

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting November 18, 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 Kathleen Huckabay, Mark Cross, Michele Petitti and Nancy Whitten.

**Councilmember absent:** Councilmember Jack Barry

**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

**MOTION:** Councilmember Huckabay moved to excuse Councilmember Barry from the meeting. Councilmember Michele Petitti seconded. Motion carried 5-0. (Councilmember Cross was not present during the vote.)

Roll was called. Eastlake Student Liaison Natalie Wang led the pledge.

### Public Comment

Robert Nielsen 2311 277<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE: He lives in the Aldarra Estates subdivision. His neighborhood is in favor of annexing to the City of Sammamish, but voiced his concerns that the City chose not to act on the petition. He requests a tentative schedule and projected completion date for the City to begin the annexation process for Aldarra Estates. He wants to begin the process at the earliest date possible. He commended staff's work, but would like to see the request expedited.

Cary Young 22212 NE 31<sup>st</sup> Street: She is the Executive Director of the Sammi Awards and extended gratitude to the City Council for their involvement and support. *(A video explaining the Sammi Awards was presented and can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office.)* The Sammi Awards recognizes those who have made valuable contributions to the City of Sammamish, and there are several categories that citizens can make recommendations for. Cary encouraged Council and anyone else in the community to take the time and fill out a ballot to nominate someone they feel deserves to be recognized. The ceremony will take place on March 14, 2008 at Eastlake High School.

John Galvin 20307 NE 15<sup>th</sup>: He commented on finances and the budget, property tax levy rate and comparisons and assessed values of homes. *(A PowerPoint Presentation of Mr. Galvin's comments is available in the Clerk's Office upon request.)*

Connie Chryssan 20307 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Place: She voiced her support of the East Lake Sammamish Parkway project and encouraged City Council not to be swayed by the negativity surrounding the project. She supports the safety improvements on the parkway. She reiterated the support of the project and that the majority of those in favor of the project have not been involved in the public meetings because they had the understanding that the project was moving forward.

Charlie Goodrich 22328 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street: He is strongly opposed to the East Lake Sammamish Parkway Project. He feels it's not worth the money and it will not relieve congestion.

Marion Thorkelson 20337 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Place: She spoke in opposition of the East Lake Sammamish Parkway project. She requested Council to "can" the project.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

### **Student Liaison Report**

**Eastlake Student Liaison** (*Natalie Wang*) She reported on Unplugged event and Battle of the Bands, Fundraisers for Children's Hospital and Invisible Children's Club. Girls Cross Country won State and are currently preparing for Nationals. They are working on the Martin Luther King Assembly. Rachel's Change is a Senior Project that focuses on spreading kindness throughout the school.

### **Proclamations/Presentations**

#### **Consent Calendar**

- **Payroll for pay period ending October 31, 2008 for pay date November 5, 2008 in the amount of \$232,776.47**
- **Approval: Claims for period ending November 13, 2008 in the amount of \$978,657.70 for check No. 22158 through 22275**
- **Ordinance: Second Reading Granting The Ne Sammamish Sewer & Water District A Non-Exclusive Franchise To Construct, Maintain, Operate, Replace And Repair A Water And Sewer System Within Public Rights-Of-Way Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington. (O2008-241)**

- **Ordinance: Second Reading Granting The Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District A Non-Exclusive Franchise To Construct, Maintain, Operate, Replace And Repair A Water And Sewer System Within Public Rights-Of-Way Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington. (O2008-242)**
- **Approval: October 21, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- **Contract: Graphic Design Services/UpRoar Advertising**
- **Bid Award: 2008 Sidewalk Replacement/R.W. Scott**
- **Resolution: Granting Final Plat Approval To The Plat Of Belcara Subdivision (R2008-348)**

**MOTION: To approve consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **City Insurance Services**

Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein gave the staff report. Additional information was brought back at the request of City Council from the November 4, 2008 meeting. Two handouts with insurance rates, deductibles coverage comparisons, stop loss and aggregate liability insurance were discussed. Mac Chavarria and Mike Gano of Baldwin Resources Group addressed questions from Council members related to property and liability risk and insurance pooling through CIAW. Purchasing the insurance services through CIAW, rather than the current WCIA, would save the City approximately \$30,000 to \$60,000 dollars in 2009, depending on deductibles. Staff's recommending transferring Sammamish's Insurance Services from The Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) to The Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW) purchased through the insurance brokerage firm Baldwin Resources Group for 2009 at a cost of \$197,966 with a \$1,000 liability deductible. Administrative Services Director reiterated that CIAW provides a higher aggregate and individual limit and a lower premium than our current provider.

