

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting April 16, 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, Finance Director Joe Guinasso, Administrative Sergeant Jessica Sullivan, Deputy Director of Finance Chris Gianini, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk Lita Hachey.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Deputy Mayor John James led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

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

Student Liaison Reports

- **Eastlake High School – Felipe Concha**
Felipe reported that Eastlake returned from Spring Break two weeks ago. The Commons area is torn down for renovations and there is now a new auxiliary gym. Things are pretty chaotic with the construction going on. AP testing will begin in May. Spring sports have begun which include, girls tennis, soccer, baseball and softball. Tomorrow night is Eastlake's unplugged musical event. The Plateau Pink cancer fundraising event is coming soon in conjunction with Eastside Catholic and Skyline. This event helps raise money for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. The Relay for Life walkathon is on May 19th and there are 50 teams signed up. This is another good event to raise cancer awareness. The elections for next year's ASB officers are this week and Felipe is running for ASB President.

Presentations/Proclamations

- **Finance Year End Report –**
Director of Finance, Joe Guinasso, gave a staff report (presentation available on the city website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)
Mr. Guinasso discussed the 2011 year-end report plus the 2012-13 biennial budget proposals; 1st Quarter Expenditure summary; Sammamish has maintained our AAA Bond rating and a stable financial outlook affirmed. City Manager Ben Yazici complimented the Finance department and all of the City's departments. Mayor Odell commented that this was a great report.

Public Comment

Anh Vo, SAMMI President, Ms. Vo thanked the City of Sammamish for its support of the SAMMI Awards Foundation and gave an update on this years' SAMMI awards program. This past year there were over 3,000 volunteer hours of support. At the Awards ceremony, the Girls scouts were involved in the silver awards. Over 500 people attended the SAMMI performance. Also present with Anh Vo were SAMMI board members: Secretary, Kathy Anderson, past Executive Director, Cary Young and Art Committee Chair, Connie Rosen. Nominations are open for 2013.

Julio Velela, Campaign staffer for Jacob Bond, Jacob Bond is running for the House of Representatives, District 45 legislative. They would like to get involved in the Sammamish community. He is aware of the new ordinance for soliciting in Sammamish and will abide by the rules. Please contact Julio if you have any questions.

City Manager Ben Yacizi requested that the Police Report be moved up on the agenda into the presentations section.

➤ **Police Report**

Sammamish Police Dept. Administrative Sergeant Jessica Sullivan gave a staff report (*presentation available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*).

Sergeant Sullivan gave an overview of the department, the goals, traffic enforcement and crime statistics. A new detective position was added last September and she discussed Crime Prevention – Block Watch; Reserve Officer Program; Cost Comparison – Sammamish is the lowest per capita for police services. The King County East Precinct will be moving into the 2nd Floor of City Hall this week. Police Explorers, a youth program, is an option for the future. Sammamish has a very low crime rate and City Manager Yacizi stated it was a testament to our Police force here in Sammamish.

Consent Calendar

Payroll for the period ending March 31, 2012 for pay date April 5, 2012 in the amount of \$265,790.29

Approval: Claims for period ending April 16, 2012 in the amount of \$1,129,952.90 for Check No. 31774 through No. 31923

Contract: Transportation Comprehensive Plan Update/David Evans

Contract: On-Call Tree Removal - Swift Tree Care 2012

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend motioned to approve consent calendar. Deputy Mayor James seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Ordinance: First Reading Repealing Chapters 17.05 And 22.10 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code And Placing Those Regulations In Title 46 Of The Municipal Code For The Purpose Of Consolidating All Parking Regulations Into A Single Title Of The Municipal Code.

Director of Public Works, Laura Philpot and Sammamish Police Sgt. Peter Horvath gave a staff report (*presentation available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*).

Ms. Philpot reviewed the existing parking regulations and the proposed revisions to these regulations. She also discussed the restriction of parking in bike lanes. A draft map of the existing designated bike lanes was distributed to Council. Councilmember Curley would like to know how many parking tickets were issued per year. Sgt. Horvath stated that 41 parking tickets were issued last year, 61 warnings for parking and 62 other dispositions (where no violation was found or vehicle gone) for a total of 164 parking violations reported.

Deputy Mayor James asked about the SE 20th Street, minor arterial. Parking has not been an issue in the bike lanes along SE 20th. He suggested it is important to not affect parking in areas where we would like to place bike lanes. City Manager Yazici stated that during design phases the city does ask the neighborhoods for comments/input at public meetings.

Councilmember Valderrama asked about the signage in bike lanes. Sergeant Horvath stated it is understood that parking in bike lanes are not allowed.

Mayor Odell discussed parking restrictions in residential areas and limiting on-street parking. He stated parking on the sidewalks should also be noted in this ordinance. Parking on sidewalks is illegal in Washington State. With the reserve officer program we will have more staff to deal with these offenses in the future.

Public Hearing was opened on the draft ordinance consolidating parking regulations at 7:35 pm and will continue to the May 1, 2012 Regular Council Meeting. There were no comments.

Executive Session – Property Acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)

Council retired to executive session at 7:38 pm returning at 8:03 pm. No action was taken.

Council Reports

- Councilmember Valderrama -. He has attended the first Finance Committee meeting.
- Councilmember Don Gerend- Attended two meetings last week, the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board and Eastside Transportation Partnership. He attended the Finance committee and was elected the Chair. The next Finance meeting will be in June. He attended the Haiku in the Park last weekend.
- Councilmember Nancy Whitten- Attended Council Open hours with Mr. Valderrama and Mr. Curley. There were two main speakers; Jim Stanton, SE 48th, off of Issaquah-Pine Lake Road SE, requested to be considered for the overlay projects. Requested a light at this intersection. These issues need to be added to the on 2013-14 Biennial Budget discussions.
- Councilmember John Curley-reported on the Boys and Girls Club Annual 5K race on Sunday 22nd.

- Deputy Mayor John James-reported on the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting. Reminder to RSVP for the Habitat for Humanity breakfast this Wednesday, April 18th.
- Mayor Tom Odell- reported on the opening day of Little League events this past weekend. Issaquah School District Bond issue is going to ballot tomorrow, April 17th, please go out and vote.

City Manager Report

- City Manager Yazici reported Deputy Chief Greg Tryon’s wife, Amy passed away. She was a former Eastside Fire and Rescue firefighter and a U.S. Olympic Equestrian.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

Lita Hachey, Administrative Assistant
to the City Clerk

Thomas T. Odell, Mayor