

COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting January 8, 2008

Mayor Mark Cross called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:35 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Mark Cross, Deputy Mayor Lee Felling, Councilmembers Jack Barry, Don Gerend, 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. Kathryn Cross led the pledge.

Public Comment

Greg Reynolds, 4329 210th Place NE, He gave background information on the barricade in the Timberline Neighborhood. *(Complete written comments are available upon request of the City Clerk)*

Walt Ackerland, 1227 243rd Avenue NE, He spoke in opposition to a proposed cell tower that will be located in his neighborhood. The neighborhood will appeal the project.

Michael Cady, 22629 NE 25th Way, He represents T-Mobile and explained that it is sometimes necessary to locate within residential neighborhoods. He feels the ordinance regarding wireless location is working well for both the city and the wireless company. He does, however, have a problem with the process the city used in passing the emergency ordinance. He feels the ordinance should be considered in totality and not changed piece by piece.

Approval of Agenda

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

Proclamations/Presentations

- **Oath of Office**

City Clerk Melonie Anderson administered the oath of office to three re-elected Councilmembers, Michele Petitti, Nancy Whitten and Mark Cross

- **Elections: 2008 Mayor**

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to suspend the rules to nominate and vote for Mayor and Deputy Mayor in the same meeting, Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilmember Whitten dissenting.

Councilmember Whitten nominated Deputy Mayor Felling for Mayor. There were no other nominations. Deputy Mayor Felling was elected Mayor for 2008 unanimously 7-0.

- **Elections: 2008 Deputy Mayor**

Councilmember Whitten nominated Councilmember Gerend for Deputy Mayor. There were no other nominations. Councilmember Gerend was elected Deputy Mayor for 2008 unanimously 7-0.

- **Rotary Presentation**

Clint Scott presented checks to the Sammamish Youth Board, the Key Club, the King County Explorers and SARGE for their help and support for the Rotary Club's Nightmare at Beaver Lake

Past Mayor Presentation

Newly elected Mayor Lee Felling presented out-going Mayor Mark Cross with a plaque and thanked him for his service during the past year.

Council recessed from 7:15 pm to 7:25 pm

Student Liaison Report

Skyline Student Liaison (*Kim Lammers*):

Martin Luther King Assembly will be held January 18. Issaquah School District is still accepting applications for the redistricting committee. Parking pass renewals are taking place. Finals will be in two weeks.

Consent Calendar

Payroll for pay period ending December 15, 2007 for pay date December 20, 2007 in the amount of \$200,193.86

Payroll for pay period ending December 31, 2007 for pay date January 4, 2008 in the amount of \$200,055.14

Approval: Claims for period ending January 8, 2008 for Check No. 19764 through Check No. 19867 in the amount of \$1,338,607.22

Resolution: Final Acceptance 228th Avenue NE Walkway Project/Constructco (R2008-310)

Amendment/Resolution: Approving final change order and acceptance of the Zaccuse Creek Project/Westek Construction (R2008-311)

Resolution: Appointing ICMA Retirement Corporation as Trustee for 401A Plan (R2008-312)

Contract: On-Call Engineering Services/Roth Hill

Amendment: South Pine Lake Route Project Design/Otak

Amendment: Concurrency/David Evans & Associates

Re-approval of Minutes: February 21, 2006 Regular Meeting

Re-approval of Minutes: February 6, 2007 Regular Meeting

Approval: Minutes for November 6, 2007 Regular Meeting

Approval: Notes for November 13, 2007 Study Session

Approval: Notes for November 19, 2007 Study Session

Approval: Minutes for November 20, 2007 Regular Meeting

Approval: Minutes for December 4, 2007 Regular Meeting

Approval: Minutes for December 11, 2007 Special Meeting/Study Session

Approval: Minutes for December 18, 2007 Regular Meeting

Consent agenda was approved as presented.

Public Hearing

Ordinance: Amending The City Zoning Code, SMC Chapter 21A.75, To Adopt Temporary Interim Zoning Controls To Eliminate The Residential Density Incentives In R-4 And R-6 Zones; Declaring An Emergency; And Scheduling A Public Hearing (O2007-219)

Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report. This ordinance was previously approved on November 20, 2007 as an emergency ordinance. State law requires a public hearing to be held within 60 days of the passage of such ordinances to receive public comment. Staff is recommending taking public comment on the ordinance and making any recommended changes based on this input.

Public Hearing opened at 7:30 pm. There was no public comment. Public Hearing was closed at 7:31 pm.

No changes were made to the ordinance.

Ordinance: Amending The City Zoning Code, SMC Chapter 21A.55, To Adopt Temporary Interim Siting Hierarchy For Wireless Communication Facilities (WCF); Declaring An Emergency; And Scheduling A Public Hearing (O2007-223)

Mr. Gurol gave the staff report. This emergency ordinance was adopted on December 11, 2007. A public hearing to take public testimony is a requirement. Staff is recommending opening the public hearing and taking public comment on the ordinance. This ordinance directly relates to a change in the hierarchy for siting of the facilities. Mr. Gurol explained that this ordinance will not be applicable to the facility that Mr. Ackerland was addressing in his public comment. Staff will continue to work with his neighborhood to see if any resolution can be reached on the location of this facility.