A suggestion was made to go ahead with a motion and direct the City Manager to execute an agreement with CIAW for insurance services. The Council could discuss purchasing additional insurance at a later date, possibly at the Council retreat. The Baldwin Resource Group offered to put together some benchmark information for the Council for a discussion at a later date.

**MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to approve the staff recommendation to transfer Sammamish's Insurance Services from The Washington Cities Insurance Authority (WCIA) to The Cities Insurance Association of Washington (CIAW) purchased through the insurance brokerage firm Baldwin Resources Group for 2009 at a cost of \$197,966 with a \$1,000 liability deductible. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried 6-0.**

## **Public Hearing**

### **Ordinance: First Reading Adopting The 2009-2010 Biennial Budget**

### **Ordinance: First 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**

Finance Director Lyman Howard presented the staff report. This is the first reading of the budget ordinance. A copy of the Draft Budget and PowerPoint presentation is available in the City Clerk's office, or on the City's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us). Mr. Howard reiterated the two budget study sessions that occurred on October 14<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>. He also reported on 2009-2010 anticipated revenues and expenditures.

The Tax Levy ordinance sets the 2009 property tax levy amount. The final rate will be adjusted based on the final assessed valuation of property within Sammamish. The proposed levy amount would decrease the levy rate from \$2.24 to approximately \$2.04 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This is the first reading of both ordinances. No action is required.

Finance Director Lyman Howard will be requesting Council to make a decision later in the agenda that would adjust the budget by adding \$5,000 for sustainability, increase Human Service Grants funding from \$130,000 to \$160,000 and adding a new line item for Leadership Eastside in the amount of \$3200. The recommendation came from the Human Services Sub Committee (Mayor Lee Felling and Councilmember Jack Barry).

## **New Business**

### **Ordinance: First Reading Amending Ordinance No. 02008-225, The 2007-2008 City Budget, For The Purpose Of Revising The 2007-2008 Biennial Budget**

Lyman Howard, Finance Director gave the report and pointed attention to the proposed revised budget and the ending fund balance. He explained the additional increase in revenues in 2008 and the decreased expenditures resulted in a projected ending fund balance increase of \$35.2 million, improving the City's financial position. No action is required, as this is the first reading of the ordinance.

### **Human Services Subcommittee Recommendation**

City Manager Yazici reported on the recommendation made by Councilmember Jack Barry and Mayor Lee Felling. There is currently an additional \$30,000 being requested beyond the current budgeted amount of \$130,000 for Human Service Grant funding. These services are utilized by the community. He also reported on the Leadership Eastside request. The budgeted amount would allow one member, either an employee, or someone a Sammamish citizen to attend the

class. A recommendation to add a program budget for sustainability in the amount of \$10,000 was also discussed.

Councilmember Cross suggested the sustainability amount be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Councilmember Huckabay and Cross discussed \$100,000 budgeted for LID. City Manager Yazici explained that there is currently a project being considered for an LID project along 248<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Whitten is in favor of adding \$10,000 to the City's budget for sustainability.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Petitti made a motion to increase the Human Services Grants funding by \$30,000 for years 2009-2010 in the amount of \$160,000, add a line item to the 2009-2010 Budget for Leadership Eastside in an amount not to exceed \$3,200 and add a program budget in the amount of \$5,000 for sustainability for 2009. Deputy Mayor Gerend seconded.

