

COUNCIL  **MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting
November 17, 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, 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, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and Deputy City Clerk Stacy Herman.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Brownie Troop 52660 led pledge of allegiance and presented the flag.

Public Comment

Elaine McHenry: She represented Sammamish Community Wildlife Habitat Project. Information about their projects can be found at <http://sammamishwildlifehabitateproject.blogspot.com>. To certify your backyard as a wildlife habit you can register at www.nfw.org/certify. The goal is to have Sammamish certified by the spring.

Erica Tilliacos: She reported on the Kokanee work groups. King Conservation District – Her and her son have been very involved in this working group. Evidence of Kokanee have been spotted in Ebright and George Davis Creek.

Returns of the Kokanee are coming back. Several Kokanee have been seen in Ebright and George Davis Creek.

Carrie Young: 22212 NE 31st Street: She is the Executive Director of the Sammi Awards. She encouraged volunteer services within the City of Sammamish. Information about Sammi Awards may be found at www.sammiawards.com she encouraged all to attend the awards ceremony.

Ron Rowe 1824 223rd Place NE: He commented on the East Lake Sammamish Parkway project. He is concerned that the parkway project is too narrow. Code enforcement actions were discussed.

Ray Dellicker: He spoke on behalf Habitat for Humanity and strong desire to participate in Town Center. Affordable Housing was the main focus of his comments.

Cindy Jobe: She is affected by the Inglewood Hill Road. She has concerns with the parkway road being too narrow.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: councilmember Felling moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Felling seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Student Liaison Report

David Lingenbrink: He reported on the City of Sammamish December 2, 2009 Tree Lighting beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sammamish Youth Board is requesting help to gather toys for Toys for Tots, those may be dropped off at City Hall until December 5th.

Maddie March: She reported on November 23rd Battle of the Bands fundraiser, Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde play, and a letter drive for soldiers in Afghanistan, and the girls' cross country team made State Champs.

Ben Sui: Girls Swim Team won District and State Championships. He reported that a school mate Peter Worley currently passed away. ASB is collecting food and blankets for homeless and donating canned goods to the Issaquah Food Bank.

Proclamations/Presentations

First Lego League Smart Move Project: Erik Moulton, Jason Morris, Prateek Bhaumik, Justin Tsang, Nicolas Fish, Devin Patel, Andrew Leinweber and Graham Hanson presented their First Lego League Smart project. The requirements of the project were to identify a problem, create an innovative solution, share it with the community and build a replica of the object with Lego's. The team had identified transportation flaws and congestion on the roads. Their solution was to create an Urban Light Transit system that uses electric, battery powered four person vehicles.

Consent Calendar

- **Payroll for pay period ending October 31, 2009 for pay date November 5, 2009 in the amount of \$253,008.11**
- **Approval: Claims for period ending November 17, 2009 in the amount of \$2,166,644.97 for Check No. 24975 through Check No. 25102**
- **Ordinance: Second Reading Extending The Temporary Interim Siting Hierarchy For Wireless Communication Facilities (WCF) Of SMC Chapter 21a.55 As Adopted In Ordinance O2009-259 (O2009-268)**

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

Public Hearings:

Ordinance: First Reading – Amending Ordinance No. 02008-243, The 2009-2010 City Budget, For The Purpose Of Revising The 2009-2010 Biennial Budget.

Ordinance: First Reading – Relating To The Levying Of Taxes And Establishing The Amount To Be Raised In 2010 On The Assessed Valuation Of The Property Within The City.

Finance Director Lyman Howard gave the staff report on both Ordinances. A copy of the PowerPoint Presentation is available on the City's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us. This is the first reading of the ordinance. No action is required.

Council directed staff to bring two different budgets to the next regular meeting. Finance Director Lyman Howard will bring back a resolution to set the levy rate at the correct amount.

Public Hearing opened at 8:00 P.M. and closed at 8:20 P.M. Both public hearings were continued to the December 1, 2009 meeting.

Public Comment:

George Toskey: He commented on the Tax Levy Rate.

Cindy Jobe: She commended SCI has for a fantastic job on the East Lake Sammamish Parkway project. She thanked Ho Le and Martin Bohanan for helping out with flooding on her property. She also commented on rising property taxes.

Rob Gunther: He is a lakefront owner. He is happy with the contractor's working on the Parkway Project as well. He has concerns about his rising property taxes and the lowering of his property value.

