

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Special Meeting/Study Session October 9, 2012

Mayor Tom Odell called the special 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, Deputy Finance Director Chris Gianni, 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. Finance Director Joe Guinasso led the pledge.

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Public Comment

Scott Hamilton, 19727 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Street, He spoke regarding the proposed Community Center. He is fearful the Council is being naïve in assuming that the YMCA would not try to renegotiate a new contract if the Community Center becomes a losing proposition. The City needs to provide details regarding these and any other risks of the community center.

John Galvin, 432 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, He questioned whether there has been enough study and planning in building the aquatic community center. He feels this lack of study and planning was done with the Town Center as well. The plan is not working, but Council refuses to change it.

Alden Linn, 22609 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Member of the Y So High Organization. He is supportive of the YMCA but is not supportive of building a Community Center for it to operate in Sammamish. He feels the Y could build its own facility, without city funds. It competes against private enterprise and there has been no competitive process. He urged voters to vote no on this issue.

### Unfinished Business

Bid Award: Sammamish Landing Phase 1C Construction Project/Lakeshore Marine Construction, Inc.

Contract: Sammamish Landing Phase 1C Contract Administration/Reid Middleton

Parks and Recreation Director Jessi Richardson gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa)).

MOTION: Deputy Mayor James moved to accept the bid from Lakeshore Marine Construction, Inc. as the lowest responsive and responsible bid for the Sammamish Landing Phase I C – Dock & beach Improvements project and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Lakeshore Marine Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$477,565.42 and authorize the City Manager to administer a \$43,613.28 construction contingency and Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Reid Middleton for \$12,501.00 for construction administration services for the Sammamish Landing Phase I C – Dock & Beach Improvements project and authorize an additional amount (total authorization not-to-exceed \$15,000) for additional services if needed. Councilmember Vance seconded. Motion carried 5-2 with Mayor Odell and Councilmember Valderrama dissenting.

Deputy Mayor James feels this is an important park, offering lake front access to residents and others. Councilmember Valderrama feels that the park improvements are too expensive and it is mainly being used by non-Sammamish residents. He advocates freezing these funds. The docks are not necessary for using the parks. He feels the city needs to prioritize their spending on projects that benefits our own citizens. Councilmember Curley said that not proceeding at this point in the project would be a very inefficient use of money and staff time. Council had already directed staff to proceed, time and money was spent. Councilmember Whitten concurred with Councilmember Curley. She would also like to remind everyone that Redmond donated some of this land with the intention that trail users from other cities would benefit from it. It is more of a regional park. Councilmember Vance feels the docks will add tremendous value to users of the park. Mayor Odell feels this money could be better used on other projects. He feels this park is complete the way it is.

Resolution: Amending R2009-373 A Policy For The Televising Of City Council Candidate Forums, Adding A Provision For Political Forums Sponsored By Association Of Washington Cities Or Suburban Cities Association

City Manager Ben Yazici gave the staff report. The current policy for televising political forums on Channel 21 is quite restrictive. Both the Association of Washington Cities and Suburban Cities Association produce videos that would be extremely informative to the public. This resolution would amend the policy to allow forums from those two organizations be televised on Channel 21.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the resolution amending the policy for television candidate forums. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried 5-2 with Mayor Odell and Deputy Mayor James dissenting.

AMENDMENT: Deputy Mayor James moved to offer a friendly amendment to link any video shown on channel 21 to the city's website. Councilmember Gerend initially accepted, and then denied the friendly amendment.

Mayor Odell feels this amendment to the policy is not well thought out. Perhaps it is too restrictive, perhaps not restrictive enough. Deputy Mayor James was against the amendment without a guarantee that any program shown on cable would be linked to the city's website. Councilmember Whitten thought it might be a good idea to give this policy some more thought before changing it.

### **New Business - None**

### **Council Reports**

Councilmember Vance discussed the Public Safety meeting and the issues cities are facing with disposal of prescription drugs. He sent the minutes from this meeting to the other councilmembers.

Councilmember Whitten attended a meeting sponsored by the Citizens For Sammamish group regarding the Community Center.

Councilmember Gerend encouraged Councilmembers to submit requests for positions on regional committees through the Suburban Cities Association.

Councilmember Curley and Police Chief Nate Elledge met with community members regarding teen drug use.

Councilmember Valderrama attended an EF & R Board committee meeting of the whole. EF & R would like to form two teams to work on amending the interlocal agreement. Councilmembers Valderrama and Vance will serve as elected officials on the two new committees with Mayor Odell and Councilmember Gerend as alternates.

Mayor Odell will apply to be appointed by the Suburban Cities Association to the Enterprise Seattle committee. Councilmember Whitten would like to see the benefits of joining this organization and a cost assessment before moving forward.

Mayor Odell reminded everyone about the activities for the Nightmare at Beaver Lake.

Mayor Odell discussed the nomination process for Council Committees. Councilmember Valderrama was appointed to the Eastside Fire & Rescue Service Delivery Model and Councilmember Vance will be appointed to the Funding Formula task force. Councilmember Curley has dropped off the Eastside Transportation Partnership and needs to be replaced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

### **Study Session**

- 2013-2014 Budget
  - Public Works (Surface Water Management Budget and Fee Update)
  - Public Works Director Laura Philpot gave a staff report (*presentation available on the city's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*)
- Administrative Services (Legal, Police, Fire)Administrative Services

Director Mike Sauerwein gave a staff report (*presentation available on the city's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*)

- City Council List of Projects Finalization  
City Manager Ben Yazici discussed the list of Council-desired projects to determine which ones would remain in the 2013-2014 budget.

**City Manager Report** - None

### **Close Study Session**

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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Thomas T. Odell, Mayor