

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting July 3, 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. Sammamish Police Chief Nate Elledge led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

City Manager Ben Yazici requested that Item #2 be removed from the consent agenda for further staff review.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to amend the agenda by removing Item #2 Resolution Accepting the City Hall Access Project as complete. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Presentations/Proclamations

Public Comment

Jim Wasnick, -22613 SE 32nd St, Spoke regarding the Community Center. He encouraged Council to let the residents vote on spending this much money.

Debra Iverson, 221 214th Avenue NE, She spoke regarding the Community Garden. She has been volunteering on the steering committee for the garden since 2011. She is glad that the Beaver Lake Park site for the garden did not work out. She hopes that Council will consider relocating the garden to the Lower Sammamish Commons Park.

Consent Calendar

Payroll for the period ending June 15, 2012 for pay date June 20, 2012 in the amount of \$ 271,561.35

Approval: Claims for period ending July 03, 2012 in the amount of \$2,981,527.62 for Check No. 32377 through No. 32477

Contract: Fire Station Generator Replacement/ANM

Utility Relocation Agreement - NE 8th St Roundabout/233rd Avenue NE Project/PSE

Minutes: June 12, 2012 City Council Special Meeting

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

Public Hearing

Public Hearing: First Reading of an 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.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report. This ordinance will extend the moratorium on collective gardens for another six months. Staff and Council were hoping for some clarification on the regulations at the state level, but this has not happened yet. This is the first reading. Staff recommends opening the public hearing and taking testimony. Councilmember Valderrama questioned whether staff has researched what the cost of licensing and monitoring these gardens would be. Mr. Gurol said that research has not been done, but he could have further information for Council at a later date. Councilmember Whitten was supportive of extending the moratorium. Councilmember Valderrama suggested that Council consider passing an ordinance that prohibits these gardens.

Mayor Odell opened the Public Hearing at 6:51 pm and continued the public hearing to July 16, 2012 with no public comment.

Staff was directed to prepare an alternate ordinance banning collective gardens for Council consideration at the second reading of this ordinance.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Committee Reports

Councilmember Valderrama attended the EF & R Personnel Subcommittee meeting. The resolution recently passed by the Sammamish City Council was added as an agenda item at that meeting. EF & R is willing to work with the Council in negotiating changes to the interlocal agreement. They do feel that the September deadline for an agreement may be sooner than they can complete the negotiations. Councilmembers Whitten, Gerend and Valderrama were supportive of being flexible on the date if substantial progress in the negotiations has been made. Mayor Odell and Councilmember Vance

expressed concerns over letting this process drag on as it would limit the city's option. However, if there is substantial progress, they would be willing to consider extending the deadline.

Economic Development Committee - Deputy Mayor James reported on the public meeting held to discuss the EDSAT results with the community. The consensus was that the City needs to do more to encourage economic development. The committee will request some funds from the Council to hire a consultant to develop an Economic Development Plan. This item will be scheduled for the study session on September 11.

Council Reports

Councilmember Gerend reported that he is now the president of Association of Washington Cities. He encouraged all councilmembers to meet with our local legislators.

Councilmember Valderrama reported that the Sammamish Rotary won some kind of award. He attended the Planning Commission

Councilmember Vance reported that he has been appointed the Municipal Research Service Center board of director.

Mayor Odell attended the North End Mayors Meeting. He would like to authorize Councilmember Vance to vote on behalf of the city at the next SCA meeting regarding a letter supporting the continued funding of the AFIS fingerprinting program. The Rotary Club has asked to relocate their storage facilities to Beaver Lake Park Maintenance facility. This will help them with the Nightmare at Beaver Lake. In the future, the minutes will reflect is a councilmember was absent from a vote.

City Manager Report

Mr. Yazici announced that the city has received their first electric fleet car, a Nissan Leaf.

SE 8th Street Park: Next public meeting is July 11 regarding parking, potential use of houses. The preferred concept will be developed in August. The plan will honor the vision of the property owner, show case the natural beauty of the park, develop uses for the Freed house. Final meeting on the preferred concept will be in front of parks commission in September and presented to Council in October or November for approval of the Master Plan.

Community Center – Parks and Recreation Director Jessi Richardson gave the update. Staff is working with the YMCA to review the cost estimates, and fine tune the estimates for an 8-lane competitive pool. The current design of the Plan will only allow for a 6 lane pool. The city is proposing either a 6-lane or 8-lane pool. However, the YMCA is not interested in operating a competitive pool and this would require a subsidy from the city. Several of the Councilmembers supported trying to find a regional solution to building a competitive pool. There was consensus to have an advisory vote on this matter on the November General election.

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

Council adjourned to executive session at 8:40 pm and returned at 8:50 pm. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Thomas T. Odell, Mayor