

COUNCIL MINUTES

Study Session/Special Meeting December 15, 2008

Open Study Session

Topics

- **Commission Interviews** – Council interviewed 1 applicant for the Beaver Lake Advisory Board, 6 candidates for the Parks & Recreation Commission and 9 applicants for the Planning Commission. Appointments will be made at the December 16, 2008 Regular Meeting.
- **Update: Code Interpretation Ordinance** – Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report and a short PowerPoint presentation (available on the City Website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us).
- **Discussion: SE 20th Street** – Project Engineer/Development Review Tawni Hoang gave the staff report and PowerPoint Presentation (available on the city website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us). She explained that staff is looking for direction on the design tonight. She presented Council with several options for the sidewalk, the bike lane and planter strips. The current recommendation was for a concrete sidewalk on the north side of the street, a bike lane and no planter strip, if there was no budget for maintenance of the planter strip, or a planter strip if budget is provided for maintenance. Ms. Hawn clarified that Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer will not be installing sewer lines at the same time as these improvements are made. Councilmember Huckabay supported asphalt sidewalks and swales instead of planter strips. Councilmember Whitten thinks the environmental report should be completed before the design elements are decided. Councilmember Cross was supportive of a sidewalk on the north side and rain gardens instead of planter strips. He also requested additional information on the costs for different types of storm water treatment. City Engineer Laura Philpot explained that a raised curb will provide separation between pedestrians and bikers. City Manager Ben Yazici explained that a non-motorized project does not require a complete environmental checklist. This would only be done if Council requested it. Council requested that staff bring back some more detailed cost estimates on drainage options and some different design concepts. Council was supportive of a separated sidewalk on the north side of the street. Mayor Felling favored a concrete sidewalk. Councilmember Whitten asked if any of the Pine Lake Plan recommendations were taken into consideration in the design of this project and if not, they should be. Deputy Mayor Gerend was not supportive of additional environmental analysis than is already required. Councilmember Barry was also in agreement that the environmental analysis is sufficient.

Close Study Session

Mayor Lee Fellingge called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 10:10 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Lee Fellingge, Deputy Mayor Don Gerend, Councilmembers Jack Barry, Mark Cross, Kathleen Huckabay, Michele Petitti and Nancy Whitten.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Public Works Director John Cunningham, Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Councilmember Whitten led the pledge.

Public Comment

Timothy O’Neill Dunn, Representing Swan Ridge, He questioned why the Council was spending money to improve SE 20th Street, when there are other projects that are more in need of improvement. He cited 244th Avenue as an area where sidewalks are more necessary due to the amount of school children walking along the street. He recommended Council abandon the review of SE 20th Street Project and concentrate instead on 244th Avenue.

Michael O’Connell, Representing the Citizens for Sammamish, This group is committed to improving the decision making of the City Council. This includes listening to public comment and basing Council decisions on it.

Michael Rutt, 22832 SE 1st, He feels there is a lack of diversity on the current Planning Commission. He hopes that the Council makes a better decision on filling the current vacant position of the Planning Commission.

Approval of Agenda

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

1. Eastlake Sammamish Parkway Project

Mayor Fellingge proposed a change to tomorrow’s agenda regarding the East Lake Sammamish Parkway Project. He explained there are competing interests regarding this project and based on public input and recommendations from staff he is recommending reducing the physical limits of the project. This will reduce the cost of the project while serving the needs of concurrency as well as satisfy the public.

MOTION: Mayor Fellingge moved to amend the December 16, 2008 regular City Council meeting agenda, Item No. 27, to read as follow: “Bid Award Authorization : East Lake

Sammamish parkway Project, or Reduced Scope of East Lake Sammamish parkway Project”.
Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilmember Cross requested that staff provide maps showing the original design of the project and a map showing the reduced scope along with pictures of the intersection design.

Council Reports

City Manager Report - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Lee Felling, Mayor