

COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting September 20, 2010

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

Councilmembers present: Mayor Don Gerend, Deputy Mayor Nancy Whitten, Councilmembers Mark Cross(left at 9:30 pm), John Curley (arrived 7:00 pm), John James (left 8:15 pm), Tom Odell, and Michele Petitti.

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember John Curley

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to excuse Councilmember Curley. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

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. Councilmember Cross led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Public Comment

Ken Kiernan 23010 NE 18th Court, President of the Sammamish Citizen Corp. He explained the various activities the group engages in to help prepare our community for a large scale disaster. On behalf of the group, he encouraged Council to continue to fund this valuable organization.

New Business

Council Budget Options

City Manager Ben Yazici presented the list of optional items for Council consideration that may be added to the 2011/2012 budget. He explained the process would be that the councilmember that suggested the item would be given an opportunity to speak to the item:

Policy Item #1: Water/Sewer Utility Service Options (may require one dedicated FTE)

The City of Issaquah has requested the City of Sammamish join with them in considering the assumption of Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District. This would provide better one-stop customer service for the residents.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved that this not be included in the 2011/2012 budget. Deputy Mayor Whitten seconded. Motion failed 3-3 with Mayor Gerend and Councilmembers Odell and Cross dissenting.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to direct the City Manager to meet with City of Issaquah and Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District to discuss this merger. He also requested the City Manager schedule a study session with Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District to discuss options. At a different meeting we should invite some entity that has experience with utility district mergers to discuss what a merger entails. \$5,000 will be added to the budget to cover incidentals. Councilmember James seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Policy Option #2: Lamb House donation to Habitat for Humanity for affordable Housing

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Whitten moved to authorize the City Manager to surplus the Lamb House once the Maintenance Department has moved to the new Maintenance and Operations Center. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Policy Option #3: 2012 Economic Development Outreach Program

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to put \$20,000 for each year into the budget. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Policy Option #4: Affordable Housing Options/Metro Park & Ride Lot redevelopment potential.

No motion was made to add this to the budget or the work program.

Policy Option #5: Kokanee Salmon Work Group/Watershed Planning and Salmon Efforts

MOTION: Mayor Gerend moved to add \$20,000 to the budget each year for this purpose. Deputy Mayor Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Policy Option #6: Update Town Center Financial Analysis

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to add \$30,000 each year to pursue funding strategies for the Town Center. Councilmember James seconded. Motion was withdrawn. This issue will be discussed at a study session after the first of the year.

Option #7: Energy/Water Conservation Strategy – Sustainability Initiative

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to add \$15,000 for both 2011 and 2012. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Option #15: Community/Aquatic Center

Mr. Yazici explained that the base budget has \$6.5 million in it for this project. This is not nearly enough to build the center. Overall cost could be \$20 to 30 million dollars. He is suggesting that the Finance Committee be authorized to study how this center could be funded.

Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson made the following recommendations:

Option #8: Add \$75,000 to the 2012 budget for design of Beaver Lake Preserve.

Option #9: Add \$500,000 to 2011 for park acquisition in the north side of the City.

Option #10: Add \$200,000 in 2011 for a community garden at Beaver Lake Park.

Option #11: Deferral of the ball field improvements.

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to approve the above recommendations. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Option #12 (Options #13 and #14 were not considered): Freed House

MOTION: Mayor Gerend moved to set aside \$70,000 in the 2011 budget for the Freed House. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried 4-2 with Deputy Mayor Whitten and Councilmember Odell dissenting.

Option #16: Traffic signal Warrant Analysis

City Manager Yazici said that a city wide traffic analysis will be done.

Option #17: Barricade Removal Process

Councilmember Cross suggested that the barricades should be removed in groups that relate to each other. This will involve a large segment of affected residents as well as streamline the process. Council expressed support for this process.

Option #18: 212 Avenue SE Gap @ SE 24th

Councilmember Petitti recommended considering all gap projects before deciding the priority of this project.

Option #19: 244th Avenue Non-Motorized Improvement

Mr. Yazici said staff study this project and will bring back additional information before deciding on this issue. Council expressed agreement with adding \$150,000 to the 2011 budget, but no money will be spent without further information being given to Council.

Options #20 through #30 will be discussed at a later meeting

2011/2012 Departmental Budget Reviews – Administrative Services/City Manager/City Council/Human Services/Non-Departmental/Finance (Deferred to September 28)

Stormwater Management Program/NPDES Requirements (Deferred to September 28)

Draft Basin Plans for Inglewood and Thompson Basins (Deferred to September 28)

Pine Lake Water Quality Study (Deferred to September 28)

Agreement: Boys & Girls Club

Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson gave the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation outlining the agreement (available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us). Several representatives from the Boys & Girls club were also in attendance to speak to the agreement. There are still some unresolved issues. This agreement will be brought back for Council approval after the Boys & Girls Club has approved the agreement.

Council recessed from 9:45 to 10:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor