

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting February 16, 2010

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 Nancy Whitten, Councilmembers Mark Cross, John Curley, John James, Tom Odell, and Michele Petitti (arrived at 7:50 pm).

Staff present: Deputy City Manager Pete Butkus, Director of Community Development/Assistant City Manager Kamuron Gurol, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson, Deputy Director/City Engineer Laura Philpot, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Deputy City Manager Pete Butkus led the pledge.

Public Comment

Darel Harrison/Mary Reis, Representing St. Andrews Housing Group, they thanked the Council for their support of affordable housing and A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH).

Greg Allen, 5320 254th Avenue NE, He does not feel the City needs or wants a town center. The City already has sufficient retail options.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Whitten moved to amend the agenda by removing Item 3. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Proclamations/Presentations

- A Regional Coalition for Housing Workplan (postponed to a later meeting)
- Briefing: USGA Senior Golf Tournament @ Sahalee Country Club

Deputy City Manager Pete Butkus introduced Greg Kip, Sahalee resident and Government Relations Co Chair for the Golf Tournament. He then showed a video about the tournament. Championship Director Mike Zinga gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining the efforts that have been undertaken to protect the community during the golf tournament (*presentation is available on the City website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*).

Consent Calendar

Payroll for pay period ending January 31, 2010 for pay date February 5, 2010 in the amount of \$241,496

Approval: Claims for period ending February 16, 2010 in the amount of \$1,121,974.17 for Check No.25760 through No. 25868

Contract: Hazardous Material Survey at Evans Creek Preserve/EA Engineering Services

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Whitten moved to approve consent calendar. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Public Hearing

Ordinance: First Reading Relating To Siting Of Wireless Communication Facilities; Repealing And Re-Enacting Chapter 21A.55 SMC; Implementing Provisions Previously Enacted Pursuant To A Declaration Of Emergency; Amending And Adding New Definitions To Chapter 21A.15 SMC; Repealing Section 13.01.010 SMC Relating To Undergrounding Of Wireless Communication Facilities Equipment; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date

Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the changes this ordinance will make to the current wireless regulations (*PowerPoint is available on the city website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*)

Councilmember Cross expressed a desire to see regulations designed to camouflage the poles to look like something other than a cell tower pole. Councilmember Odell and Deputy Mayor Whitten agreed. This does not necessarily need to be part of this ordinance.

Public Hearing opened at 7:25 pm

Maureen Santoni, She said that she saw cell towers that looked like fir trees in Arizona.

Public hearing was continued to March 2, 2010 Regular Council Meeting at 7:26 pm.

An Ordinance Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington Amending Chapters 21A.15, 21A.20 And 21A.25 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code Relating To Public Facilities

Mr. Gurol gave the staff report and gave a PowerPoint presentation (*PowerPoint is available on the city website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*)

Deputy Mayor Whitten questioned whether it is a good idea to reduce the setbacks in public park projects.

Public Hearing opened at 7:40 pm. There was no public comment. Public hearing was continued to the March 2, 2010 regular meeting at 7:41 pm.

Ordinance: First Reading Amending Chapter 21A.25 (Development Standards – Density And Dimensions), Of The Sammamish Municipal Code

Mr. Gurol gave the staff report and gave a PowerPoint presentation (*PowerPoint is available on the city website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*)

Public Hearing opened at 7:55 pm

Mike Miller, Murray Franklyn, He spoke in favor of this ordinance. He stressed the fact that this ordinance is just filling a gap in time when the setback was increased to seven feet and then reduced to five feet again.

Public hearing was continued to March 2, 2010 Regular Meeting at 7:57 pm.

Several Councilmembers expressed concerns over reducing the front yard setbacks. Council requested clarification from staff on what the current setbacks are at the second reading.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Contract: City-Wide Traffic Count/Trafficcount

Deputy Director of Public Works Laura Philpot gave the staff report. This is an annual program and covers 38 locations with reserve funds to add an additional 10 locations if necessary.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Whitten moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Trafficcount in an amount not exceed \$12,000. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Resolution Related To A Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket For The Sammamish Town Center Southeast Quadrant

Mr. Gurol gave the staff report and gave a PowerPoint presentation (*PowerPoint is available on the city website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*)

John Galvin 432 228th Avenue SE, (submitted written comments) He explained that there is an error in their original summary statement for the application. His written comments are meant to clarify the error. He urged the Council to be willing to reevaluate the original Town Center Plan.

Frank Santoni, 22828 SE 6th Place, He spoke in opposition to the proposed amendment. He feels the city should retain its rural feel. He feels the request is being proposed at the last minute. It will slow down the Town Center process. It will have a negative impact on the current commercial centers.

Stan Bump, 23010 SE 8th Street, He feels the amendment is requesting far more square footage than has been explained by the proponents. He urged Council to reject the request. He recommended not adding the request to the docket.

Stefen Birgh, 16506 NE 128th St, Redmond, He feels the Town Center will be a good addition to the City and the Council should take some action to encourage development to begin. Allowing this amendment may encourage this development

Corina Birgh, 16506 NE 128th St. Redmond, she concurred with the previous speaker.

John Hanson, 506 228th Avenue SE, (Submitted written comments) He echoed Mr. Galvin's comments; that the summary statement for the amendment was incorrect. This request is only for the SE Quadrant. They are not requesting higher densities in the other quadrants. They feel that their quadrant is the only area in the Town Center that can be developed in the next five years and it may jump start the whole Town Center.

Paul Stickney, 16402 NE 105th, Redmond, (Submitted written comments), He encouraged the City Council to adopt a job target of 1 job for every four residents. He feels the amendment request would help to reach this goal.

Dick Birgh, 442 228th Avenue SE, He reminded Council that placing this amendment on the docket does not mean automatic approval, but allows for the applicants to participate in the process.

Debbie Lucas, 1123 Redmond Fall City Road, She previously had a business in Sammamish, but due to the high cost of doing business here, had to move to Redmond. She thinks that this amendment will help allow opportunities for more business in Sammamish. She encouraged Council to consider this amendment.

Michael Rutt, 22832 SE 1st, He encouraged Council to put this amendment on the docket and consider it.

Maureen Santoni 22828 SE 6th Place, She wants Sammamish to remain a bedroom community. She does not support a big Town Center. She feels any increase in density would cause an increase in traffic.

Bill Stearn, 13212 NE 78th Street, Redmond, Represents the NE Quadrant. He feels this proposal is poorly written. He urged Council to ignore the amendment and let Town Center develop.

Council recessed from 9:48 pm to 9:57 pm

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to adopt the resolution not adding the request to the docket. Deputy Mayor Whitten seconded. Motion carried 5-2 with Mayor Gerend and Councilmember Curley dissenting.

Councilmember Cross opposed the docket request, instead favoring studying the feasibility of adding more density to the Pine Lake Shopping Center due to the close proximity to the transit facility.

Councilmember Curley feels the request should be added to the docket. He feels that developers know how much square footage is necessary to ensure success for them to commit to the project.

Mayor Gerend felt the request should be added to the docket to encourage creative thinking in how to get the Town Center going.

Council Reports

Councilmember Cross passed out a graph showing the water level of Lake Sammamish. He requested that the Council review the Ordinary High Water Mark study at the same time as they have to reconsider the Shoreline Master Plan, if necessary.

City Manager Report

Council agreed to a Joint Meeting with the Issaquah City Council on March 9, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor