

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting

June 18, 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, 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. Redmond Reporter correspondent Kevin Endejan led the pledge.

### Approval of Agenda

**MOTION** Councilmember Valderrama moved to approve the agenda. Deputy Mayor James seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Mayor Odell explained that the GFOA Award will be postponed to a later meeting.

### Presentations/Proclamations

- Economic Development Assessment Tool Report – Deputy City Manager Lyman Howard and Mayor Odell gave the report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*).

### Public Comment

Dean de Alteriis, 1225 230<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, He was concerned about how the Fire Study Technical Advisory Board (TAB) was formed. He feels this was not done in a transparent method. He also feels that the current funding model for Eastside Fire & Rescue is a good system. Basing the cost of service on number of calls for service is a not good way to evaluate cost.

Craig Hooper PO Box 549, President of the Eastside Professional Firefighters Labor Group, He expressed disappointment with the findings of the TAB at the last meeting. He feels that criticism of any part of EF & R criticizes all of it. He also was unhappy with the selection process for the TAB. He feels that most of the findings of the board were untrue or misleading. He feels their meetings were held in secrecy. He feels the citizens of Sammamish are getting a bargain for fire services. The Labor Group would like to participate in future meetings regarding EF & R. He asked Council to include remaining in the interlocal agreement as an option.

Chris Merritt, 2340 285<sup>th</sup> Place NE, He was disappointed that the current recommendations do not include remaining in the consortium with EF & R. He does not feel it is feasible to base the cost of service on the number of calls for service.

Brandon Bothwell, 21311 SE 20<sup>th</sup> Street, He does not feel that the cost for fire services is accurately represented. He feels police service cost is probably also very high if you base it on number of calls. He hopes that further discussions about this issue will be open and transparent.

Mike Ryan, 209 246<sup>th</sup> Way SE, He spoke in favor of continuing the interlocal agreement with EF & R. We are not paying for calls we are paying for readiness. Providing a high level of service requires a lot of money and resources. Our current level of service will be important in the event of a major catastrophe.

Jim Stanton, 22533 SE 47 Place, He spoke regarding the impacts of Tremont on the Highland Park neighborhood (submitted written comments which are available upon request of the City Clerk).

Jeff Mitchell, Operation Bald Eagle, 3020 Issaquah Pine Lake Road SE, He understands the Council's desire to save money, but he feels that EF & R is the best option for the city's fire services. EF & R should be considered in the same light as insurance. You need to pay for the best possible insurance in case the worst happens.

Dave Augenstein, 723 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, He supports the current interlocal with EF & R. He feels the city has more control by participating on the board. He took issue with the TAB report about the increase in the cost for fire services. This was one of many inaccuracies in the report.

Jeff Hooker, 23325 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Street, He is angry that the Council tried to limit the amount of public comment related to the EF & R issue. This is a very important issue. He feels EF & R is doing a great job.

Katherine Kuluzny, 441 NE Elder, She was formerly an EF & R Board member. She feels that a local fire service will be more responsive to the community's needs. She also expressed some concerns she had about previous experiences she had on the board. She says EF & R firefighters are paid much higher than either Bellevue or Seattle.

John Krause, 22626 NE Inglewood Hill Road, EF & R union had a paid advertisement on Facebook urging people to come to tonight's meeting. He takes issue with the inflammatory rhetoric on the part of EF & R. He feels Council is doing the right thing by trying to provide the best service for the lowest price.

Anne Stephens 22819 SE 48<sup>th</sup>, She agreed with Mr. Stanton regarding the dangers on SE 48<sup>th</sup> Street and she loves the dog park at Beaver Lake.

Richard Starr, 22507 SE 47<sup>th</sup> Place, He also spoke regarding the letter the Highland Park HOA sent to Council. He feels the new development going in next to their development has created a very dangerous situation.

Joel Hussey 21529 NE 101<sup>st</sup> Street, He is running for the office of State Representative in the 45<sup>th</sup> District, which includes half of Sammamish. He would like your vote.

Mark Smith, 22526 SE 47<sup>th</sup> Place, Spoke regarding the dangers that new development is creating on SE 48<sup>th</sup> Street. They want the street repaired and a traffic light installed. Submitted 50 petitions signed by homeowners.

Emily Herig, 416 221<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, She spoke in support of the EF & R firefighters. She says they provide service to the community in many ways. She feels that fire safety should be the top most priority for the Council.

John Galvin 432 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, He feels that the City is not supportive of economic development. He feels the City Council has developed a Town Center plan that makes it impossible to develop a town center. The Council is not doing what is necessary for businesses to come here.

Jill Loveland 27510 SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Place, She spoke in support of EF & R. She feels the fire services are a big part of making a livable community. She would like to see more community input before making any kind of decision.

Doug Watson, 21636 SE 35<sup>th</sup> St, He feels that the study that was done is a good start but it doesn't provide enough information for Council to make a decision on alternatives for fire services. As a citizen, he would like to have more answers and more input.

Michael Chapman, 22714 SE 49 Pl, He agreed with the previous speakers on the dangers of SE 48<sup>th</sup> Street and also asked for a center line to be painted on the street.

### **Consent Calendar**

Payroll for the period ending May 31, 2012 for pay date June 5, 2012 in the amount of \$265,384.71

Approval: Claims for period ending June 18, 2012 in the amount of \$1,303,777.11 for Check No. 32243 through No. 32376

Interlocal: Animal Control

Contract: FCS Group/Surface Water Rates Study

Approval: Minutes for the June 5, 2012 Regular Meeting

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor James moved to approve consent calendar. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

### **Public Hearing**

A Resolution Adopting An Updated Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan For 2013-2018

Public Works Director Laura Philpot gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*).

Mayor Odell opened the public hearing 7:55 pm.

Public Comment

Jim Stanton, (spoke previously), He thanked Council for adding the interim signal at the SE 48<sup>th</sup> and Issaquah Pine Lake Road. He also explained that Project #4, Issaquah Pine Lake Road is scheduled for construction in 2013 and he urged Council to work collaboratively with City of Issaquah to help with the funding.

Public Hearing was closed at 8:00 pm.

City Manager Ben Yazici also mentioned that Mr. Stanton was instrumental in obtaining funding for the city's Fourth of July celebration

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the resolution adopting the 2013-2018 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Councilmember Vance seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 (R2012-497).

**Unfinished Business** - None

**New Business**

Resolution: Approving The Recommendations Of The Fire Services Technical Advisory Board

Peter Moy, consultant from FCS Group, a firm hired by the city to analyze the current funding model and make recommendations for alternatives. He gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining how they came up with the recommendations (*Available on the city's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*). They recommended three alternatives: first priority – Contract with EF & R, second priority – Contract with Redmond, third priority – Create a city fire department.

Councilmember Vance passed out a substitute resolution to the council and asked that this be the resolution they consider instead of the one in the Council packet (*copies available upon request of the City Clerk*) (Councilmember Curley arrived at 8:10 pm).

The proposed changes are highlighted in red:

Section 1. Acceptance of the Fire Services Evaluation Study and Technical Advisory

Board Recommendation. ***Subject to the provisions of Section 2,*** the City Council hereby approves the recommendations set forth in the Fire Services Evaluation Study, which includes the following:

1. The City will pursue a contract for Fire Services directly with Eastside Fire & Rescue.
2. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating a contract with Eastside Fire & Rescue, the City will pursue a contract for Fire Services with the City of Redmond, Washington.
3. If the City is unsuccessful in negotiating contracts with Eastside Fire & Rescue, or the City of Redmond, then a City of Sammamish Fire Department will be created to provide Fire Services.

***4. Other alternatives will be explored as they become available.***

***The City Council, however, had previously agreed to participate with the other EF&R partners, in Committee Of the Whole sessions, in a good faith effort to find common ground for changes to the governance model and funding formula, and desires to fulfill that commitment.***

## Section 2. City Manager Authorization

***The City Manager is hereby authorized to work with Council and Sammamish's partners in EF&R in an effort to revise the EF&R Agreement to achieve a governance and funding model that fully addresses the concerns raised in the consultant's and Technical Advisory Board's reports. These include:***

- *A funding model for operations that includes a 50/50 split between assessed value and calls for service as an integral part of the Interlocal Agreement*
- *Retention of existing veto powers*
- *Crediting Emergency Medical Service levy collections attributable to each partner as a part of their individual operating fund contribution*
- *Base the Equipment/Facilities Reserves Fund contributions on usage*
- *Retention of city ownership of capital assets with building maintenance responsibility retained by the city*
- *18 month notice of termination*

***If this cannot be achieved in principle by September 17, 2012, the City Manager is hereby authorized to pursue negotiations for Fire Services as listed in Section 1.***

MOTION: Councilmember Vance moved to approve a resolution presented to Council at the meeting. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0 (R2012-498).

With the passage of this resolution, Sammamish will continue to work with the EF & R Board to negotiate changes that will make continuing the interlocal be in the best interest of Sammamish.

Bid Award: NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street/233<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Roundabout

Public Works Director Laura Philpot gave staff report. She showed a short PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)). The Lake Washington School District will be contributing 14% of the cost for the construction, which is their proportionate share based on traffic.

MOTION: Councilmember Vance moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Award Construction for \$575,152.80 plus contingency of \$57,515. Mayor Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

## **Council Reports**

Councilmember Valderrama attended the EF & R Board Meeting. There was no discussion regarding Sammamish at that meeting pending the results of tonight's resolution.

Deputy Mayor James attended the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting and the Enterprise Seattle Board meeting last month.

Mayor Odell announced that the city has been selected as a Well City by the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and will receive a 2% discount on our medical premium. He and Councilmembers Gerend and Vance will be attending the AWC conference.

### **Council Committee Reports**

*Economic Development Committee:* Deputy Mayor James reported that there will be a public meeting regarding the results of the EDSAT, as well as next steps, on June 19, 2012.

*Finance Committee:* Councilmember Gerend reported that the committee met tonight. The city is operating within budget. The auditors have finished their audit. They briefly discussed the cost of living adjustment.

*Public Safety Committee:* Their next meeting will be in July.

### **City Manager Report**

**Executive Session** – Personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:05 pm and returned at 9:30 pm with no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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Thomas T. Odell, Mayor