

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting December 2, 2008

Mayor Lee Felling called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

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

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

Roll was called. Admiral Bump led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Felling suggested the public hearing for Camden Park and the surrounding area annexation be moved to be the first item to accommodate the residents at the meeting. Council agreed to the change.

Public Hearing

Ordinance: First Reading Annexing The Camden Park, Camden Park Estates, Devereux And The Trails At Camden Park Neighborhoods And Additional Adjacent Areas To The North

Chris Toombs, Camden Park resident, gave a short PowerPoint presentation (*Available upon request of the City Clerk*).

Public Hearing opened at 6:49.

Mike Murphy, NE 26th Street, He said that no one on his street is in agreement with the annexation. They moved to the area to be in the country. None of the residents on 26th Street want to annex to the City.

Public Hearing closed at 7:50 pm.

Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol explained that this is the first reading of the ordinance. No action is required.

Public Comment

Jerry Norman, 21161204th Avenue NE, He is unhappy that the utilities along East Lake Sammamish Parkway will not be put underground as part of the road widening project. The current locations of the poles are blocking his view of the lake. He requested staff come and look at the poles to see if there is something that can be done to underground the utilities.

Michael O'Connell, 436 226th Lane NE he gave a PowerPoint presentation outlining his opposition to the East Lake Sammamish Parkway Project(*this presentation is available upon request of the City Clerk*).

Sherie Valderrama, 20235 NE 18th Pl, She submitted written comments on behalf of her and her husband opposing the East Lake Sammamish Parkway Project. They think the project is ill conceived and is too expensive given the current economic conditions. She asked Council to postpone the project (*A copy of the written statements are available upon request of the City Clerk*).

Charlie Goodrich, 22328 NE 2nd Street, He agrees that the Parkway project should be delayed, especially the contract award. There are too many unanswered questions and this decision should not be made during the busy holiday season. He also feels there is not enough communication between the Council and the residents. He suggested forming a citizen's advisory council to make recommendation on future projects.

Lori Barnett, 22332 SE 32nd Street, She feels the East Lake Sammamish project should be postponed for at least one year due to the deteriorated economic situation.

John Stilz, 2008 East Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, The country is in a financial crisis, and there is no immediate need to improve the Parkway at this time. He pleaded with the Council to delay the project.

John Galvin, 432 228th Avenue SE, Gave a PowerPoint presentation (*this presentation is available upon request of the City Clerk*). He suggested reducing staff and services, delaying projects and raising taxes could help the city balance the budget.

Michael Rutt, 22832 SE 1st, He thinks this project should be delayed because most people are not in favor of this project. He thinks that Council needs to change the way they make decisions. He wants the Council to listen to the residents.

Nancy Sinclair, 2914 230 Avenue NE, She submitted written comments that were generally in agreement with the previous speakers (*comments available upon request of the City Clerk*).

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten asked to removed Item 12. Councilmember Huckabay requested Item 4 be moved to follow Item 2. Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the agenda as revised. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Student Liaison Report

Skyline Student Liaisons

Girls Soccer won the State Championship. The football team will face Issaquah High School in the State Championship on Friday. Students are planning a blood drive and a food drive next week.

Eastlake Student Liaison

Tomorrow is the Battle of the Bands. The event is open to all schools. The funds raised will offset the cost of Senior Prom. She encouraged everyone to attend the school's basketball games. Tolo is coming up. The Black and White Dance is next week. The music concert is on December 10.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance: Second Reading Adopting The 2009-2010 Biennial Budget

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Lyman Howard gave the staff report and a short PowerPoint presentation.

Deputy Mayor Gerend said that there will have to be careful consideration given on how to proceed with a future parks bond. Councilmember Cross pointed out that most of the increased costs in the budget are caused by increases in the Police and Fire contracts, which the City really has no control over. Councilmember Huckabay thinks that the budget needs to be cut by reducing the amount of money being spent on capital projects. She feels in these hard economic times, money may be better spent elsewhere. For these reasons, she is not advocating raising taxes and will not approve this budget as presented. While Councilmember Whitten thinks the overall budget is good, it could be tightened and reduced more. She is not happy that the tax levy rate would be raised. She also feels that the East Lake Sammamish Parkway project is too expensive.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to approve the ordinance for the 2009/2010 budget. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried 5 to 2 with Councilmember Huckabay dissenting and Councilmember Whitten abstaining.

Council recessed from 8:45 pm to 8:50 pm.

Ordinance: Second Reading Relating To The Levying Of Taxes And Establishing The Amount To Be Raised In 2009 On The Assessed Valuation Of The Property Within The City

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to approve the ordinance setting the 2009 Levy Rate and establishing the amount to be raised in 2009. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried 6 to 1 with Councilmember Huckabay dissenting.

Consent Calendar

- Payroll for pay period ending November 15, 2008 for pay date November 20, 2008 in the amount of \$232,627.79
- 1. Approval: Claims for period ending December 2, 2008 in the amount of \$724,433.01 for check No. 22276 through 22319
- 2. Resolution: Adopting The City Of Sammamish Salary Schedule For Fiscal Year 2009
- 3. Bid Award: Pine Lake Park Dock Replacement/Pacific Pile and Marine
- 4. Amendment: Customer Service Consultant/Performance Journeys
- 5. Contract: Janitorial Services/ABS
- 6. Contract: Domestic Violence Advocate/Kimberly Leyton
- 7. Contract: Public Defender Legal Services/Stewart, Beall, McNichols
- 8. Contract: Recycling Events/Olympic Environmental

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve consent calendar as amended. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

New Business

Resolution: Relating To Interfund Loans And Temporary Cash Overdrafts In Some City Funds During The Fiscal Year

Mr. Howard gave the staff report, explaining that this was a housekeeping resolution that was recommended by the Auditor.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the resolution authorizing the interfund loans and temporary cash overdrafts in some city funds. Deputy Mayor Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Interlocal: Use of Wetland Mitigation Bank/Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District

Senior Project Engineer Jed Ireland gave the staff report. He explained the purpose of wetland mitigation and why it was necessary for the 244th construction project.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the resolution to use the wetland mitigation bank. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7 to 0.

Ordinance: First Reading Amending City Code Chapter 16.05.030 Hours Of Construction

Public Works Director John Cunningham gave the staff report. Passage of this ordinance could help to shorten the overall duration of construction projects by allowing the City manager to grant variances to the city code regarding construction hours.

Councilmember Huckabay expressed concern that residents would be disturbed by long term variances to the hours of construction. Councilmember Whitten requested that some criteria be developed regarding when the variances could be granted. City Manager Yazici said some criteria will be added to the ordinance before the second reading. Councilmember Cross said that before the variances take place that the police are notified and a notice should be posted on the city's website.

Contract: Prosecution Services/Lynn Moberly

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Gerend moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Lynn Moberly for Prosecution Services. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried 6 to 0 with Councilmember Whitten excusing herself from the room and not participating in the vote.

Council Reports

City Manager Report - None

Executive Session – If Necessary

Meeting adjourned at pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Lee Felling, Mayor