

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting March 4, 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, 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. Student Liaison Michelle Holmes led the pledge.

Public Comment

Dale Murrow 21133 NE 42nd Street, He urged the Council to consider opening the Opticom gates at NE 42nd now that the SR 202 widening project is complete. This could be done on a trial basis to see if it works. If not, the gates could be closed again.

John James 21408 SE 16th Place, Spoke on behalf of the Sammamish Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber would like to partner with the City to help develop the Town Center Plan. They have conducted several surveys regarding business needs in the city. They would be happy to share this information with the City.

Cary Waite, 23303 SE 14th Court, He is concerned about student parking in his neighborhood by students from Skyline High School. This parking creates hazardous driving situations. The residents of the neighborhood are requesting signage in their area that would prohibit student parking and drop offs.

Mary J Kohler, 21911 SE 20th Street, She spoke regarding the recent Parks Policy that was passed regulating sponsorship of various city events. She gave the Councilmembers copies of the policy with edits she feels clarifies the language.

Approval of Agenda

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

Student Liaison Report

Skyline Student Liaisons *(Kim Lammers):*

Spring sports have started. Students are signing up to be Counselors at Camp Casey. ASB Executive Board elections for next year will be held soon. Skyline also participated in the Interschool Exchange.

Eastlake Student Liaison *(Michelle Holmes):*

Today was High School Interchange day. Spring sports have started. Four Eastlake students have been nominated for Sammi Awards. Choir, Band and Orchestra will be performing this week. No school this Friday.

Sammamish Youth Board Student Liaison *(David Lingenbrink)*

A SYB representative has been meeting with Lake Washington School District to voice student concerns. SYB members helped with the Nightmare at Beaver Lake and sponsored several Teen Feeds. A benefit concert for Children's Hospital was very successful. The SYB will be partnering with the Boy's and Girl's Club to present a skating event at the Skateboard Park. This event will raise awareness for the need of a Teen Center in Sammamish.

Proclamations/Presentations

- **Quarterly Reports: Administrative Services**
Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein gave the quarterly report. *(The complete PowerPoint can be viewed on the City's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*
- **Quarterly Reports: Fire Services**
Fire Chief Lee Soptich gave the quarterly report. *(The complete PowerPoint can be viewed on the City's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)*
- **Quarterly Reports: Police Services**
Sergeant Robert Baxter gave the quarterly report. *(The complete PowerPoint is available upon request of the City Clerk's Office)*

Consent Calendar

Payroll for pay period ending February 14, 2008 for pay date February 20, 2008 in the amount of \$237,421.53

Approval: Claims for period ending March 4, 2008 for Check No. 20233 through Check No. 20316 in the amount of \$828,820.25

Resolution: Accepting The City Of Sammamish Beaver Lake Park Off-Leash Area Perimeter Fencing Construction Project As Complete

Resolution: Accepting the installation of Amateur Radio Antenna as complete

Consent Agenda was accepted as presented.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Appointment to Hopelink Board of Directors

City Manager Ben Yazici gave the staff report. Marilyn Plunkett, Director of Hopelink also gave some background on Hopelink's charter.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the appointment of Rich Olin to represent the City of Sammamish on Hopelink's Board of Directors. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilmember Whitten expressed concern with the process of this appointment.

Council Reports

Mayor Felling asked Council to check their schedules to see if a Joint Meeting with the Issaquah City Council could be scheduled for March 31.

Mayor Felling and Deputy Mayor Gerend will be at National League of Cities. Councilmember Cross will chair the March 11 Study Session.

City Manager Report

Agreement: Soaring Eagle Park – Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson gave the staff report. She explained the recent changes to the Interlocal agreement to transfer 30 acres of Soaring Eagle Park to the City of Sammamish. There are several conditions of the agreement that the City will propose modifications to: Section 1.3(d) contains language that is in conflict with another section in regard to road easements. Section 1.4 sets a time restriction on development of the park. Section 1.8 requires approval from the City to place the remaining acreage of Soaring Eagle Park under a conservancy requirement. Mr. Yazici explained that he will propose the changes to the Interlocal when they meet with the County again. The Council agreed that Deputy Mayor Gerend, City Manager Yazici and Parks & Recreation Director will negotiate the agreed upon changes with the County.

Transit Partnership – Mr. Yazici said that the partnership is only for five years. It needs to be extended. There are 17,000 hours of transit hours allocated to the Eastside. Mr. Yazici will meet with the Transit Board to request some of those additional hours be assigned to the eastside

Ms. Richardson gave an update on the Beaver Lake Dog Park. The park is essentially complete with the exception of the waterline for drinking fountains. The grand opening is scheduled for May 1, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Lee Felling, Mayor