

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting October 20, 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 Jack Barry, Councilmembers Mark Cross, Lee Felling, Michele Petitti and Nancy Whitten.

Councilmember absent: Councilmember Kathleen Huckabay.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to excuse Councilmember Huckabay. Councilmember Felling seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Public Works Director John Cunningham, Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, Senior Planner Evan Maxim, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Webelo Pack #545 led the pledge.

Public Comment

Stephanie Mapelli, PO Box 2985, Kirkland, Representing Leadership Eastside(LE), Reported on LE's accomplishments this year. She particularly thanked Mayor Gerend for addressing this year's incoming class.

Ron Pedee, Fire Commissioner, Fire District 44, North Bend, He encouraged Council to attend a meeting of all the partners of Eastside Fire and Rescue to be informed on all the issues regarding EF & R. He feels that some misinformation, highly critical of EF & R was read into the record at the October 13, 2009 Special Meeting of the City Council.

Jeff Hooker, 23325 NE 15th, He spoke regarding the statements made by Councilmember Felling at the last meeting. He feels that Sammamish has always approved EF & R's budget. They also approved the funding models. He feels the city began raising these issues after Sammamish had been asked to provide funding for stations outside of the city.

John Magee, 24146 SE 45th Place, Issaquah, Commissioner for Fire District 10 and a member of EF & R Board. He expressed concern over the direction that fire service has taken in the last few months. He feels that EF & R is looking for ways to provide better service but feels that Sammamish is trying to block them from achieving their goals.

Dave Augenstein, 723 212th Avenue SE, He spoke representing EF & R Firefighters and as a citizen of Sammamish. He also expressed concern with Councilmember Felling's comments from the October 13 meeting. He questioned whether all Councilmember's and the City Manager agree with Councilmember Felling's remark.

Mayor Gerend explained that there will be a meeting on November 16, 2009 to discuss the issues surrounding EF & R.

Rick Gaines, 4049 251 Place SE, Chairman of the Board of Fire District 10, He expressed concern over Councilmember Felling's remarks at the October 13 meeting.

Frank Blau, 24742 SE 28th Place, Spoke regarding the Nightmare at Beaver Lake. He explained that the event seems to have taken over more of the park this year than before. Trails are being blocked. He asked Council to ensure that people are able to use the park safely. He feels the staff working on the event is not very respectful of the park.

James Walker, 13 216th Avenue NE, He agreed with the previous speakers regarding the relationship between the city and EF & R. He does not want to see the city end their relationship with EF & R.

Tom Craig 2819 217th Avenue SE, He works for EF & R and he is very worried about the current situation. He offered some statistics

Sherry Sanders, Representing Lake Washington School District, She urged the Council to approve the amendment to the municipal code to allow for electronic reader boards at the schools as a pilot program.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Barry moved to amend the agenda by removing Item #6 – Resolution accepting the Raven Hill 10% Annexation Petition and placing it under new business. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Student Liaison Report

Skyline Student Liaison - *Kasy Cunningham*

The school sponsored a successful blood drive last Friday. October 21-24 the school play "Death Trap" will be presented. A community service fair was held last week as well.

Eastlake Student Liaison – *Maddie March*

Homecoming is this Saturday. The school is hosting a food drive this week. The football team will be playing Garfield. The school will be having a Battle of the Bands on November 28 as a fundraiser.

Proclamations/Presentations

- ✓ **Recognition: Officer Stan Chapin – 35 years with King County Sheriff's Department**

Police Chief Nathan Elledge presented Officer Chapin with a certificate celebrating both 35 years with King County Police and 10 years with the City of Sammamish.

- ✓ **Presentation: Government Finance Officers Association Budget Award**

Mike Bailey, representing the Government Finance Officers Association presented this award to Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Lyman Howard, Deputy Director of Finance Aaron Antin and the City Council.

- ✓ **Quarterly Report: Parks Department** - Parks and Recreation Director Jessi Richardson gave the report (*PowerPoint presentation available on the City's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*)

- ✓ **Quarterly Report: Police Department** – Police Chief Nathan Ellege gave the report (*PowerPoint presentation available on the City's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*).

Consent Calendar

Approval: Claims for period ending October 20, 2009 in the amount of \$1,913,205.42 for check No. 24730 through 24843

Contract: On-call Tree Removal/Acorn Tree Service

Contract: On-call Fence Installation/All-Around Fence Company

Contract: On-call Hydroseeding/Northwest Hydroseeding

Contract: On-call Mobile Mechanic/Jack's Mobile Repair

MOTION: To approve consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Public Hearing

Ordinance: Second Reading Establishing A Pilot Program To Allow Electronic Reader Board Signs At High Schools Located Adjacent To 228th Avenue (*continued from October 6, 2009 City Council Meeting*) (O2009-266)

Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report and a short PowerPoint presentation (*PowerPoint presentation available on the City's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*)

Public Hearing opened at 8:35 pm

Public Comment

Ruth Weaver, Representing the Eastlake High School Board, She spoke in support of the electronic reader boards. She has had experience changing the current manual sign. She said the school would not be changing the sign more than once a day.

