

**City of Sammamish  
City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
November 17, 1999  
Continued from Nov. 10, 1999 Meeting**

Mayor Phil Dyer reconvened the November 10, 1999 regular meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**Councilmembers present:** Mayor Phil Dyer, Deputy Mayor Jack Barry, Councilmembers Ron Haworth, Kathleen Huckabay, Kenneth Kilroy and Troy Romero.

**Councilmembers excused:** Councilmember Don Gerend

**Staff present:** Acting City Manager Lee Walton, Interim Planning Manager Kelly Robinson, Interim City Attorney Bruce Disend, Interim Assistant to City Manager Randy Suko, Interim Senior Planner Matt Mathes, Accounting Manager Diane Lukin, and Interim City Clerk Ruth Muller.

**Roll was called.**

**Unfinished Business**

**Ordinance No. O99-43:** Councilmember Huckabay said that the Finance Committee is submitting an ordinance providing for tax levy for the Years 2000 and 2001 noting that this is not an increase in taxes, and in fact for the year 2001 should be a decrease in taxes. Adopting this ordinance providing for a two-year levy provides that the City will have additional money for alternative services in 2001, ability to pay dollars for contracts that Sammamish has in place, and establishes a competitive rate for annexation discussions with unincorporated areas of King County. There was discussion on the pros and cons for adopting a one-year versus a two-year levy. Councilmember Huckabay moved to adopt Ordinance No. O99-43 Fixing the Amount of Tax Levies Necessary to Meet Authorized Tax Supported Estimated Expenses for the Year 2000 and for the Year 2001 in amount of \$8,500,000 for the Year 2000 and at a maximum \$2.875 per \$1,000 assessed value for the Year 2001. Councilmember Haworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

**Resolution No. R99-29:** Councilmember Haworth moved that Resolution No. R99-29 be adopted Establishing a Technology and Telecommunications Advisory Board. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. Councilmember Haworth said that he believes that establishing such a body of volunteers will allow the City to utilize community people with expertise to assure that the City properly uses the technology that is available to us.

Councilmember Huckabay moved to amend the motion to change the title of this resolution to an "Advisory Committee" and change all sections of the resolution referring

to advisory board to “advisory committee”. Councilmember Haworth seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried unanimously.

Councilmember Haworth moved to amend the motion to delete all of Section 4. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. There was discussion about how many members such a committee will need, whether terms are necessary, if there should be a sunset clause, and the need for standardization for all City committees. The motion to delete Section 4 from Resolution No. R99-29 failed with 0 aye votes and 6 nay votes.

Councilmember Romero suggested that at a future study session the Council develop a model for all advisory boards, commissions, and committees and establish a standardization policy before adopting this resolution. Councilmember Haworth moved to table the motion to adopt Resolution No. R99-29 as amended. Councilmember Romero seconded the motion. The motion to table carried by majority vote with 4 aye votes and 2 nay votes.

**Resolution No. R99-30:** Councilmember Kilroy moved to table Resolution No. R99-30. Councilmember Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**King County Library District:** Mayor Dyer introduced Bill Ptacek, Director for the King County Library System, who expressed appreciation for the opportunity to discuss library service for Sammamish along with Isabel Schiller, Associate Director for this area, and John Sheller, Sammamish Library Manager. Ptacek reviewed options for a City to provide library services: establish a City library, contract with King County Library District, or annex into the King County Library District. With the passage of Initiative 695 there are some questions raised about revenue relating to an annexation; it is hoped that there will be some clarification on these questions soon. Ptacek reviewed the process for a city to annex into the library district and timeline for annexation if Sammamish should choose this option. Councilmember Haworth moved that the City Attorney be directed to prepare documents necessary to call for an election to the King County Library District in February 2000 for Council approval at one of the December meetings. Councilmember Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Scott Hamilton, 23410 S. E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, wishes to alert the City that information he has received from a lawyer indicates that the \$1 million for the 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue project in King County’s budget seems to have disappeared.

Tom Harmon, 2302 West Beaver Lake Drive S.E., expressed appreciation to the City for the All About Roads Day event which was first-class, and a good example of interchange of ideas; the newsletter had very good information from the police department; he questioned the tax levy limit established by the City; and noted that cable television is the only utility taxed at this point.

Sandy Livingstone, 2709 224<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.E., thanked the Council for taking steps to move forward on the library issue. This facility provides many new services and to lose

the excellent staff would be a detriment to the community and she encourages the Council to continue with this process.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Councilmember Haworth moved that the meeting adjourn to study session. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dyer adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Ruth Muller, Interim City Clerk

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Phil Dyer, Mayor