

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting January 3, 2012

Mayor Gerend called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:38 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Don Gerend, Deputy Mayor Tom Odell, Councilmembers John Curley, Don Gerend, John James, Ramiro Valderrama, Tom Vance 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, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, City Attorney Bruce Disend, Police Chief Nate Elledge, Volunteer Coordinator Dawn Sanders, City Clerk Melonie Anderson and Administrative Assistant Lita Hachey.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Boy Scout Troup 509 presented the flag and the led the pledge of allegiance.

New Councilmembers Oath of Office-

Melonie Anderson administered the oath of office to Newly Elected Councilmembers Nancy Whitten, Ramiro Valderrama-Aramayo and Tom Vance.

Election: Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Don Gerend asked for nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Election Mayor: Councilmember Vance nominated Councilmember Odell for Mayor. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilmember Gerend nominated Councilmember Whitten for Mayor. Councilmember Whitten withdrew.

A presentation was made to former Mayor Gerend by New Mayor Odell.

Election Deputy Mayor: Councilmember Whitten nominated Councilmember James for Deputy Mayor. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Odell thanked Council for their confidence in him. He is humbled and thanked everyone for their support, advice and guidance. He thanked Mr. Gerend for his

leadership as Mayor. He spoke of the future needs of the City including the Town Center, Community Center, Public Safety services, financial needs and the Critical Area Ordinance updates. We need to provide more commercial and public services that our community will require.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the agenda. Deputy Mayor James seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Student Liaison Reports

- Eastlake High School – Felipe Concha – Today is the first day back from winter break. Finals week is the last week of January. The school is going through a big change from a three year to four year school next year. Major construction is now happening but it hasn't been too much of a disruption. The basketball season has just started up. The Tolo dance is on March 3rd.
- Skyline High School – Eric Thies –Wished a happy New Year to everyone and congratulated the Boy Scouts on their flag presentation and stated he became an Eagle Scout last month. The basketball team went 2-2 in a major tournament in California over the break. This week the focus is on recycling and the benefit to the community. Their Tolo dance is on February 4th and final exams are in two weeks. Coming up is the Buff-Buff Volleyball tournament for students and a movie night which is a Tutor/movie event. Students get tutored and then watch a movie.

Presentations/Proclamations

- Volunteer Recognition Evans Creek Preserve and SE 8th Street Park
Volunteer Coordinator Dawn Sanders acknowledged Trevor Fisher for his efforts organizing over two hundred volunteers. Dawn read a list of achievements and accomplishments of all these volunteers.

Mr. Fisher thanked the Parks and Recreation Department, Dawn Sanders, The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints and their Wards plus members of the Stake Presidency. Ms. Sanders presented them with tokens of appreciation.

- Volunteer Recognition Mayor's Month of Concern for the Hungry Food Drive.
The event coordinator Mary Trask spoke about the accomplishments. This was the third year of the City of Sammamish's involvement. The kick off was on September 24th and they had 54 volunteers the first week and 117 volunteers over the next three weekends. This included the Sammamish Youth board, Eastlake, Skyline, Newport Hills Key Club, Skyline Grid-iron club, City Church interns, several local Girl Scout troops, local business including ACE Hardware, Confidential Data disposal, Precision Press and Mail Post. These businesses supported the drive by donating boxes. Local schools

participated and helped sort the food. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are hugely responsible for the success of the food drive, especially Issaquah Wards 2, 3 and 6. Ms. Trask introduced Bishop Jerry & Debbie Hatfield. Bishop Hatfield thanked the community and Mary Trask for all their efforts. The results of the drive are: 31,913 lbs. of food and \$4,992.00 in cash. Sammamish collect the most in our region. Special thanks to Melonie Anderson, Dawn Sanders and Cindy Van Wambeck and all the residents of Sammamish.