Kathy Richardson: She echoed Rob's comments. Has concerns when the property values fall that the majority of residents feel that their property taxes will also be reduced.

The public hearing for the Biennial Budget and Tax Levy was continued to the December 1, 2009 meeting.

Unfinished Business – None.

New Business

Resolution: Adopting the Salary Schedule for fiscal year 2010.

There was discussion amongst a few Council Members whether or not to adopt a salary schedule at a 0% increase or to vote on the resolution as proposed at -.04%

After debate amongst council members they decided that staff should not receive a negative in their salaries but that this year it would remain at a 0% increase.

Public Comment

Admiral Stanley Bump: He is in agreement to freeze the salary schedule at 0%.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Whitten moved to amend the Salary Resolution to read that employees would receive a 0% increase, rather than the -.04% decrease and the 2010 salary schedule shall remain the same as 2009 salary schedule. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

MOTION AS AMENDED: Motion as amended by Councilmember Whitten carried unanimously 7-0.

Stanley Bump: He is in agreement to freeze the salary schedule at 0%.

Ordinance: First Reading Amending Chapter 21a.50 (Environmentally Critical Areas), Of The Sammamish Municipal Code

Community Development Director/Assistant City Manager Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report. This would extend the sunset clause included in the Ordinance. This is the First Reading of the Ordinance. No action is necessary.

Mayor Gerend would like this review of the Critical Areas be a public process.

Public Hearing opened at 8:45 p.m.. and closed at 8:46 p.m. No public comment was made.

Ordinance: First Reading Adopting The Issaquah School District No. 411 Impact Fees For 2009

Ordinance: First Reading Adopting The Lake Washington School District No. 414 Impact Fees For 2009

Ordinance: First Reading Adopting The Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 Impact Fees For 2009

Community Development Director/Assistant City Manager Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report. These fees are set by the school district. This is the first reading of the ordinances. No action necessary. Public Hearing was opened at 9:00 and closed at 9:01 p.m. There was no public comment.

Interlocal Agreement Issaquah School District: Agreement For The Collection, Distribution, And Expenditure Of School Impact Fees

Interlocal Agreement Lake Washington School District: Agreement For The Collection, Distribution, And Expenditure Of School Impact Fees

Interlocal Agreement Snoqualmie Valley School District: Agreement For The Collection, Distribution, And Expenditure Of School Impact Fees

Kamuron Gurol/Assistant City Manager gave the staff report. The Interlocal Agreements are the same between all the School Districts. The exhibits to this agenda bill include an updated Interlocal Agreements (ILA) with three school districts that address the process of collecting impact fees and disbursing them to the district on a monthly basis. A new section was added to allow the city to collect administrative fees if necessary. The updated ILA reflects agreement between district and city staff. With the recent annexations, Snoqualmie Valley School District was included as well.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to approve Interlocal agreement with Issaquah School District. Motion carried 7-0

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to approve Interlocal agreement with Lake Washington School District. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten to approve Interlocal agreement with Snoqualmie Valley School District. Councilmember Felling seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Council Reports

Councilmember Petitti: She announced that Puget Sound Regional View is holding a workshop for newly elected on December 14, 2009 from 9:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Barry: He reported on his son's meeting with President Obama in Singapore.

Mayor Gerend: He attended National League of Cities last week. He reported that we will be webcasting council meetings and more technical information coming soon. There is currently a fiber optic that wireless facilities could use, rather than the current poles being used at this time. Mayor Gerend will be studying that option as we look at revising the Wireless Ordinance.

Councilmember Felling: He attended National League of Cities last week.

Councilmember Huckabay: She attended a transit meeting. They are currently offering new bus services near Husky stadium.

Tom O'Dell: He commented on the I-405 study. He attended the transportation meeting with Councilmember Huckabay.

City Manager Report

City Manager Yazici reported on Toys for Tots at City Hall. The toys can be dropped off at City Hall near the Police Dept. at 801 228th Avenue SE, Sammamish, WA. It is a wonderful program. Donations will be accepted by December 11th at 5:00 p.m.

Councilmember Huckabay announced that Kiwanis is holding a breakfast with Santa Claus December 5th.

Executive Session – None.

MOTION: to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm

Stacy Herman, Deputy City Clerk

Donald L. Gerend, Mayor