

COUNCIL MINUTES

Joint Meeting with Planning Commission July 13, 2010

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

Councilmembers present: Mayor Don Gerend, Deputy Mayor Nancy Whitten, Councilmembers John Curley, and Michele Petitti.

Councilmembers absent: Councilmembers Mark Cross, John James and Tom Odell.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Whitten moved to excuse Councilmembers Cross, James, and Odell. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

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 City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Planning Commission Chair Tom Vance led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Public Comment

Anne Lindsay 22407 SE 20nd Street, She spoke regarding the Red Heads and More Red Heads day which will be held at Skyline High School on July 17, 2010. She thanked Mayor Gerend and Councilmember Curley for volunteering to be “Officials” at the event. They need to gather over 250 natural red heads to break the Guinness Book of World Records.

Mary Moored, 7804 Renton Issaquah Road SE, Issaquah, She presented a memo from Perbix Bykonen regarding the relocation of the Freed House. The group is requesting \$32,000 to move the house. She also requested Council to approve relocating the Freed House to the Lower Sammamish Commons property. Mayor Gerend explained that these decisions would need to be considered by the whole Council. Perhaps it could be scheduled for a September meeting. Ms. Moore then requested \$7,600 for a rain shield to protect the house from the rain during the winter. This will be considered at next week’s meeting.

Pat Kelsey, Girl Scout Troup 42669, Troop members were working toward their Silver Award by working with the Heritage Society to relocate the Freed House. They will be at community events raising money during the next two years of their project.

Public Hearing

Ordinance/Fourth Reading Adopting The Town Center Development Regulations As Title 21b Of The Sammamish Municipal Code; Adopting Zoning Map Amendments For The Town Center Subarea; And Adopting The Town Center Infrastructure Plan

Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol showed a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*) regarding the process for further consideration of the Town Center Development Regulations. He reviewed staff's continuing work on the project and the recommended schedule. Staff is recommending a continuation of the Public Hearing to July 27th and a further continuation into September. The Planning Commission will meet this Thursday to review what they hear tonight regarding the interim stormwater and street standards. They will submit their recommendation for review at the July 27th meeting. Planning Commissioner Stan Bump excused himself from discussion on this topic.

Interim Stormwater Development Standards and interim Street Standards for Town Center

Erin Nelson, consultant for the city gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed Interim Stormwater Development Standards (*available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*). Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners posed questions regarding the standards. Mr. Gurol explained that these standards are performance-based wherein the City sets the desired standards and the developers are given flexibility in the methods they use to achieve the standards.

Senior Transportation Program Engineer Jeff Brauns gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed Interim Street Standards (*available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*). Council and Planning Commissioners expressed concern over bike lanes, back-in angle parking and the width of sidewalks.

The Planning Commission will be considering both of these interim standards at their July 15 meeting.

Public Hearing opened at 7:44 pm

Urban Masset, 2233 219th Lane SE, He requested Council to rezone his property from E-Zone to R-1 or the City could purchase his property.

John Galvin, 432 228th Avenue SE, He feels it is time for the city to get back to reality in planning the Town Center. He directed his comments to the new Councilmembers and Planning

Commissioners. He feels they can bring a new perspective to the plan. The Plan will not deliver the Town Center that is envisioned.

Public Hearing continued to July 27, 2010 at 7:51 pm.

Council recessed for 5 minutes

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) – Scope of Review

Mr. Gurol gave a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*). He explained that the current CAO has a sunset clause, at which time these regulations would no longer be in place. For this reason, the staff is seeking Council direction on what the scope of the review should be. The staff is recommending a narrow scope of work to allow the work to be done more quickly and have it coordinate with any changes to the Shoreline Master Plan that the Department of Ecology may require. Increasing the scope of the work will also increase the cost.

Public Comment

Megan Gee, 22201 NE 28st Place, She would like to see two revisions to the CAO. The first is a revision to the process for wetland review. She feels that the city's requirement to have wetland review done by wetland biologists to be unfair and costly. Second, there should be an allowance for mitigation through wetland banking.

Linda Eastlick, 2032 222nd Avenue SE, She did not see the process for establishing the benchmarks against which performance will be measured. She does not feel that a wetland that is adjacent to a street should need additional buffers.

Bob Sorenson, 22609 NE 2nd Street, Gave PowerPoint Presentation (*Presentation is available upon request of the City Clerk*).

Reid Brockway, 167 E Lake Sammamish Shore Lane NE, Submitted written comments (*Comments available upon request of the City Clerk*)

Dwight Martin, 5101 E Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, Submitted written comments (*Comments available upon request of the City Clerk*)

Ilene Stahl, Friends of Pine Lake, Submitted written comments (*Comments available upon request of the City Clerk*). She advocated not reviewing the Critical Areas Ordinance at this time.

Rory Crispin, PO Box 40443, Bellevue, Because Sammamish is in the urban growth boundary the city should develop regulations that manage growth, not prohibit it. He feels the Critical Areas Ordinance should be reviewed at this time as it is overly restrictive. He gave several examples of problems with the current CAO.

Anguel Demitrov 23719 SE 4th Street, He also encouraged the review of the CAO. The current code places an undue financial burden to meet the stringent requirements. He does not feel that buffers really protect the wetlands. The current code also allows for too much flexibility in interpretation.

Council Reports

Deputy Mayor Whitten expressed concerns about the financial requests for relocating the Freed House.

Mayor Gerend attended some regional transportation meetings. He asked for written comments from the Councilmembers supporting the importance of transit to Sammamish. He will submit these comments at the next Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting.

City Manager Report – No report

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor