

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting/Study Session September 17, 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 (arrived 6:45 pm), 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, Director of Finance Joe Guinasso, Deputy Director of Finance, Chris Gianini, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, Assistant City Attorney Kari Sand, City Clerk Melonie Anderson and Administrative Assistant Lita Hachey.

**Roll Call** : Roll was called.

**Pledge of Allegiance**: Skyline Student Liaison Kyle Weatherby led the pledge.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Student Liaison Reports**

- Skyline High School - Kyle Weatherby & Sydney Hickman  
Sydney Hickman introduced herself as co-community liaison and a senior at Skyline High school. It is her first year in ASB. She enjoys skiing and works at Spiritwood.

Kyle Weatherby introduced himself as a senior at Skyline and member of the football team. He participates in the local Young life Chapter, has a summer job at NCM Contracting Group ware house.

Upcoming events at Skyline are the Homecoming game on October 5<sup>th</sup> against Ballard with parade and tailgating events and the Homecoming dance on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The ASB planning committee has been very busy with these two events. The school is very excited about the new reader board out in front of the school.

### **Proclamations**

Mayor Odell presented the proclamation to Mary Trask. The Mayor's Month of Concern for the Hungry Food Drive begins on the 22<sup>th</sup> of September, 2012 till October 13, 2012. Flyers will be distributed by 100 volunteers at store fronts and drop off locations. Join your neighbors and friends to help fill our local food bank shelves and fill your neighbors in need. For drop off locations, go to <http://www.eastsideforum.org/fooddrive/>

## **Public Comment**

Doug Ramsey, 23112 SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street, shared his views on the municipality and jurisdictional involvement with International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI). He believes that membership in ICLEI is unnecessary and inappropriate for a local legislative body and many jurisdictions have declined renewal or cancelled their memberships. This is due to the growing number of citizens across the country expressing concerns about the many ICLEI policy impacts on private property. He feels local government should remain local. ICLEI contributes to promotion of local influence and decisions in matters of fundamental local government. He feels ICLEI can promote lazy government. Mr. Ramsey urges the Council to let the ICLEI membership expire.

Sean Smith, 1605 218<sup>th</sup> Court SE, spoke about charitable ways to allocate funds. He has spoken to Lori Guilfoyle with the United Way, about some of the challenges Sammamish faces. Lori had a conversation with the City of SeaTac, who has a similar issue with funds available, grant writing and administering them. Mr. Smith stated that she would be willing to come share those experiences with the City of Sammamish at a study session.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Vance moved to add item #4 to the consent agenda. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**MOTION:** To approve consent calendar as amended. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

## **Consent Calendar**

Payroll for the period ending August 31 2012 for pay date September 5, 2012 in the amount of \$286,972.01

Approval: Claims for period ending September 17, 2012 in the amount of \$1,031,626.27 for Check No. 32971 through No. 33076

Ordinance: Second Reading Amending Subsection 5.06.010(A), "Definitions" Of The Sammamish Municipal Code Relating To Solicitor Definitions; Amending Section 5.06.070, "Expiration" Relating To Solicitor License Expiration; Providing For Severability And An Effective Date. (O2012-329)

Agreement: Interlocal Agreement between a Coalition of Cities to jointly appeal the NPDES Phase II 2013-2018 Permit.

Resolution: Proposing That The New Washington State Ferry Be Named "Sammamish" (R2012-503)

**Public Hearing** - None

**Unfinished Business** -None

## **New Business**

Report: Fire Services Negotiations

City Manager Ben Yazici opened with a report and update. *(Presentation is available on the city's*

website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us))

City Manager Ben Yazici reported that the City of Sammamish receives fire protection and emergency response services from Eastside Fire and Rescue (EF & R). We have partnered with them since our incorporation in 1999. Our current agreement expires on December 31, 2014 and Council has been reviewing the cost of delivering that service. On June 18<sup>th</sup> the City Council passed a resolution approving the recommendations provided by the technical advisory board and a hired consultant to look at the service and the cost distribution. The key issue is with the cost percentage that Sammamish pays for the Klahanie Station. Mr. Yazici met with staff, representatives from Fire District 10 and the City of Issaquah to discuss the results of FCS Group's study and explained other less expensive options. The FCS consultants met with the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief and Administrative Services Director, Mike Sauerwein to confirm the numbers. On August 6, Mr. Yazici met with Council, EF & R board members and staff. The partners are struggling with the idea of paying for more of the Klahanie station. None of the partners want Sammamish to leave the consortium as Sammamish is a critical partner.

The concessions are:

- a. Retention of veto powers.
- b. Crediting Emergency Medical Service levy collections attributable to each partner as a part of their individual operating fund contribution.
- c. Retention of city ownership of capital assets with building maintenance responsibility retained by the city.
- d. 18 month notice of termination.
- e. 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.

Mr. Yazici stated that progress has been made since last Thursday's board meeting. The board passed a unanimous motion to review the funding formula and the service delivery model and come to a decision no later than May of next year. Mr. Yazici's recommendation to Council is to wait to review the funding formula as well as the service delivery model through July 1, 2013.

Councilmember Gerend questioned the retention of the city ownership of capital assets with building maintenance responsibility retained by the City. Will this continue to be discussed? Mr. Yazici will continue to work on these issues as well.

