

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Special Meeting/Study Session February 13, 2012

Mayor Tom Odell called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 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, City Engineer Jeff Brauns, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Police Chief Nate Elledge, Police Sergeant Jessica Sullivan and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

### Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Councilmember Valderrama led the pledge.

### Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Vance seconded.  
Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

### Public Comment

Richard Kuprewicz, 4643 192<sup>nd</sup> Drive NE, He reported that the next Citizens of Sammamish Meeting will discuss connectivity. He asked for more specifics on a fire hydrant that was taken out up in Hidden Ridge. He also discussed gas pipeline valve installation.

**Unfinished Business** - None

### New Business

Resolution: of the Sammamish City Council Changing the Name of 233<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE to Stan Chapin Way

City Manager Ben Yazici gave the staff report. He explained the Deputy Chapin was a valuable member of our community for the last 12 years. Everyone, especially the students at Eastlake High School and Inglewood Middle School, are saddened and will miss him a great deal as he spent many years at both schools as the Sammamish School Resource Office. To honor Deputy Chapin's legacy, the city is proposing to change the name of 233<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE to Stan Chapin Way. Officer Chapin's wife, Sue gave some remarks, thanking the city and staff.

**MOTION: Councilmember Valderrama moved to approve the resolution renaming 233<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE to Stan Chapin Way. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0 (R2012-485).**

Councilmember Curley suggested it might be nice to have a plaque near the street sign to remind everyone who Stan Chapin was. This detail can be worked out later during the construction of the new road.

Considering Support of Governor's Petition to reclassify cannabis for medical use from a Schedule I Controlled Substance to a Schedule II

Councilmember Gerend explained the purpose of this petition and asked the Council to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter supporting the Governor's request to reclassify marijuana from a Class I to a Class II drug. He also requested that Council authorize the Suburban Cities Association (SCA) Public Involvement Committee (PIC) representative to support their letter to the Drug Enforcement Administration requesting the same thing.

Police Chief Elledge explained the police position on the requested reclassification of this drug. The Police Officers Association is supportive of the Governor's request to just review new science justifying the reclassification of marijuana.

**MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Suburban Cities Association letter and authorize the SCA PIC representative to support this measure at the next Suburban Cities meeting. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Odell dissenting.**

Mayor Odell expressed concern that supporting this measure might send the wrong message to the community.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

## **STUDY SESSION**

- Solicitor Licensing Requirements - Sammamish Police Sergeant Jessica Sullivan gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*)
- Connectivity Update (including SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Traffic Data Results) – Public Works Director Laura Philpot gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*).
- Transportation Level of Service – City Engineer Jeff Brauns gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*).

**Council Reports**

**City Manager Report**

- Recreation Center Secondary Access Update

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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Thomas T. Odell, Mayor