

COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting/Study Session November 13, 2012

Mayor Tom Odell called the special meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:35 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Tom Odell, Deputy Mayor John James, Councilmembers Don Gerend, Ramiro Valderrama, Tom Vance and Nancy Whitten.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to excuse Councilmember John Curley. Councilmember Vance seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

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. Deputy Mayor James led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentations/Proclamations

Public Comment

Stephanie Hibner, 23610 NE 6th Street, Representing the Steering Committee for the Community Garden. The committee is supportive of the staff's recommendation to locate the Community Garden in the Lower Sammamish Commons.

Mark McGill 21553 SE 28th Lane, He spoke regarding the new legislation being proposed for public records requests. These proposed changes are going through the legislative process now and are attempting to address the problems of the cost to municipalities to comply with harassing and bullying requests which have the potential to be a large taxpayer burden. This is one of the Council's legislative priorities for 2013. He feels that Sammamish can afford to provide any and all public records requests and should not be supportive of this new legislation.

Jim Chambers, 21700 SE 16th Place, He spoke regarding the SE 8th Street Park Master Plan. On behalf of the surrounding neighbors, he reports that they are supportive of the master plan being presented

tonight. The public process has been very thorough and they hope to be involved in future discussions and planning.

Janet Wilson 1653 219th Place SE, She echoed the previous speakers' comments. The public process for the park has brought the surrounding neighbors together. She does not support picnic shelters or the additional 10 parking spots being proposed. She feels 4 spots would be enough. They hope the Reard Freed house will not host any activities, but be more of a viewing site.

Greg Poremba 21915 SE 16th Place, Spoke regarding the SE 8th Street Park. He feels the Master Plan should be more detailed, including the park's purpose, goals, and a better description of structures, etc. He would also like to review the SEPA checklist for this project.

Consent Agenda

Ordinance: Second Reading Amending Sections 3.10.010 (3) And 3.10.020 (3) Of The City Of Sammamish Municipal Code To Allow The First And Second Quarter Percents Of The Real Estate Excise Tax Revenues To Be Used, With Some Conditions, For Operations And Maintenance Of Existing Capital Projects (2012-333).

Councilmember Valderrama requested that Item #1 Purchase and Sale agreement be removed from the consent agenda to be considered immediately after the Consent Agenda is approved.

MOTION: Councilmember Vance moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Approval: Purchase and Sale Agreement/King County

City Manager Ben Yazici reported that this purchase is supported by approved budgeted objectives. Acquiring these parcels will provide the only viable access from Sahalee Way to the Evans Creek Preserve. These parcels are currently owned by King County. Also included in this purchase is a major drainage infrastructure that the City already maintains in an area that affects a major transportation corridor in and out of Sammamish.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor James moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase and sales agreement with King County for the purpose of acquiring tax parcels 212506-9043 and 212506-9042, for the purpose of providing access to Evans Creek Park, and tax parcels 162505-9071 and 162506-9070, for the purpose of managing stormwater and drainage for Sahalee Way. Councilmember Vance seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilmember Valderrama expressed his displeasure over the fact that we are basically buying the property twice. He is also concerned about the life cycle cost of acquiring these properties. Sahalee Way is part of this acquisition, are we going to be responsible for maintaining the underlying storm system? He also inquired about the cost of the deferred maintenance of the drainage facilities. Mr. Yazici explained that we don't know the exact life cycle costs right now, but King County is going to credit the City with \$100,000 in a grant to build a trail. We will also be able to get transfer of development rights for this parcel. It is important that the city maintains Sahalee Way as it is one of the main access roads to and from the city.

Public Hearing

Ordinance: Second Reading Amending Sammamish Municipal Code ("SMC") Section 13.15.010(1), Authorizing Collection Of Surface Water System Development Charges; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date

Public Hearing reopened at 7:06 pm and closed with no public comment.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to approve the ordinance amending SMC Section 13.15.010(1). Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 (O2012-334).

Unfinished Business

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

Mr. Yazici gave the staff report. This is the third time this ordinance has been before the Council. Appraised value of the land is about \$60,000. The tradeoff is that the developer will increase the current stormwater facility rather than building a second one, which would then need additional maintenance. It is very unlikely that this road will ever become a through street.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor James moved to approve the ordinance authorizing the vacating of the eastern most eight feet of 225th Avenue SE South of SE 32nd Street. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 (2012-335).

Mayor Odell is not happy about only getting 50 cents on the dollar for the land but acknowledges that is the state law. Councilmember Whitten expressed the desire to see the street standards revised, rather than to continue to grant these variances and street vacations.

New Business - None

Council Reports

Councilmember James distributed a letter that he would like Council authorization for the Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) representative to endorse and send on to the state legislators.

Councilmember Gerend attended a meeting of Washington State Department of Transportation to advocate for naming one of the new ferries "Sammamish". Despite his impassioned plea, no ferry will be named "Sammamish".

Councilmember Valderrama attended meetings of the Eastside Fire & Rescue Board and the Service Delivery Task Force. They have been looking at fire station locations, response areas, and staffing levels. He attended the Citizen's for Sammamish meeting.

Mayor Odell mentioned that the Sammi Award nominations are open and nominations are due by December 1, 2012. Nominations can be made on-line.

City Manager Report

Mr. Yazici reported that a full Fire Study report will be brought before the Council next week. He discussed the Council office hours, which are on the first Wednesday evening of the month. This date seems to conflict with other regional meetings. Council will discuss the date of Council Office Hours at their January retreat.

Executive Session – If Necessary

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

OPEN STUDY SESSION

- SE 8th Street Preferred Master Plan
- Community Garden

CLOSE STUDY SESSION

8:49 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Thomas T. Odell, Mayor