Councilmember Valderrama questioned the motion read by Councilmember Vance to ensure that the service delivery model was included.

Councilmember Whitten also questioned the motion. What if the vote is 40 – 60 by July 1? Does it come back to Council? The City Manager assured Council he will continually consult with Council. Mayor Odell would like to see a process where periodic reports come back with updates on the progress. Every 2-3 months, the City Manager should report updates to council on how the process is working.

Deputy Mayor James is in favor of extending the process to May for the EF& R decision.

Mayor Odell stated that another issue is that since the resolution has been passed, representatives from District 10, Issaquah, Directors from EF & R, other partner city representatives, have been meeting with the Mr. Yazici. Should Sammamish have their own representatives at these meetings to provide more

guidance? The City Manager will get back to Council with answers to these questions. He explained that there are two levels working here; a technical committee (consisting of staff members working with the consultant and respective jurisdictions) and there are three cities, each having a number of levels within their own organization plus the District Commissioners are also involved. We are trying to resolve issues within a ten month period that previously took two years. Many things have changed since the process began. Jurisdiction boundaries have changed and everyone is interested in making changes. All of the partners concerns must be heard.

Councilmember Whitten feels that the Council needs to have a consensus on the actions that they take and the importance of unification. She feels the City Manager should take the lead in negotiations and be the voice for the Council.

Deputy Mayor John James stated that as items get pushed back, we should inform everyone of the progress and leave the door open so there is always an option to go to a contracting mode if no consensus can be reached.

Councilmember Vance stated that there are two Councilmembers on the board and an alternate. They do not participate in the negotiations but are very involved.

Councilmember Valderrama agrees with leaving our options open and supports the review system.

Mayor Odell stated that if we do go with the gate review process, we can remain flexible with the timing of these gates. The issue we are dealing with is a business issue, not an EF & R performance or personnel issue. Sammamish Council is very happy with the EF & R services. The major problem is the cost distribution. For anyone to become a new member of Eastside Fire and Rescue, the decision needs to be approved by the City Councils' and Fire Boards of all five members. It would be an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement.

Fire Chief Wes Collins mentioned that the Interlocal Agreement clause has a funding formula & service model change. The ILA can be changed simultaneously but with different methods and he went on to explain the conditions of each process.

Councilmember Valderrama noted that it was the City of Issaquah who wanted a minimum of 5 years for their administration planning and budgeting process.

Deputy Mayor John James moved to strike the last clause in the motion:

In addition, after July 1, 2013, the City Manager is also authorized to do the following:

- Pursue a contract for Fire Services directly with Eastside Fire & Rescue.
- Pursue a contract for Fire Services with the City of Redmond, Washington.
- Create the City of Sammamish Fire Department to provide Fire Services.
- Explore other alternatives as they become available.

**Motion:** Councilmember Vance moved to authorize the City Manager to continue working with the Eastside Fire and Rescue Partners through July 1, 2013 to revise the funding formula/service delivery methods 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.

Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

## **Study Session**

### **2013-2014 Budget**

- Finance
- Information Systems Technology
- City Council
- City Manager

*(Presentations are available on the city's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us))*

## **Council Reports**

Councilmember Vance gave a reminder of the Economic Development meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012 at 9 am; and a Public Safety Committee meeting next Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012 at 3 pm. He attended a Suburban Cities meeting last week which was informational and they are continuing to look at issues; like funding for our watershed; a watershed investment district and discussed prescription drug disposal. They did send Council a list of nominations for organizations in our area, SCA as well as Puget Sound Regional Council.

Deputy Mayor John James gave a reminder about the Economic Development meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2012 at 9 am. The meeting will follow-up on the Economic Development Self-Assessment Tool (EDSAT) and discuss the possibility of hiring a consultant for the Economic Development plan. They will look at the scope of work and benchmarking against competitive projects and/or developments in the area, specifically Eastern King County. Finally discuss marketing, next steps, in terms of the Sammamish Town Center.

Councilmember Valderrama attended the Eastside Fire and Rescue board meeting this week which was covered tonight by the City Manager.

Councilmember Gerend spoke about the Finance Committee meeting this afternoon. A review of the August Financial Management report, in which, revenues are above budget and expenditures are below. The audit for the financial statement is clean and the accountability

audit should be done next month. Eastside Transportation Partnership met last Friday. Tomorrow morning is the Candidate Forum, from 9 am to 1 pm, which is sponsored by the Association of Washington Cities for the gubernatorial candidates, attorney General candidates, and Auditor candidates.

Mayor Tom Odell will attend tomorrow's Candidate Forum. He also attended Eastside Fire and Rescue's Fire Operations 101, last Saturday. It was a five hour session, with demonstrations and simulations of various practices they do. He also has an Eastside Fire and Rescue's Finance Operations Committee meeting tomorrow afternoon. Mayor Odell attended the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting last Friday where they discussed changes on the eastside and the elimination of the free-ride zone in downtown Seattle. Mayor Odell will also be attending the King County Council meeting on Wednesday morning.

**City Manager Report**

**Executive Session** – If Necessary

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Lita Hachey, Administrative Assistant  
to the City Clerk

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Thomas T. Odell, Mayor