Mr. Gurol also explained that there are other changes to the wireless ordinance that staff is recommending, however, Council will have to review how or if this item can be added to the work plan. City Manager Ben Yazici said that this will be a topic discussed at the upcoming Council retreat.

Public Hearing opened at 7:45 pm. There was no public comment. Public hearing closed at 7:46 pm.

Council made not changes to this ordinance.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Resolution: East Lake Sammamish Parkway Project (R2008-313)

Public Works Director John Cunningham introduced consultant Peter De Boldt, Perteet Engineering, who showed a PowerPoint presentation recapping the work done on this project to date. (*Presentation available upon request*).

Public Comment

Jim Creevy 1103 E Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, He is concerned that the medians and turn lanes that are proposed for the project will cause more problems than they will help. He thinks the sidewalks will be dangerous.

Stan Gunno, 22212 NE 12th Place, He feels the 224th Avenue Project should be completed before the East Lake Sammamish Project. This will help alleviate traffic congestion along Sahalee Drive. He does not support the project as proposed.

Barbara Knudsen, 2104 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, She believes the medians and sidewalks will take away from the view of lake while driving. She does not feel the sidewalks will be used. She feels the landscaping will not be maintained.

Tom Odell, 2837 220th Place NE, He is not supportive of the project. He does not think the projected number of vehicles is correct (*written comments are available upon request*).

John Stilz, 2008 East Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, He is not supportive of this project. He asked Council to listen to citizen input and vote against going forward.

David McNear, 2040 235th Avenue NE, He does not live on the parkway but he is opposed to the project. He feels the Council is arrogantly ignoring the wishes of the residents of Sammamish.

Michael O'Connell, 436 226 Lane NE, He opposes the project although he does commend the Council for taking a great deal of time to study this issue.

Reid Brockway, 167 E Lake Sammamish Shore Lane NE, He opposes the project.

Paul Oostmeyes 305 207 Avenue NE, He is opposed to the project.

Ursula Geiger 305 207th Avenue SE, She is opposed to the project.

Marian Thorkildsen, 20337 NE 15th Place, She does not feel that the Council is being responsive to public input. She is opposed to the project.

Steve Benjamin, 1634 204th Avenue NE, He is opposed to the project.

Sherrie Valderama 20235 NE 18th Place, She agreed with the previous speakers and she is opposed to the project.

Paula Niecestro, 1525 209th Avenue NE, She is opposed to the project. She thinks the City should wait to see the outcome of the traffic improvements in Redmond.

Brian Haberly, 4603 191st Place NE, He is opposed to the project and asked the Council to reconsider this project.

Jerry Hamerstein, 200 E Sammamish Parkway SE, He is opposed to the project. He fears this project will prohibit parking along the parkway during inclement weather.

Patricia Probst, 49th Place, She is opposed to the project. She feels that Council is not listening to public comment.

Victor Saleman, David Evans and Associates, explained how the Comprehensive Transportation Plan adopted by the City governs which projects get done when. He explained the consequences of not proceeding with the project.

Councilmembers then asked questions of staff and the design consultant regarding specifics of the project.

Councilmember Huckabay expressed the opinion that the City should wait on this project until 244th Avenue Project is completed as well as the improvements on SR 202. She still questions whether the sidewalks are necessary. She is not convinced it will increase safety.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract for the design of the project from Inglewood Hill to NE 20th Street. Deputy Mayor Gerend seconded.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Cross moved to amend the motion to authorize the City Manager to develop a contract for the design of the project from Inglewood Hill Road to NE 26th Street. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried 4-3 with Councilmembers Gerend, Huckabay and Whitten dissenting.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Whitten moved to amend the amended motion to authorize their final design from Inglewood Hill Road to NE 20th Street, Deputy Mayor Gerend seconded. Motion failed 3-4 with Councilmembers Barry, Cross, Petitti and Huckabay dissenting.

Councilmember Whitten does not support the parameters of this project. She feels she has the responsibility to listen to the residents who don't want the project.

Councilmember Gerend would be supportive of the amended motion as long as there is general agreement that the Council will have more discussions and consider more alternatives before final design is approved.

Public Works Director John Cunningham explained that the design of the project can be brought back to Council for review at any stage of the design process.

MAIN MOTION: Motion carried as amended 5-2 with Deputy Mayor Gerend and Councilmember Huckabay dissenting.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to approve the resolution adopting a design report for East lake Sammamish Parkway from Inglewood Hill Road to NE 20th Street.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Cross moved to amend the motion to read to adopt the design report for Inglewood Hill Road to NE 187th Street. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion carried 4-3 with Deputy Mayor Gerend and Councilmembers Whitten and Huckabay dissenting.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Councilmember Cross moved to amend to the motion to "accepting the report: rather than "approving the report".

MAIN MOTION: Accepting the design report from Inglewood Hill Road to NE 187th. Motion carried 5-2 with Deputy Mayor Gerend and Councilmember Whitten dissenting.

Council agreed to adjourn the Council Retreat at 12:00 pm on Saturday.

Council Reports - No Reports

City Manager Report - No Report

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Lee Felling, Mayor