

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting May 5, 2009

Mayor Don Gerend called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Don Gerend, Deputy Mayor Barry, Councilmembers Mark Cross, Lee Felling, Kathleen Huckabay, Michele Petitti and Nancy Whitten.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Deputy City Manager Pete Butkus, Public Works Director John Cunningham, Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson, Deputy Director of Finance Aaron Antin, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. City Manager Ben Yazici led the pledge.

Public Comment

Reid Brockway, 167 E. Lake Sammamish Shore Lane NE, He spoke regarding the Shoreline Master Plan Update. Specifically he asked the Council to request staff to provide specific state regulations that require buffers on salmon bearing lakes and to provide any relevant peer reviewed scientific reports on this issue. He does not believe there are any state regulations requiring 45 foot buffers.

Donald Barrett, 2920 East Lake Sammamish NE, His property has been listed as Urban Conservancy due to the large number of Black Cottonwood trees on his lot. He contends that these trees are nearly 100 years old and are approaching the end of their natural life span. He would like his property to be designated urban residential.

Stuart Carson 2426 216th Avenue, He does not feel that the proposed Shoreline Master Plan addresses existing residential units. He would like to see an amendment that would allow for rebuilding of a damaged home. He does not want any new buffer proposals be applicable to existing landscape.

Brian Adams, 8811 124th Avenue, Newcastle, He spoke regarding property his grandfather owns on Beaver Lake. He hopes that the SMP will allow them to remodel this property sometime in the future on its current footprint

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Agenda was approved as presented.

Proclamations/Presentations

➤ Proclamation: National Day of Prayer

Mayor Gerend read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1952, the Congress of the United States approved the Joint Resolution to provide for setting aside an appropriate day as a National Day of Prayer (Public Law 82-324; 66 Stat. 64); and

WHEREAS, the history of our nation is indelibly marked with the role that prayer has played in the lives of individuals and the nation; and

WHEREAS, historically our greatest leaders have turned to prayer in times of crisis and thanksgiving; and

WHEREAS, the virtues of prayer reflect a common bond: hopes and aspirations, sorrows and fears, repentance and renewed resolve, thanks and joyful praise, and love;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Sammamish City Council does hereby proclaim May 7, 2009, as the

Day of Prayer

in the city of Sammamish, in keeping with the wishes of the Congress of the United States and Governor of the state of Washington, and urge all citizens to join us in this special observance.

Consent Calendar

Approval: Claims for period ending May 5, 2009 in the amount of \$768,797.64 for check No. 23394 through 23502

Approval: Minutes for April 14, 2009 Regular Meeting/Study Session

Change Order: 2008 Sidewalk Repair/R.W. Scott

Resolution: Accepting The City Of Sammamish 2008 Sidewalk Repair Project As Complete (R2009-368).

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

Public Hearing

Ordinance: Second Reading Amending Chapter 21a.45 (Development Standards – Signs), Of The Sammamish Municipal Code

Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report. This is the second reading of the amendment. At Council direction, staff has developed some alternative language to allow for the placement of signs in the right of way. The new draft language was passed out. Mr. Gurol explained the proposed changes. The amendment would allow for signs in the right of

way, a permit would not be required and there would be some requirements for location of the signs. Due to requirements of the SEPA comment period, this ordinance cannot be passed tonight but will come back for a third reading at another meeting. No action is recommended tonight.

Public Hearing opened at 7:00 pm

Public Comment

Todd Woosley 12001 NE 12th Street, Suite 44, Bellevue, He represented East King County Realtors. He thanked the Council for proposing this amendment. He feels it will help the real estate market. He is happy that there is no requirement for a permit. He suggested increasing the allowable sign size to 4 square feet as that is the more common size. He suggested the height of the frame be changed to 2 feet (21A.45.120(2)(g)). He recommended an automatic review of the ordinance at a future date rather than setting a sunset date. He also recommended that Section 21A.45.120(4)(a)(1)(iii) be changed from realtor to licensed real estate agent.

Julie Bogdan, 21014 SE 14th Place, She thanked Council and staff for making these proposed changes. She hopes it will help her sell her house.

Public Hearing was continued to May 19, 2009.

Council directed staff to leave the sunset clause in the ordinance but incorporate the other proposed changes

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Ordinance: First Reading Amending Ordinance No. 02008-243, The 2009-2010 City Budget, For The Purpose Of Revising The 2009 Budget For 2008 Unexpended Appropriation Balances.

Deputy Director of Finance, Aaron Antin gave the staff report along with a PowerPoint presentation (*PowerPoint presentation available on the city website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us.*) This is the first reading of this ordinance. No action is recommended at this time.

Council Reports

Councilmember Felling urged his fellow councilmembers to become familiar with the growing problem of funding government pensions. It is important to take steps now to avoid budget impacts in the future.

Councilmember Petitti is meeting with the Sammamish Historical Society and the Chamber of Commerce to help prepare a presentation regarding the significance of the Freed House. Council agreed they could make the presentation on May 19.

Councilmember Whitten expressed concerns about the size of the beach at Pine Lake Park. She is hoping for a staff report regarding this park.

Councilmember Huckabay remarked that the weeds are growing quickly along the path along SE 29th Street. She asked if we can increase the maintenance or ask for volunteers to weed the area.

Councilmember Cross would like to see a funding model in place to purchase the old library building to use as a teen center as well as a real plan to accommodate Youth Eastside Services and Friends of Youth to provide counseling services before renovating the Sween house and moving the Freed House.

Mayor Gerend reported that he has visited all the grade schools to publicize the city's 10th birthday celebration. He also reported that there will be an opportunity at the Wednesday Farmer's Market to make a video for the time capsule.

City Manager Report

244th Project Update: This project is currently out to bid. The city has secured all the necessary permits, right of way use agreements and the Transportation Improvement Board grant has been received. This project will be brought to Council for bid award on June 2, 2009. Substantial completion should be in September 2010.

Sustainability Funding: The Puget Sound Energy Consortium has been formed and Mr. Yazici has signed a letter of intent have the City of Sammamish join this group. The group will work to seek funds, establish a national scale energy projects, etc.

Shoreline Master Plan Update: Mr. Gurol updated Council on this project. There will be an upcoming study session on May 12. At that meeting Council will receive a compilation of all of the comments received regarding the plan. The dialogue tables did identify some areas that the Council should consider for changes. The hope is to develop a red-line draft of the plan to be presented at the June 2, 2009 public hearing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald L. Gerend, Mayor