

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting October 5, 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.

**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 of Allegiance

Roll was called. Deputy Mayor Whitten led the pledge.

### Public Comment

Dr. Chip Kimball, Lake Washington School District Superintendent: He commented on overcrowded schools and future funding. He reported on new curriculums, modernization of multiple schools in the district, recipient of Microsoft grant and graduation requirements. Council would like to have conversation about the new bond measure that will be on the February ballot and a request for support from the City Council would be discussed at that time.

Dave Sanford: He represented the Sammamish Kiwanis, Faith in Action, Habitat for Humanity and Rotary Club of Sammamish, this is a partnership (Sammamish Cares) offering volunteer help from local community groups. He suggested offering some solutions to code enforcement actions and offered help to those who may need some community help. They are requesting some funding (\$10,000 over two years as needed) for their community group that may ultimately save the City some funds. A handout outlining their program is available in the City Clerk's office upon request.

Deputy Mayor Whitten has concerns with liability and privacy on the City's part. City Manager Yazici suggested trying this project out, and coming back in 2011, and at that point the City could make a budget adjustment.

### Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Whitten moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

## **Proclamations/Presentations**

- Presentation: 2011-2012 Departmental Budget Reviews
  - Community Development

Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol presented the report. The PowerPoint can be found on the City's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)

City Manager Yazici explained the budget process and outlined the timelines of state mandates and items that the City Council have prioritized for the next two years. Once a budget has been adopted, a Council Retreat and a Staff Retreat will be scheduled.

## **Consent Calendar**

- **Approval: Claims for period ending October 5, 2010 in the amount of \$2,709,400.49 for Check No.27472 through No. 27603**
- **Approval: Minutes for September 7, 2010 Regular Meeting**
- **Approval: Notes for September 14, 2010 Study Session**

**MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to approve consent calendar. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

## **Public Hearing**

**Ordinance: First Reading Relating To Siting Of Wireless Communication Facilities; Amending Chapter 21a.55.070 And .080 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code; Providing For Attachment Of Base Station Equipment And Limiting Height Increases; Providing For Severability; And, Establishing An Effective Date**

Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report. This is the first reading of the ordinance. The Planning Commission is recommending two changes to the Wireless Communication Facility (WCF) ordinance including: Limiting proposed height increases to the minimum necessary, and modifying base station hierarchy to allow concealed attached base station equipment within city rights-of-way. A recommendation from the Planning Commission is included in the packet materials. The Council could adopt a defensible height limitation.

Councilmember Whitten suggested looking at the Town Center as an option for placement of wireless facilities. She suggested that they be placed high and out of site on taller buildings.

Councilmember Petitti requested Council move ahead on adopting this ordinance as there is a current process (Conditional Use Permit) established for anything over a certain height.

Councilmember Odell has concerns with the height limits on major arterials, specifically poles over 120 feet.

Public Hearing opened at 8:30 and was continued to the October 19, 2010 Regular Meeting.

Ron Meckler: Clearwire currently has two pending applications at the City of Sammamish. He supports the amendments proposed by the Planning Commission. He commented on economic conditions in determining coverage area and fees associated with multiple poles versus taller poles and meeting coverage requirements.

Gary Abrahams: He supports the Planning Commission's recommendation, and summarized the goals of the wireless code. Sammamish topography is extreme compared to surrounding cities, and made up of primarily residential areas and there are no commercial corridors that the majority of surrounding cities provide. This leaves carriers with fewer alternatives to provide service in bigger commercial areas. He discussed vaults vs. cabinets and the complex problems associated with digging within cities rights of way and the utilities that they are required to work around.

Tim Gasser: He represents Puget Sound Energy (PSE). PSE evaluates the wireless poles primarily on public and employee safety guidelines. The aesthetics are determined by the requirements in each jurisdiction. Very few PSE poles are over 140 feet. Jason VanNort and Tim Gasser of PSE explained the maintenance of conduits and said if this were required by Council it could possibly result in a rate increase.

Councilmember James suggested developing an amendment relating to height restricts. After further conversation among council members, it was decided that City Council should direct staff to work on any amendments and bring them back for the next reading of the ordinance.

### **Council Reports**

Councilmember Petitti: She reported on the Nightmare at Beaver Lake. There is a new website up this year and the tickets will be available for purchase on-line.

Councilmember Cross: He reported on the Growth Management Council. The area of focus is climate change.

Councilmember Whitten: She discussed the Freed House.

Councilmember Curley: He met with some developers from California and presented the City's Town Center plan to them.

Mayor Gerend: Toured the Highline YMCA last week. He met with the north end Mayors and discussed budgets in those cities. He is very happy with the Sammamish City Manager and the conservative budget that he has presented.

### **City Manager Report**

City Manager Yazici reported on the Sammamish Police Officer who was involved in an accident. He is currently okay and out of intensive care.

**Executive Session** – None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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Stacy Herman, Deputy City Clerk

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Donald J. Gerend, Mayor