

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting/Study Session July 15, 2008

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

Councilmembers present: Mayor Lee Felling (arrived 7:05pm), Deputy Mayor Don Gerend, Councilmembers Jack Barry, Kathleen Huckabay, Michele Petitti (arrived 7:10 pm) and Nancy Whitten.

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Mark Cross

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. Councilmember Huckabay led the pledge.

Public Comment - none

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to amend the agenda by removing Item #4 Approval for Position Reclassification from the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Proclamations/Presentations - None

Consent Calendar

- Payroll for pay period ending June 30, 2008 for pay date July 3, 2008 in the amount of \$240,992.24

Approval: Claims for period ending July 14, 2008 for Check No. 21182 through Check No. 21326 in the amount of \$952,183.95

Resolution: Granting Final Plat Approval to Windsor Fields II (aka McClure)

Interlocal Agreement: Human Services Shared Funding Pool/Bellevue

Approval: Minutes for July 1, 2008 Regular Meeting/Study Session

MOTION: To approve consent calendar. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Approval: Position Reclassification

City Manager Ben Yazici gave the staff report

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to authorize the City Manager to reclassify the position. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Public Hearing

Resolution: Adopting An Updated Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan For 2009-2014

Public Works Director John Cunningham introduced the Six Year Transportation Plan. Senior Transportation Engineer Jeff Brauns gave the staff report. (A Powerpoint Presentation is available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)

MOTION: Councilmember moved to approve the resolution adopting the 2009-2014 Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. Councilmember seconded. Motion carried

Public Hearing opened at 7:00 pm

Tom Melling, 1307 E Beaver Lake Drive, He was happy to see that the project to connect Beaver Lake Drive and Belvedere Avenue has been removed from the TIP list. He encouraged the Council to consider adding bike lanes to secondary roads.

George Taylor 2423 225 Avenue NE, He rides the 216 bus and asked if there could be an earlier bus schedule. Trying to get through the school traffic is very difficult. He requested this issue be addressed.

John Galvin, 432 228th Avenue SE, He was happy to hear the discussions about increasing options for transportation other than just building more roads. He believes that young people need encouragement to get out of their cars. The city must develop a multi-faceted program to encourage living, shopping and working locally.

Public Hearing closed at 7:05.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Gerend moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Barry seconded. Motion carried 4-1-1 with Councilmember Huckabay dissenting and Councilmember Whitten abstaining.

Councilmember Whitten expressed concern over the fact that the Eastlake Sammamish Parkway project remained in the plan.

Unfinished Business-None

New Business

Ordinance: First Reading Providing For The Submission To The Voters Of The City At A Special Election To Be Held In Conjunction With The State General Election On November 4, 2008, Of A Proposition Authorizing The City To Issue Its General Obligation Bonds, For The Purpose Of Paying A Part Of The Cost Of The Acquisition, Development, Construction And Improvement Of Park, Recreation And Athletic Facilities, In The Principal Amount Of No More Than \$19,000,000, Payable By Annual Property Tax Levies To Be Made In Excess Of Regular Property Tax Levies, As More Particularly Set Forth Herein.

Ordinance: First Reading Relating To Regular Property Taxes; Providing For The Submission To The Qualified Electors Of The City At A Special Election Held In Conjunction With The State General Election On November 4, 2008, Of A Proposition Authorizing The City To Levy Regular Property Taxes In Excess Of The Limitations Of Ch. 84.55 RCW; Setting Forth The Text Of The Ballot Proposition; Directing Proper City Officials To Take Necessary Actions; And Providing For Other Properly Related Matters.

Parks and Recreation Director Jessi Richardson gave the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation explaining the reasons for the parks bond and levy lid lift request. (Presentation is available at the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us). As part of this presentation Daniel Johnson, CEO of the Boys and Girls Club, explained the partnership between the City and the Boys and Girls Club to remodel the old Library building into a Community Center.

Councilmember Barry wants some assurances before next week that there will be a good process in place to ensure this bond has a very good chance of passing. He is concerned about explaining to the voters the connection between the bond and the levy. He feels they will need more convincing to pass the levy.

Councilmember Whitten is very pleased with the project list for the bond. It offers equity between the north and south ends of the city. It offers programs for different segments of the community. She is very supportive of the bond but questions whether there is enough time to sell the bond before the November election. She also feels that voters need to understand that, even though they vote for this bond, they may still see an increase in taxes in the near future. She will not be in attendance at next week's meeting when this ordinance will come back for a second reading.

Mayor Felling echoed Councilmember Whitten's concern over whether there is enough time to get information out to help pass this bond. He feels all of the Councilmembers will have to spend a great deal of personal time to accomplish this goal.

This is the first reading for both of these ordinances. No action is required.

Council Reports

Deputy Mayor Gerend attended the Suburban Cities Public Involvement Subcommittee and the Puget Sound Regional Transit and the Eastside Transportation Partnership meetings last week.

City Manager Report

City Attorney Bruce Disend explained the laws regarding elected officials participation in relation to the passage of items that are on the ballot. They may support and engage in political activities in support or opposition of an issue on the ballot so long as they do not use any city funds, resources or facilities for those activities. Public employees are subject to the same limitations. The City may provide fair, factual and unbiased information regarding ballot measures. They are prohibited from advocating for a particular issue using city resources.

Executive Session – Personnel pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g).

Council retired to Executive Session at 8:20 pm and returned at 9:00 pm. No action was taken.

Open Study Session

- Update: Shoreline Master Plan
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Close Study Session

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Lee Felling, Mayor