

COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting/Study Session October 26, 2010

Mayor Don Gerend called the special meeting/Study Session of the Sammamish City Council to order at 7:00 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Don Gerend, Deputy Mayor Nancy Whitten, Councilmembers Mark Cross, John Curley, John James, Tom Odell (arrived 7:05 pm), and Michele Petitti (arrived 7:20 pm).

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Public Works Director John Cunningham, Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Councilmember John Curley led the pledge.

Public Comment - None

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember James moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Curley seconded.

AMENDMENT: Deputy Mayor Whitten moved to reorder the agenda by starting with the Human Services Grants. Motion was approved as amended 5-0.

Unfinished Business

Human Service Grant

City Manager Ben Yazici gave the staff report. He explained that at the last meeting council directed staff to increase the Human Service budget by 20% for 2011. Since then Councilmember James suggested spreading the 20% over both years, effectively changing the budget by 10% for 2011 and 10% for 2012. He also thanked the Council for not decreasing this budget, even though finances are tight. This is a very important service that the Council provides.

MOTION: Councilmember James moved to amend the Human Service Budget by 10% each year. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

AMENDMENT: Deputy Mayor Whitten moved to increase the budget by 20% in 2011 and 2012. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion withdrawn.

Councilmember Cross would like to see a reconsideration of the \$10,000 grant request cap. He hopes this can happen before the next round of grants for 2013-2014.

Ordinance: Ninth Reading Adopting The Town Center Development Regulations As Title 21B Of The Sammamish Municipal Code; Adopting Zoning Map Amendments For The Town Center Subarea; Amending Provisions Of Title 20; And Adopting The Town Center Infrastructure Plan (O2010-293)

Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*) outlining the three remaining items Council will be asked to consider tonight. After these decisions are made, staff is recommending adoption of the Town Center Development Regulations.

Item #1

Issues regarding counting $\frac{1}{2}$ unites and $\frac{3}{4}$ units. Council has already decided to count cottage housing as $\frac{1}{2}$. At an earlier meeting Council decided to count all small housing as $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ units. This decision resulted in adding complexity to the regulations and the total units will be hard to predict. Staff recommends Council reconsider the earlier decision. They recommend retaining and limit the $\frac{1}{2}$ unit count for cottage housing. Councilmember James requested counting affordable housing and senior housing at the $\frac{1}{2}$ unit rate.

MOTION: Councilmember James moved to rescind the previous amendment regarding $\frac{1}{2}$ units and $\frac{3}{4}$ units being applied to any unit under 900 feet and only apply the $\frac{1}{2}$ unit count to cottage housing. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried 5 to 2 with Mayor Gerend and Councilmember Cross dissenting.

MOTION: Councilmember James moved to consider affordable housing and Senior Housing as $\frac{1}{2}$ unites. Councilmember Odell seconded.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Cross moved to amend the motion to allow $\frac{1}{2}$ credit for affordable housing units only with a maximum of 100 units. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember James moved to amend Councilmember Cross's motion by adding that senior housing would be counted as $\frac{3}{4}$ of a unit. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion failed 3-4 with Deputy Mayor Whitten and Councilmembers Curley, Cross and Petitti dissenting.

Item #2:

The issue of exceeding the Town Center dwelling unit caps.

No action was taken for this item. It will be discussed when the first yearly review of the Town Center takes place.

Item#3

Delete reference to “TC-D” in 21B.25.030 B.8, and add new condition #19: “Commercial floor area may be permitted in the TC-D zone, provided it is developed consistent with the UDZP principles. Council agreed to this.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved the proposed ordinance, as amended, adopting the Town Center Development Regulations as Title 21B of the Sammamish Municipal Code, the zoning map amendments for the Town Center subarea, amendments to SMC Title 20, and adopting the Town Center Infrastructure Plan, with an effective date of January 3, 2011. Councilmember Deputy Mayor Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-6 (ordinance renumbered from O2010-287 to O2010-293).

New Business - None

Council Reports

Councilmember Odell asked what was to become of the four tree stumps in front of Starbuck’s on 228th. He requested they be removed. Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Lyman Howard said that the Arts Commission will be doing an art demonstration in the near future using the trees. The proposal is not complete, but it is very close. It will be brought before Council within the next month.

Councilmember Cross will be attending a briefing on how to prepare for the upcoming tolling on SR520. He recommended having someone from WDOT come to a Council meeting and update the Council.

Councilmember Curley announced that the residents in the Tree Farm neighborhood are happy with the repaving.

Councilmember Petitti reminded everyone that the Nightmare at Beaver Lake will happen tonight.

Mayor Gerend reported that the city has a grant application in to help save the salmon. He also asked Councilmember to check the calendars for an agreeable weekend for the City Council Retreat.

City Manager Report - No Report

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

OPEN STUDY SESSION

8:30 pm

- 2011/2012 Budget Questions and Answers

CLOSE STUDY SESSION

9:30 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor