

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting October 15, 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 7:01 pm), Don Gerend, Ramiro Valderrama, Tom Vance and Nancy Whitten.

**Staff present:** City Manager Ben Yazici, Deputy City Manager Lyman Howard, 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. Mayor Odell led the pledge.

### Approval of Agenda

Deputy Mayor James asked to amend the consent agenda by removing item #6 Resolution: Adopting Legislative Priorities for 2013 from the consent agenda and reversing the order of Item #10 Resolution: Adopting Criteria To Guide The Use Of City Funds For Infrastructure In The Town Center Planning Area and Item #11 2013-2014 Budget: Additions or Deletions from Council.

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

### Presentations/Proclamations

- *National Community Planning Month*

Mayor Odell read the proclamation and presented it to Planning Commission Chairperson Kathy Richardson. He thanked her, as well as the rest of the planning commission members for all the hard work they do for the city. Ms. Richardson announced that the first public meeting on the Environmentally Critical Areas Code Update will be held November 8, 2012.

### Public Comment

Daphne Robinson, Arts Commission Chair, 2018 217<sup>th</sup> Place, She updated the Council and audience on the activities of the Arts Commission. A very successful Arts Fair was held last week. It was very well attended. Jet City Improv will be performing at the Boys & Girls Teen Center on October 25. The Arts Commission has been teaming up with the Boys & Girls Club on several projects. They are finalizing their 2013 calendar year of events. It is the most ambitious work plan yet and they will be celebrating their 10-year anniversary.

James Waznick, 22613 SE 32<sup>nd</sup> St, He spoke regarding the ballot measure for the Community Aquatic Center. He feels the fact sheet sent out by the city did not include all of the facts regarding the center. He feels the piece is more a marketing tool rather than a fact sheet.

Sean Smith, 1605 218<sup>th</sup> Court SE, Spoke regarding an additional access to SE 8<sup>th</sup> Street Park to the east as well as developing a trail to the Lower Commons. He has been talking with the current landowners and feels they are receptive to this idea. He would like Council to consider putting money in the budget to purchase the land for this.

Elizabeth Grayson, 22341 NE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street , She is concerned about Councilmember Curley's attendance at Council meetings. She would like a record of Council attendance. She also questioned if Council is going to consider a 1% tax increase for next. Mayor Odell explained that Council has rejected that idea.

### **Consent Calendar**

Payroll for the period ending September 30, 2012 for pay date October 5, 2012 in the amount of \$280,897.99

Approval: Claims for period ending October 15, 2012 in the amount of \$1,803,397.26 for Check No. 33182 through No. 33287

Resolution: Accepting the West Parking Lot Expansion Project as Complete

Resolution: Accepting the West Parking Lot Expansion – Ornamental Fence Installation Project as Complete

Resolution: Accepting the Evans Pond Stair Replacement Project as Complete

Resolution: Granting Final Plat Approval to the Plat Of Montecino Estates

Approval: Forterra Grant and Contract for Related Consulting Services/DEA

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

### **Public Hearing**

Ordinance: First Reading Vacating The Eastern Most Eight Feet Of 225th Avenue SE South Of SE 32nd Street Adjacent To Tax Parcel No 0924069201

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)*). Staff is recommending approving the street vacation. The public benefit would be that the developer will enlarge an existing stormwater pond rather than build a second pond. This reduces the city's cost to maintain two ponds. Leaving the 8 foot right-of-way will ensure the landowners know who owns the land and makes them responsible for maintenance. The city would also receive funds

for the purchase. Councilmember Whitten expressed the desire for Council to develop new road standards rather than granting variances to the standards. Councilmember Gerend is in favor of regionalizing detention facilities.

Public Hearing opened at 7: 25

Mike Miller, 14410 Bel-Red Road, Developer of Montecino Estates, He spoke in favor of the street vacation. He said there has been no neighborhood opposition to the plat. The street vacation will allow for one additional lot. They have experience enlarging detention facilities and will effectively be creating a regional detention facility. The city gains revenue on the extra lot and the street vacation. He explained that utilities require a 10 foot easement from developer outside of the right-of-way so there would not be any conflict in the city giving up this area.

Public Hearing was continued at 7:35 pm to November 6, 2012.

Ordinance: First Reading Relating to School Impact Fees; Amending The City's Comprehensive Plan To Adopt The Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 Capital Facilities Plan; Adopting The Associated School Impact Fee Schedule; And, Establishing An Effective Date.

Ordinance: First Reading Relating to School Impact Fees; Amending The City's Comprehensive Plan To Adopt The Lake Washington School District No. 414 Capital Facilities Plan; Adopting The Associated School Impact Fee Schedule; And, Establishing An Effective Date.

Ordinance: First Reading Relating to School Impact Fees; Amending The City's Comprehensive Plan To Adopt The Issaquah School District No. 411 Capital Facilities Plan; Adopting The Associated School Impact Fee Schedule; And, Establishing An Effective Date.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report. He covered all three ordinances with his report. He explained that school impact fees are revised annually. Representatives from the Lake Washington School District and Snoqualmie Valley School District were available to answer questions. The rates are based on the school district's Capital Facility plans.

Public Hearing opened at 7:42 pm and closed at 7:43 pm with no public comment.

The second reading of these ordinances will be held on November 6, 2012.

**Unfinished Business** - None

### **New Business**

2013-2014 Budget: Additions or Deletions from Council

City Manager Ben Yazici began the staff report. He urged Council to let staff know about any budget changes tonight. They would like to have the budget as complete as possible on November 6, 2012. Finance Director Joe Guinasso continued 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).*)

Councilmember Vance had no changes to the budget. Councilmember Curley had no changes.

Councilmember Valderrama would like to remove the tuition reimbursement program fund line item. He is also concerned that the budget keeps increasing at a greater rate than the economy is growing. He feels the parks budget is too large. He recommended a 1% cut across the board of the budget.

MOTION: Councilmember Valderrama moved to delete the \$25,000 tuition reimbursement program. No second.

He requested that during the next budget cycle staff present two budgets, one with a 1% budget cut across the boards. Mayor Odell concurred.

Deputy Mayor James also feels we are spending more than we should.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor James moved to add \$5,000 for the Sister City program. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried 6-1 with Mayor Odell dissenting.

Councilmember Whitten is concerned about staff time needed for a Sister City program. Councilmember Valderrama stated that there has been overwhelming support by volunteers from the school districts, the Sammamish Youth Board, City staff, Kiwanis, the Rotary and Chamber of Commerce.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to increase the Sammi Awards to \$7,500. No second.

Mayor Odell excused himself.

MOTION: Councilmember Vance moved to rebate the 2% Health Care reduction earned by the employees back to the employees. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilmember Valderrama dissenting.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Valderrama moved to split the 2% between city and staff. No second.

Councilmember Whitten expressed the desire to have the staff budget presentations provided in advance.

Council recessed from 8:35 to 8:40 pm

Resolution: Adopting Criteria To Guide The Use Of City Funds For Infrastructure In The Town Center Planning Area

Mr. Yazici gave the staff report. The strategic goal of these funds is to stimulate development in the Town Center. Currently there is \$3 million in a reserve account. Going forward, in 2012-2014 the recommendations is to include \$1 million for surface water management. These funds would be recovered as development occurs. This will minimize the number of small detention facilities. Town Center implementation fund would include Low Impact Development in Town Center projects. These are basically matching funds. The decision making criteria was then reviewed. Developing a comprehensive economic development plan will be step one and Council will be involved in planning from the beginning. Step 2 will be for the city to contribute to some of the costs of the preparation of a Unified Zone Development Plan (UZDP). This is one of our requirements in our Town Center plan. In answer to Councilmember Valderrama's question, Mr. Yazici said that the amount of the city's share would depend on the cost of the plan.

MOTION: Councilmember Vance moved to approve the resolution (R2012-510) Adopting Criteria To Guide The Use Of City Funds For Infrastructure In The Town Center Planning Area. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilmembers Valderrama and Whitten dissenting.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Valderrama moved to amend attachment A, the criteria - Modify Town Center Infrastructure Reserve (\$3M) - Infrastructure Project Types - Street improvements to provide capacity, connections or transit access at SE 4<sup>th</sup> St. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion failed 2-5 with Councilmembers Valderrama and Whitten in favor.

Councilmember Gerend feels that the flexibility of this statement should remain.

Councilmember Gerend suggested that some of the more restrictive regulations of the Town Center that seem to be prohibiting development be changed. Mr. Yazici explained that the Economic Plan could shed some light on these issues. Councilmember Whitten feels that there should be more inclusion of the whole Council in the Economic Development Plan and she feels the criteria should include more detail.

Resolution: supporting the future funding of the Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Program in King County.

Mr. Yazici explained the importance of the city showing support for the AFIS. The current levy is about to expire and a new one is on the November 6, 2012 ballot.

There was no public comment on this issue.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to adopt the resolution supporting the future funding of the Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Program in King County. Councilmember Vance seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Resolution: Adopting Legislative Priorities for 2013

MOTION: Councilmember Vance moved to adopt the resolution (R2012-509) adopting the 2013 legislative priorities. Councilmember Curley seconded.

AMENDMENT: Deputy Mayor James moved to add transportation projects supporting continued improvements to 520, I-90 and 405 corridors. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

MAIN MOTION: Motion carried as amended unanimously 7-0.

### **Council Reports**

Councilmember Vance commented on the latest public issues at the Suburban Cities. He will be bringing back a resolution on the use of prescription drugs. King County did a presentation on their budget.

Councilmember Gerend mentioned that the Association of Washington Cities has posted the Candidate Forum video on their website.

Councilmember Valderrama reported that the Service Delivery Task Force for the EF&R had their first meeting.

Mayor Odell congratulated the Arts Commission on the Art Fair. He attended the EPT meeting last Friday. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor met with Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning Commission tonight. They are making good progress on the ECA. He also reminded everyone that the Nightmare at Beaver Lake will begin October 19, 2012. He also reminded everyone to vote.

### **City Manager Report**

Mr. Yazici explained to Council that the city received a late Human Service Grant request from Eastlake High School for \$1,000.

### **Executive Session** – If Necessary

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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Thomas T. Odell, Mayor