Frank Santoni, 22828 SE 6th Place, He spoke against the electronic reader board amendment. He feels the Planning Commission took public comment regarding the reader board. Many comments the Planning Commission heard were in opposition to the signs. For this reason, the Planning Commission made recommendation against allowing these signs. He feels the Council should not ignore the Planning Commission process and should deny the amendment.

Gregg Schellenberg, Principal of Eastlake High School, He spoke in support of the electronic reader board ordinance.

Daryl Paxman, 21638 NE 14th Place, He spoke in favor of the electronic reader boards.

Brandon Mannion 24119 NE 6th Place, Spoke in favor of the electronic reader boards.

Stan Bump, 23010 SE 8th Street, He entered the October 14 Sammamish Review article into the record. He also suggested that the City install an electronic sign, which is already allowed within the current code, and then allow the schools to use it.

Jim Barry 1618 220 Avenue SE, He asked Council to allow for a taller electronic reader board sign then is currently being proposed.

Sherry Sanders, Lake Washington School District, She spoke in favor of the electronic reader boards.

Dave Augenstein, (spoke previously), He agreed that a six foot limit is too short for the electronic reader board sign.

Michael Rutt, 22832 SE 1st Street, He agreed with the electronic reader board ordinance.

Public Hearing closed at 9:00 pm

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Barry moved to adopt the ordinance. Councilmember Fellingge seconded.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Cross moved to amend the ordinance by limiting the size to 16 square feet. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion failed 2 -4 with Mayor Gerend, Deputy Mayor Barry and Councilmembers Petitti and Fellingge dissenting.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Cross moved to amend the ordinance by increasing the allowable sign height to ten feet. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Cross moved to limit the message change to once a minute. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried 4-2 with Councilmember Petitti and Deputy Mayor Barry dissenting.

Consensus was reached to add the following language to the ordinance. Mr. Gurol explained that there may need to be some editing to the language to be sure it fits with other parts of the ordinance.

- Interval between messages = 0
- Message “sequencing” is prohibited
- Telephone numbers, website addresses, and instructions are prohibited
- Letter height between 10 and 24 inches
- In case of emergencies, the sign may be used by public agency and illuminated 24 hours per day
- Freestanding signs shall be located within 50 feet of the school entrance on 228th Avenue
- The Pilot Program ordinance authorizes DCD/PW to add permit conditions for these issues

MAIN MOTION: Motion was approved as amended unanimously 6-0.

Council recessed from 10:00 pm to 10:05 pm.

Ordinance: First Reading Vacating A Portion Of Unopened Thomas Alexander Road (Aka County Road No. 867 And Aka Old Monohan Road)

Public Works Director John Cunningham gave the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation (available on the City website at www.ci.sammamishwa.us). Staff is recommending vacating the whole right of way for Thomas Alexander Road, not just the portion being requested by the petitioner.

Public Hearing opened at 10:15 pm

Public Comment

Carolyn Goedhart, 1208 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, They are adjoining property owners and currently have a road easement with the street vacation applicant. They are concerned that their easement remains in place once the street has been vacated. They are also concerned with additional development in the area. The area contains a large wetland.

Jim Goedhart, 1208 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, He feels the street vacation will allow the petitioner to put even more houses on the property than before.

Chris Goldfarb, Representing the Petitioner, Their Company recently foreclosed on this property and is trying to complete the plan already in place by the former owner. She also said that the current right of way to does not match with their survey.

Public Hearing was continued to November 3, 2009 at 10:25 pm.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance: Second Reading Modifying The Terms Of The Members Of The Parks And Recreation Commission, Removing Alternate Positions From The Commission And Amending Section 2.30.020 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code

Ms. Richardson gave the staff report. She reported that several changes were made from the first reading. A section was added on how Position numbers would be assigned. The ordinance also allows for a non-resident appointment to the Commission if Council so chooses.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the ordinance. Deputy Mayor Barry seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 (O2009-267).

New Business

Resolution: Accepting A Ten Percent Petition For The Proposed Annexation Of Raven Hill (Marivaux) Subdivision

MOTION: Councilmember Felling moved to adopt the resolution. Deputy Mayor Barry seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 (R2009-389).

- ✓ **Quarterly Report: Administrative Services** - Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein gave the report (*PowerPoint presentation available on the City's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*).

Approval: Hybrid Vehicle Purchase

Deputy City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report. The request is to authorize the City Manager to purchase five new hybrid vehicles. The city received a \$60,000 stimulus grant and this grant will be applied to the purchase.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to authorize the city manager to purchase 5 hybrid vehicles on the state contract or dealer bid process. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Council Reports

Councilmember Petitti invited everyone to attend the Nightmare at Beaver Lake.

City Manager Report

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor