

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting July 20, 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 (6:45 pm), and Michele Petitti.

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. Councilmember Petitti led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously 6-0.

Proclamations/Presentations

- **Recognition: Captain Robert Baxter**
Sammamish Police Chief Nathan Elledge thanked Capt. Baxter for his excellent service. Mayor Gerend presented him with a Special Recognition plaque.
- **Proclamation: Camp Fire USA**
Mayor Gerend read the proclamation celebrating Camp Fire USA's 100 year anniversary.

Public Comment

Robert Neilson, 2311 277th Avenue SE, He thanked the Council and staff for the outstanding work they have done to complete the Aldarra Estates/Montaine subdivisions annexation into the City of Sammamish.

Vickie Bagette, 23903 NE 14th Street, Membership Chair of the Sammamish Heritage Society, She spoke regarding reasons for preserving the Freed House. Every great city maintains the roots and history of their community. The Freed House could provide necessary public space.

Janice Seil, 2319 West Beaver Lake Drive, She spoke regarding the Beaver Lake Master Plan. She does not think the proposed plan will provide protection to the park. She is against the planned bathroom at the park. This park is very important to the city and needs to be protected. She feels the park is very well used, just as it is.

Consent Calendar

Payroll for pay period ending June 30, 2010 for pay date July 2, 2010 in the amount of \$277,616.48

Approval: Claims for period ending July 20, 2010 in the amount of \$1,871,539.15 for Check No.26898 through No.27015

Approval: Minutes for June 1, 2010 Regular Meeting

Approval: Minutes for July 6, 2010 Regular Meeting

Resolution: Granting Final Approval To The Cameron Woods Plat Alteration (R2010-426)

Interlocal: Creating Pre-Membership Conditions Between Washington Cities Insurance Authority and the City

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

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Ordinance: First Reading Amending Title 14, Public Works And Transportation, Of The Sammamish Municipal Code By Adding Chapter 14.30, Right Of Way Use Permits

Public Works Director John Cunningham gave the staff report. Since the beginning of 2010, the city has been processing all of the Right of Way permits. Staff has determine that there is a need for different requirements for different types of ROW permits. This ordinance creates four different categories for permits as well as different requirements. This is the first reading of the ordinance. No action is required at this time.

Parks Survey Results

Parks and Recreation Direction Jessi Richardson gave a PowerPoint covering the result of the Parks Survey (Available on the city website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us). She said that over 200 of the participants in the survey expressed an interested in serving on a focus group. The process for the focus groups will be discussed at a future study session.

Resolution: Adopting A Master Plan for Beaver Lake Park

Parks and Recreation Director Jessi Richardson gave the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us). Ms. Richardson explained that master plans are a road map for the future. Park and Recreation Commissioner Hank Klein explained that the Parks Commission unanimously supports the Master Plan for Beaver Lake Park.

Public comment

Linda Eastlick, PO Box 2574, Issaquah, She spoke on behalf of the Citizen for Sammamish and presented a PowerPoint presentation (available upon request of the City Clerk).

Janice Seil, spoke previously, She questioned how much time it would take to redesign the lake front as shown on this plan.

Rex Seil, 2319 W Beaver Lake Drive, He doesn't feel there is a real need to increase parking at the park. He is in favor of creating the bypass from SE 24th Street. He is opposed to lights on the ball fields and does not feel any of the surrounding neighbors are in favor of it.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the resolution adopting the Beaver Lake Master Plan. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0 (R2010-427).

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Whitten moved to request staff to perform a comprehensive regional review of where ball fields should be located, what the rules for operation should be and what the location priority should be. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion failed 3-4 with Mayor Gerend, Councilmembers Cross, Petitti and James dissenting.

Councilmember Petitti does not feel this review is timely. Soon the Council will be reviewing the entire Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Six Year Plan and this discussion should be part of that. Several other Councilmembers agreed with that. They did ask that more detailed information on ball fields be provided as part of the parks comprehensive plan review.

Council recessed for five minutes.

Resolution: Adopting A Master Plan for Sammamish Landing

Ms. Richardson gave a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us). Parks Commission Chair Hank Klein explained that the commission was supportive of minimal development of this park. If this design is approved, it should be in the suggested phased approach to allow council to determine if each phase justifies the cost.

Public Comment

Ramiro Valdarrama, NE 18th Place, He does not support this Master Plan. He feels that, if any development occurs there, it should be minimal. He feels that the park will have a negative

impact on traffic flow along the parkway, it is not environmentally sensitive and it does not fill the needs of the citizens.

Linda Eastlick, Speaking on behalf of the Citizens for Sammamish, She gave a PowerPoint presentation (available upon request of the City Clerk).

Harry Shedd, 2313 Sahalee Drive E, He feels it is time for financial restraint. Projections are that revenues will be stagnant with no guarantee that the economic situation will change in the near future. He encouraged the Council to vote against this master plan.

Reid Brockway 167 E Lake Sammamish Shore Lane NE, He feels the city must make the most responsible use of this park property. He does not feel this master plan makes the best use of this property because the area is too small. The lack of parking is a major flaw.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved approval of the resolution adopting the Sammamish Landing Master Plan. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilmembers Odell and James dissenting (R2010-428).

Councilmember Odell does not support the plan. He feels the overall \$6.6 million price is too large. He supports the original Parks and Recreation Commission recommendation for minimal development of the park. He feels lack of parking will be an issue. It will limit the number of people who will be able to use the park. He is supportive of minimal improvements with the parking on the lake side, a few benches, and a dock. Councilmember James was not supportive of this master plan. He does not feel the investment is justified by the returns.

Council Reports

Councilmember James reported that the US Senior Open will begin at Sahalee Golf Course next week.

Councilmember Odell reported on Eastside Fire & Rescue Finance and Operations meeting. EF & R anticipates a 5.76% increase in partner contributions for next year. They committee will begin meeting twice monthly to resolve their financial issues.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Whitten moved to authorize the EF & R Board Representatives to request a zero-increase budget from EF & R to see where the cuts would be made. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

City Manager Report

City Manager Ben Yazici thanked Councilmember Odell and Mayor Gerend for serving as board member for Eastside Fire & Rescue. He also reported that City Attorney Bruce Disend is now President of the Washington State Attorneys.

Executive Session – ~~Property Acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), Potential Litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)~~

Council retired to Executive Session at 10:30 pm and returned at 10:52 pm. Councilmember Petitti announced that the Council presented a performance letter to City Manager Ben Yazici. He has done an outstanding job this year. The big issue for next year will be the financial cross over.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor