

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting February 7, 2012

Mayor Tom Odell called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:40 pm.

**Councilmembers present:** Mayor Tom Odell, Deputy Mayor John James, Councilmembers John Curley, Don Gerend, Ramiro Valderrama, Tom Vance and Nancy Whitten.

**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. Councilmember Vance led the pledge.

### Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Councilmember Curley moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Vance seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilmember Whitten requested that Item 5 from the Consent Agenda be removed and placed under new business.

### **Student Liaison Reports**

- Eastside Catholic High School (Chad Brown): Winter sports are into district playoffs. There are 14 wrestlers going on to Regionals and the men's swim team is going to State. A blood drive was held at the school today. The Tolo dance is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Presentations/Proclamations**

- Engineering Excellence Award/American Council of Engineering Companies for the 244<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Project

Senior Project Engineer Jed Ireland gave the staff report. The 244<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Project Design has been awarded the Bronze Award by the American Council of Engineering Companies. Mr. Ireland presented the award to the Council.

## **Public Comment**

Jim Osgood, 19661 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Way, He expressed his support of the consultant that was selected by the city to help with the Environmentally Critical Areas (ECA) ordinance update. He thinks this is an important project which must be kept on schedule.

Marianne Wilkins, 20917 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, She spoke regarding the Chestnut Estates Plat. She expressed disappointment that the developer now wants to build 11 additional homes in what was once designated as an open space area. She hopes the city does not allow this.

Bill Zheng, 1905 250<sup>th</sup> Place SE, He spoke about the Relay for Life Event which will be happening in June at Skyline High School. This event has raised a great deal of money for the American Cancer Society. He invited the Council and the city to take part in this event.

Ilene Stahl, 21553 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Lane, She was not impressed with the process to choose a consultant for the ECA update. She thinks the advertising time for the request was too short. Citizens should not have been involved in the recommendation.

## **Consent Calendar**

- Payroll for the period ending January 15, 2012 for pay date January 20, 2012 in the amount of \$241,606.44.
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Approval: Claims for period ending February 7, 2012 in the amount of \$1,391,282.02 for Check No. 31282 through No. 31394

Resolution: Final Acceptance Chip Seal Project/Doolittle Construction

Resolution: Final Acceptance Crack Seal Project/Doolittle Construction

Interlocal: Aerial Photography/King County

Approval: Notes for the January 10, 2012 Study Session

Approval: Minutes for the January 17, 2012 Regular Meeting

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor James moved to approve consent calendar. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

## **Public Hearing**

Ordinance: Second Reading: An Ordinance Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Relating To Siting Of Wireless Communication Facilities; Updating And Amending Certain Provisions Of Chapter 21A.55 SMC To Conform To And Clarify Amendments Made Pursuant To Ordinance No. O2011-298; Clarifying Height Limits On New And Replacement Antenna Support Structures And Antennas; Repealing SMC 21A.15.245 (Consolidation); Amending SMC Sections 21A.15.040, 21A.15.050, 21A.15.080 & 21A.15.090; Providing For Severability; And, Establishing An Effective Date

Deputy Director Susan Cezar was available to answer questions regarding this ordinance.

Public Hearing opened at 7:02 pm and closed at 7:03 pm with no public comment.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor James moved to approve the resolution amending the Wireless Facilities code. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**Unfinished Business** - None

**New Business**

Resolution: In Support Of Issaquah School District General Obligation Bonds In The Amount Of \$219,121,500 Which Authorizes The District To:

- Rebuild Clark and Sunny Hills Elementary Schools and Issaquah Middle School;
- Modernize Liberty High School;
- Relocate Tiger Mountain Community High School for expanded career and technical training;
- Improve district-wide heating/ventilation, space, and security;
- Increase usability of curricular/athletic fields and stadiums, and other improvements;
- To issue \$219,121,500 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years; and To levy excess property taxes annually

Dr. Steve Rasmussen, Issaquah School District Superintendent and Suzann Weaver, Volunteers for Issaquah School District addressed the Council, seeking their support for this bond measure. He emphasized that if you have a home valued at \$500,000 in the Issaquah School District, your tax assessment for schools will actually decrease, even if this bond is passed. This is due to the fact that the district will have paid off previous bonds.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the resolution supporting the Issaquah School District Bond measure. Deputy Mayor James seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Contract: Environmentally Critical Areas (ECA) Update/AMEC

Deputy Director of Community Development Susan Cezar gave the staff report and PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*).

MOTION: Councilmember James moved to authorize the City manager to sign the contract with AMEC for the Environmentally Critical Areas Update in an amount not to exceed \$97,080. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried 7-0. Councilmember Whitten abstained after the vote.

## **Council Reports**

Councilmember Vance praised city staff for their efforts at the Council retreat.

Councilmember Curley would like the Council to do more to recognize the students in Sammamish and develop various ways to acknowledge their talents and strengths.

Deputy Mayor James commented on the passing of School Resource Officer Stan Chapin. He worked in the Lake Washington School District for many years and will be dearly missed. The Eastlake High School students put on a moving memorial service for him on Monday. Deputy Mayor James also reported on the Economic Development Committee Meeting held at City Hall last night. The joint meeting of the sub areas for Transportation representing the Eastside Transportation Partnership was held last week.

Mayor Odell discussed the joint meeting with Parks Commission on March 13, 2012 will be rescheduled for March 19, 2012, since Mayor Odell and Councilmember Gerend will be in Washington DC for the National League of Cities Meeting. The next council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th will be rescheduled for Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting has already been switched to Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> since City offices are closed for President's day.

Deputy Mayor James suggested the Council hours on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> remain and that Council have a booth set up to greet citizens attending the 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. The Farmer's market will be another excellent opportunity to meet the public.

Councilmember Gerend reported on the 520 bridge tolling and on House Bill 2728 which would allow incorporated cities to collect utility taxes.

Councilmember Valderrama reported that the Sister City Committee will be bringing a short list of suggested cities to the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

Councilmember Whitten also thanked staff for a successful retreat.

Mayor Odell commented of the memorial for Officer Stan Chapin. The City would like to name the new entrance to Eastlake High School at 233<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE, Stan Chapin Way and a plaque be put up in his honor. Mayor Odell reported on the Economic Development Assessment meeting held last night.

Mayor Odell presented the Council committees that were discussed and finalized at the City Council retreat.

*The Standing Committees are:*

**Eastside Fire & Rescue Board** - Mayor Odell, Councilmember Valderrama, Councilmember Vance members and Councilmember Gerend alternate.

**Public Safety Committee** - Mayor Odell, Councilmember Valderrama, Councilmember Vance, and Councilmember Gerend alternate

**Economic Development Committee** - Mayor Odell, Deputy Mayor James, Councilmember Vance and Councilmember Gerend and Curley alternates.

**Finance Committee** - Mayor Odell, Councilmember Valderrama, Councilmember Gerend, and Councilmember Curley alternate

**Legislative Issues Committee** - Mayor Odell, Deputy Mayor James, Councilmember Vance

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the City Council committee structure as assigned. Councilmember Vance seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Odell reported on the future fire service options. A request for proposal is out for a consultant to prepare a report outlining the available options for fire service with a due date of June 12, 2012. Council will meet on June 18, 2012 to discuss alternatives. The recommended members for the Fire Services Technical Advisory Board (TAB) are Kathy Huckabay, Lee Felling and Ron Haworth.

MOTION: Councilmember Valderrama moved to approve the Technical Advisory group. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

**City Manager Report**

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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Thomas T. Odell Mayor