**AMENDMENT:** Deputy Mayor Gerend made a motion to increase the sustainability funding from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the year 2009. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**MAIN MOTION:** Motion as amended carried unanimously 6-0.

Public Hearing for all related budget items opened at 8:45 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

Mary Reis 20106 SE 20<sup>th</sup> Place: She is on the Board of St. Andrews Housing Group. St. Andrews is an operator and developer of affordable housing. She encourages the Council to consider adding additional funding to the ARCH Trust Fund. Arch currently contributes \$18,000 per unit for affordable housing. There is demand for affordable housing.

Reed Thorkildsen 20337 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Place: He commented on the proposed tax levy and requested Council to be cautious making assumptions calculating the amount. He request clarity of the budget adjustments. He also commented on 2010 proposed expenditures.

Marion Thorkildsen 20337 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Place: She is concerned about crossover in the budget by the year 2015, calculation of the levy rate, and suggested that figures are based on assumptions. She also commented on the beginning fund balance and the ending balance of 2009-2010.

Jim Berry 1810 230<sup>th</sup>: He commented on road maintenance.

Charlie Goodrich 22328 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street: He is concerned with the budget. His comments on the budget were related to the East Lake Sammamish Parkway project funding.

Jim McGraw 1525 248<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE: He spoke about possible road improvements of 248<sup>th</sup>. He requests adding additional funding for LID projects. He suggests that the City should be adding police officers in the City.

Public hearing continued to December 2, 2008. Any comments are to be made in writing.

Mayor Felling requested the City Manager respond to the concerns related to the East Lake Sammamish Parkway project. City Manager Yazici explained “ending fund balance and reserve funding.” He also explained assessed value and how the tax levy rate is set.

Public Works Director presented information on the project to the citizens in the audience. Project Manager Jeff Brauns also presented. This project is currently out for bid. Currently, staff is proceeding with direction made earlier by Council. Increased capacity is a main benefit, due to the left turn pockets as currently designed. The storm drainage is currently untreated and running into Lake Sammamish. With the improvements and current design, all runoff from the Parkway will be treated before entering Lake Sammamish. A sidewalk and bike lanes will be added, which improves safety. This is a concurrency project that is required, or we are out of compliance with our concurrency requirements. Jeff Brauns presented a PowerPoint presentation that outlines the public process and public meetings and provided a list of all public meetings that occurred through the process of the project.

Mayor Felling requested that any questions Council has for staff on the Parkway project, be submitted to staff in writing, so they may discuss those at the next meeting.

City Manager Yazici suggested any public comments on the Parkway be made at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The bid award for this project is scheduled for this meeting.

Councilmember Huckabay is in favor of Whitten’s motion, allowing oral testimony for the budget.

**MOTION: Councilmember Whitten made a motion to allow oral comment at the December 2, 2008 meeting on the budget. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion failed 2-4 with Councilmember Petitti, Cross, Mayor Felling and Deputy Mayor Gerend dissenting.**

Finance Director was brought back to discuss the budget adjustments. He made his presentation earlier, along with the budget public hearings. This is the first reading of the ordinance. No action is required.

### **Council Reports**

**Deputy Mayor Gerend:** He and Mayor Felling attended National League of Cities in Orlando, Florida last week. He discussed the analogue to digital conversion that will be occurring at the first of the year with television. He suggested staff order the \$40 coupons and have them available to citizens who may need them.

**Councilmember Whitten:** She reported on Suburban Cities and the PIC meeting she attended last week. She announced the regional appointment as nominated by the committee.

**Councilmember Huckabay :** She reported on the 0.50 increase of Metro fees.

**Mayor Fellingge:** He reported on his attendance at the National League of Cities that he attended last week in Orlando, Fl. He spoke about Municipal bonds and a uniformed rating system.

### **City Manager Report**

City Manager Yazici reiterated that the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be a long meeting. He replied to Councilmember Huckabay relating to a “No Parking” ordinance scheduled for a future meeting.

**Executive Session** – None.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

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Stacy Herman, Deputy City Clerk

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Lee Fellingge, Mayor