

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting/Study Session July 1, 2008

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

Councilmembers present: Mayor Lee Fellingge, 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. Michael Rutt led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Gerend moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Proclamations/Presentations

- **Finance Award: Potential Annexation Areas Property Tax Calculator** – Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Lyman Howard presented the award to the City Council.
- **Quarterly Report: Finance Department** – Mr. Howard gave the report (*complete PowerPoint Presentation is available on the City website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*).
- **Quarterly Report: Fire Services** – Fire Chief Lee Soptich gave the report.
- **Quarterly Report: Parks and Recreation** – Parks and Recreation Director Jessi Richardson gave the report (*complete PowerPoint Presentation is available on the City website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*).
- **Quarterly Report: Public Works** – Public Works Director John Cunningham gave the staff report (*complete PowerPoint Presentation is available on the City website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*).

Public Comment

Glen Langer, 23107 SE 15th Street, He is not supportive of the East Lake Sammamish Parkway Project. Traffic lights at several intersections could be more effective than widening the parkway. Noise will increase. He doesn't feel that there is enough public space in the city and thinks it would be a better use of funds to build a community center rather than improving the parkway. He thinks the Parks Department should provide more activities in the neighborhoods.

Saleel Sathe, 24336 E Main Drive, He will be affected by the construction of the roundabout on 244th Avenue. He feels that the roundabout will not be the most effective method for traffic calming at the intersection. He is asking staff to provide alternative proposals to a roundabout.

Manoj Gupta, 103 245th Place SE, He feels that there are two misconceptions about this roundabout. First, there has not been enough public process and second, there has not been overwhelming support from the citizens.

John Galvin, 423 228th Avenue SE, He believes that the Council should consult with their legal counsel before deciding on the roundabout.

Michael Rutt, He reported that, after spending some time in the 244th neighborhood, he found that most people were not aware that a roundabout was being proposed for this area. He questioned if the public has been adequately informed about the City's plans.

Consent Calendar

- **Payroll for pay period ending June 15, 2008 for pay date June 20, 2008 in the amount of \$221,171.40**

Approval: Claims for period ending July 1, 2008 for Check No. 21075 through Check No. 21181 in the amount of \$2,464,143.47.

Approval: April 21, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes/Study Session

Approval: June 3, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

Approval: June 9, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes

Resolution: Ratifying The 2007 King County Buildable Lands Report (R2008-336)

Interlocal: CBDG Grants/King County

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

Council recessed from 8:20 pm to 8:25 pm.

Public Hearing - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Resolution: Authorizing Dental And Vision Benefits For Members Of The City Council (R2008-337)

Mr. Howard gave the staff report. He explained that changes in legislation in 2007 have made it possible for the City Council to authorize this benefit, since it is not considered compensation. The benefits would be paid at the same rate and would provide the same coverage as is currently being provided to city staff. Six of the seven Councilmembers would be required to enroll in the program. Medical benefits would not be included.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the resolution. Deputy Mayor Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Council Reports

City Manager Report

Mr. Yazici reported that he will be requesting Eastside Fire and Rescue limit their budget increase for 2009 to 5%. The Issaquah City Council also requests a 5% reduction in non-labor expenses. If the Council concurs with this idea; he will send a letter this week with the request. Council was generally supportive of sending the letter but did request a study session be scheduled to get more information on this issue.

Executive Session – **Litigation** pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i)

Council retired to Executive Session at 8:50 pm and returned to Open Session at 9:15 pm.

City Attorney Bruce Disend explained that the City is part of a coalition of cities appealing the National Pollution Discharge Elimination Permit (NPDES). The cost of implementing the laudable goals of this permit will probably be around \$600,000 per year for the city. This money could be better spent by directly addressing environmental needs. For these reasons, staff is recommending the city continue to appeal this permit by allocating additional funds to support the appeal.

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to authorize additional funding of up to \$20,000 to be applied coalition legal appeal to the NPDES Permit requirements. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Study Session

9:20 pm

- Non-Motorized Transportation List
- Parks Bond Survey Results

Study Session adjourned 11:15 pm.

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Lee Felling, Mayor