Mayor Odell suggested recess the meeting for cake at 7:13 pm and resumed at 7:28pm

Public Comment

Note: *This is an opportunity for the public to address the Council. Three-minutes limit per person or 5 minutes if representing the official position of a recognized community organization.*

Todd Beahm, President Eastlake High School Booster Club; *(presentation is available upon request by contacting the City Clerk's office).* Mr. Beahm expressed his concerns about the proposed changes to the Eastlake ball field usage and would like to sit down with those involved to discuss this further.

Councilmember Whitten questioned what other fields are available for use of the sports teams at Eastlake High School.

The teams use a variety of community fields but are limited when baseball is in use. Mr. Beahm handed out a copy of the presentation to share with Council and the public. City Manager Ben Yazici reported to the Council on what more is being done to assist all those involved to come up with the best options for all groups.

Todd Pladson, President of Eastlake Little League; Concerned about all the comments and would like to represent the youth of Sammamish. Council needs to make some decisions that provide for the kids using the field. The field costs have all gone up so much that the non-profits are finding it difficult to afford them. All sports have the same wants and needs and all are looking for more fields. Inglewood High school will no longer be using their football and baseball fields and would be a good place to start.

Steven Pollis, Eastlake Little League Softball Program; He would like Inglewood Junior High to be looked at as a prime option. There are other options we should be looking at.

Hank Klein, Chair of the Parks Commission; He has been involved for eighteen years in various baseball programs on the plateau. Mr. Klein would like to establish a partnership of all groups to come to an agreement on these decisions. He would like to minimize the detriment to the baseball program and is fully aware of their needs.

Todd Beahm ; It is all about the usage of the fields. To be able to use the field like they always have been able to use the field. He would like to see a natural mound, security and no safety issues, etc.

Consent Calendar

Payroll for the period ending December 15, 2011 for pay date December 20, 2011 in the amount of \$237,982.47

Approval: Claims for period ending December 19, 2011 in the amount of \$1,727,858.95 for Check No. 30914 through No.31064

Approval: Claims for period ending January 3, 2012 in the amount of \$542,742.07 for Check No. 30165 through No.31139

MOTION: Councilmember Vance motioned to approve consent calendar. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Interim Ordinance Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Extending A Moratorium On The Establishment Of Collective Gardens; Defining "Collective Gardens;" And Establishing An Effective Date.

Kamuron Gurol gave a staff report – *(Powerpoint presentation is located on the City Website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us).*

Public Hearings Opened at 8:06 pm and continued to the January 17th meeting, with no Public Comment.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Council Reports

Deputy Mayor James ; Expressed that it is an honor to serve the City as Deputy Mayor and he will carry on the tradition of those that have served in this position in the past.

Councilmember Whitten; She is concerned about the meeting scheduled Councilmember Whitten will be out of town the next two weeks and would like the January 17 meeting to be rescheduled to a different date. Mr. Yazici would like to accommodate Councilmember Whitten and he will work to see if things can be shifted. Maybe she can be included via electronic voting. City staff will follow-up with this solution.

Councilmember Gerend; The Suburban Cities Association sent an invitation to new Councilmembers to attend a workshop on January 19th. He attended the workshop in the past and recommends other Councilmembers attend if possible. January 18 is the Networking dinner and he recommends they attend that also.

Councilmember Curley; He is looking forward to the upcoming year. He would like to continue to set great policy and keep the meetings short when possible.

Councilmember Valderrama; Expressed thanks to all the citizens of Sammamish and everyone attending the meeting tonight.

Councilmember Vance; Thanked all the citizens of Sammamish and is looking forward to the next four years working on the Council.

City Manager Report

- Regional Appointments need to be made. Suburban Cities Association appointments to the Regional Transit Committee are needed, as are the Eastside Transportation Partnership. The ETP meets once a month on the second Friday, in Bellevue. Councilmember John Curley volunteered and Councilmember John James will continue. Mayor Odell suggested creating a list of all the Regional seats open and a description of each Committee and reviewing this at the City Council Retreat. The Council committees will also be chosen at the Retreat.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm

Lita Hachey, Administrative Assistant
to the City Clerk

Thomas T. Odell, Mayor