

AGENDA

STUDY SESSION

Call to Order (6:30 pm)

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

OPEN STUDY SESSION

- ◆ Town Center Peer Panel (60 min.)
- ◆ Town Center Questions and Answers/Discussion(90 min.)
- ◆ Discussion: Candidate Forum (20 min.)

CLOSE STUDY SESSION

Mayor/Council Reports *(15 minutes)*

City Manager Report *(15 minutes)*

Adjourn—9:20 pm

Public Comments

Provides an opportunity for citizens to address the Council regarding any issue. Comments are limited to three minutes.

Consent Agenda

Agenda Bills and items listed below have been distributed to Council Members in advance for study and will be enacted by one motion.

If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda at the request of a Council Member.

Regular Agenda

Council may add or take action on other items not listed on this agenda.

Accommodations

The meeting room is wheelchair accessible. American Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations are available upon request. Please phone 425-836-7904 at least two (2) business days in advance.

Television Rebroadcasts

Daily at: 7:00 p.m.

1:00 a.m.

7:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

Meeting Materials

Council Meeting Agenda Packets are available on the City's website at: www.ci.sammamish.wa.us

Guidelines for Public Participation

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Purpose:

- Allow the public to address the City Council on subjects that are not scheduled for a Public Hearing at that particular meeting.
- This is not a question/answer session.

Procedures for Participation:

- When recognized, use the podium.
- State your:
 1. Name
 2. Address
 3. Relationship to city (e.g. resident, property owner, business owner, etc.)
- Limit comments to three (3) minutes.
- Submit written comments to the City Clerk.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Purpose:

- Allow the public to provide input/testimony to the City Council on a particular subject scheduled for public hearing.
- This is not a question/answer session.
- The Council will consider all testimony **AFTER** the public hearing is closed.

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AGENDA CALENDAR

May 2008			
Tues 05/13	6:30 pm	Study Session	Town Center – Questions & Answers/Peer Panel Candidate Forum
Mon 05/19	6:30 pm	Study Session	4 th on the Plateau Update Carry Forwards Art Commission Applicant Interviews Discussion: Parks Bond and Parks CIP
Tues 05/20	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	Dedication: Confluence Sculpture (6:00) Public Hearing: First Reading Town Center Public Hearing: Ordinance for Condemnation/244 th Avenue Project Resolution: SYB Youth Board Appointments Resolution: 4 th on the Plateau/Donation (consent) Resolution: 4 th of July Parking (consent) Resolution: Appointing members to the Arts Commission Resolution: Final Acceptance City Hall (consent) Resolution: 2008 Sidewalk Projects/Edge Concrete Interlocal: Special Property Tax Levy Agreement/King County Interlocal: CDBG Grants/King County Contract: Fireworks/Western Display Fireworks (consent) Amendment: Annexation Study/BHC (consent) Approval: Carry Forwards (consent)
June 2008			
Tues 06/03	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	Quarterly Report: Finance Ordinance: Second Reading Town Center Plan Contract: 212 th Sidewalk/ (consent) Ordinance: Second Reading Condemnation/SPLR Contract: Freed House Foundation Construction and Move/Contractor (consent)
Tues 06/10	6:30 pm	Study Session	AWC Presentation on Municipal Finances 2009/2010 Budget Discussion: Parks Bond and Parks CIP Sammamish Landing Master Plan Early Implementation Discussion
Thurs 06/12		Budget Retreat	
Sat 06/14		Budget Retreat	
Mon 06/16	6:30 pm	Study Session	Discussion: Review Sammamish Landing Master Plan Alternatives
Tues 06/17	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	Quarterly Reports: Police/Fire/Administration/DCD Resolution: 6-Year TIP Resolution: 6-Year Parks CIP Resolution: Parks Bond
July 2008			
Tues 07/01	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	Quarterly Reports: Parks/Public Works Contract: Pine Lake Park Waterfront Improvement and Dock Replacement/Contractor
Tues 07/08	6:30 pm	Study Session	
Tues 07/15	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	
Tues 07/21	6:30 pm	Study Session	
August 2008			
			No meetings

Sept 2008			
Tues 09/02	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	Quarterly Report: Finance/Community Development
Tues 09/09	6:30 pm	Study Session	PSW/Comcast/Millennium Cable Franchises
Mon 09/15	6:30 pm	Study Session	Ordinance: First Reading Franchise Agreements Discussion: Sammamish Landing Preferred Alternative
Tues 09/16	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	
October 2008			
Tues 10/07	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	Quarterly Reports: Police/Fire/Administration Ordinance: Second Reading Franchise Agreements Contract: Sween House Remodel/Contractor (consent)
Tues 10/14	6:30 pm	Study Session	Resolution: Sammamish landing Preferred Master Plan Alternative
Mon 10/20	6:30 pm	Study Session	
Tues 10/21	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	Quarterly Reports: Parks/Public Works Acceptance: South Pine Lake Route Project
November 2008			
Tues 11/04	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	Public Hearing/First Reading Ordinance: 2009-2010 Budget
Tues 11/11	6:30 pm		Veterans Day City Offices Closed
Mon 11/17	6:30 pm	Study Session	
Tues 11/18	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	Public Hearing/Second Reading Ordinance: 2009-2010 Budget
December 2008			
Tues 12/02	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	
Tues 12/09	6:30 pm		
Mon 12/16	6:30 pm	Study Session	
Tues 12/17	6:30 pm	Regular Council Meeting	
To Be Scheduled		To Be Scheduled	Parked Items
Resolution: Adopting Evans Creek Preserve Master Plan Approval: Non-Motorized Project Priority List Street Lighting Standards Revision Storm Drainage Manual Update Contract: 212 th Avenue Sidewalk Design/Construction Public Hearing/Second Reading LID Ordinance		Resolution: Pine Lake Water Quality Plan Contract: Louis Thompson Basin Plan Design (Jan 2007) Ordinance: First Reading: Puget Sound Energy/Sewer Districts/Cable Franchise Resolution: Sammamish Commons Final Acceptance Interlocal: Soaring Eagle Park Transfer Contract: NPDES Phase II Permit Gap Analysis Public Hearing Second Read: Ordinance Code Interpretation Amendment	Sculpture Loans for Sammamish Commons Postal Package drop/postal center Connectivity Duthie Hill Road Improvements Lake Buffers

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11	12	13 6:30 p.m. City Council Study Session	14 6:30 p.m. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	15 2 p.m. Off Leash Area Grand Opening 6:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting	16	17
18	19 6:30 p.m. City Council Study Session	20 5:30 p.m. Sculpture Dedication 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	21 8 a.m. Permit Tech Certification Seminar 4 p.m. Sammamish Farmers Market Grand Opening 6 p.m. Sammamish Youth Board Meeting	22 8 a.m. Permit Tech Certification Seminar	23	24
25	26 8 a.m. Memorial Day City offices closed	27	28 4 p.m. Sammamish Farmer's Market	29 6:30 p.m. Planning Commission Special Meeting	30	31

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Memorandum

Date: May 13, 2008

To: City Manager Ben Yazici, City Council

From: Tim Larson

Re: Political Debates and Forums on Sammamish 21 TV

Background

During the most recent election season, there was some discussion about whether the city's council chamber and its associated television equipment should be used to record and replay political debates and forums. Although the city's facilities were not used for that purpose in 2007, the City Manager asked Tim Larson to research the issue, and, among other things, find out if it might make sense to establish a cable commission to oversee such issues.

In the course of his research, Larson communicated with Yakima, Issaquah, Bellevue, Bothell, Redmond and Kirkland. Of those cities, only Issaquah has a cable commission. Tim Smith, Issaquah's TV chief, pointed out that Issaquah's cable commission was created in the early 80's primarily to address the distribution of cable service in a topographically challenging city, and to provide regulation for cable companies. Smith says it was not formed to administer the city's cable channel. The consensus, among all the city people Larson talked to, was that Sammamish didn't need a cable commission.

The suggestion, instead, was that Sammamish simply write up a policy on political debates and forums. The pertinent policy language from Bellevue, Kirkland and Bothell is attached, but here are some of the key recommendations, concerns and questions that came up during Larson's discussions with other cities:

Recommendations

- A non-partisan entity should organize the event.
- Organizers should provide a date to which all candidates have agreed.
- The event should precede the election date by at least 14 days.
- The number of debates should be limited. (Bothell's limit is two.)
- Questions should be asked by a non-partisan moderator.

- All candidates must be given a fair opportunity to participate.
- The organizing entity should commit long before the debate date so the city doesn't get stuck with organizational responsibilities and associated costs.

Concerns

- A non-partisan moderator – someone from the Muni League, for example – may not be very familiar with city issues or able to effectively guide the discussion.
- Who chooses and approves the questions? It needs to be someone who is familiar with city issues but will be viewed by all parties as neutral.
- In a political environment, the city will expose itself to accusations of unfairness.
- If the event, despite all good-faith efforts, turns out to be unfair in the eyes of typical city residents, does the city continue to air the event?
- How often do we air the event? Will the city be accused of flooding the airways by candidates who feel they weren't treated fairly?

Questions

- What if all the candidates aren't available?
- Do write-in candidates qualify?
- Does the organizing entity rent the facility and the television equipment, or is it donated by the city?
- Does the city provide gratis television production services?
- Is this policy limited to city council races? What happens if water districts, school boards, and homeowners' associations ask to use the facilities?
- What happens if a local church or a Hare Krishna temple inquires?
- How will the city shield itself from costs and responsibilities that eat up money and staff time?

Options

- Decline to involve the city in any political debates and forums.
- Write up a strict, well-thought-out policy that allows debates and forums, despite the attendant risks and burdens.

(NOTE: The city of Yakima does NOT have an active Cable Advisory Committee, and has never had a Cable Commission. Back in the 1990s, a city council candidate objected to the use of city facilities for a candidates' forum. When the city (not the Cable Advisory Committee) went to the Public Disclosure Commission for a ruling, the PDC said it was fine to use city facilities as long as all candidates were treated fairly and had an equal opportunity to participate.)