Councilmembers.

Council recessed from 8:18 pm until 8:43 pm

2012 Comp Plan Docket List

Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol reported on the PRO (Parks Recreation Open-space) plan.

A memo from Mr. Gurol to the City Manager Ben Yazici was presented as the report to Council. Mike Collins (member of the Planning Commission) also submitted items in this report. – the memo also has staff responses. There are six items that have been added to the 2012 docket. Staff recommends that the only the Pro Plan be on the docket for 2012.

Councilmember Cross questioned the increased height request in the R4 zone, single family to 45 feet. He feels this is detrimental to single family home neighborhoods. A discussion continued on the height restrictions.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to approve the 2012 Docket List, including only the PRO Plan, as presented by staff. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7 – 0

Cottage Housing Requirements

Mr. Gurol presented a PowerPoint presentation *(available on the City website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*. This is in response to an email received by Mr. Gurol from a potential developer of cottage housing in the Town Center B zone. Regulations limit cottage housing in this zone to 15% of total residential units. This could cause restrictions on smaller lots.

A decision was delayed to a future meeting when they will have more information and further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm

Lita Hachey, Administrative Assistant
to the City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor