

**City of Sammamish
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 10, 1999**

Mayor Phil Dyer called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called and Councilmember Romero led the pledge.

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

Mayor Dyer announced that after interviewing the City Manager finalists who were all capable and accomplished managers, the City Council has come to an agreement on the person to be appointed for the City's first City Manager and a contract has been negotiated. Councilmember Haworth moved that the City Council appoint Michael Wilson as the Sammamish City Manager. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Dyer introduced City Manager Michael Wilson to the audience. Mr. Wilson expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to work with the new City of Sammamish and briefly summarized his work history.

Mayor Dyer introduced nine young people who submitted designs in the contest for selection of a City logo. Recognition certificates for participating in this City event were presented by Mayor Dyer to Danielle Wright, Brian Burgess, Robert Baxter, Michael Robinson, Lindsey Johnson, Marlies Hornberger, Juli Crompe, Kyle Hornberger and Katy Moran.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Romero moved to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. Deputy Mayor Barry moved to amend the motion and remove Item 5.f. from the agenda. Councilmember Romero seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried unanimously. The main motion as amended was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Fred Wilson, 1547 211th Ave. N.E., said that he is a member of Friends of the East Lake Sammamish Trail, a group that would like to have this trail opened for interim use as soon as possible. The City Council has heard from residents in opposition to interim use

of this trail, but petitions circulated by Friends of East Lake Sammamish Trail have been signed by more than 1700 people supporting this trail. This group has drafted a letter to the King County Executive and King County Council for signature by the Sammamish City Council making a statement of support for opening the trail for interim use as soon as possible.

Steve Oien, 1633 209th Place N.E., also is a member of Friends of East Lake Sammamish Trail and said that people support recreation that is evidenced by the logo designs that had outdoor themes. He said that this trail will be a source of pride and outdoor activity for the community and people will appreciate the foresight and vision of the Sammamish Council if it works to make this Trail available as soon as possible.

Molly Garrett, 2123 220th Pl. N.E., and Grace Chin, 2124 220th Pl. N.E., said that traffic circles installed in the Hampton Woods neighborhood in an effort to reduce speeding have recently been vandalized. They would like some support to plant these circles with decorative and nutritious plants that could be cared for by neighborhood volunteers with the harvested food donated to homeless shelters.

Vicki Beres, 2305 East Lake Sammamish Place S.E., also supports the East Lake Sammamish Trail, but is concerned about alignment and safety. These are issues that take time to consider all problems so they are asking for a Master Plan for the Trail before it is opened for use. Ms. Beres noted that she has reviewed the Puget Sound Regional Council newsletter that lists funding of some 15 projects for approximately \$15 million. With the passage of Initiative 695, she suggests that these projects should be looked at again, as they are worthy projects but do not necessarily address legitimate transportation needs; there are other areas of higher priority to which this transportation money should be allocated.

Anna Roberts, 1207 208th Ave. S.E., expressed concern about development in their neighborhood that is impacting the environment since wetlands and habitat for animals are being destroyed. Mud from the development also makes its way into the lake that affects salmon habitat.

Ashley Doerr, 1224 212th Ave. S.E., said that development in their neighborhood removed all trees that now allows mud to drain into water used by animals for drinking that could cause sickness; traffic is already very heavy without adding more where pedestrians currently must use a non-safe area.

Anita Karr, 3809 East Lake Sammamish Lane S.E., said that she supports a multi-family project on Southeast 43rd Way that has been in planning for about five years, and is concerned about information that the City Council may wish to change zoning in this area to allow industrial/commercial. She does not wish to have commercial development in this residential area that would cause more traffic congestion and lighting impact on the neighborhood.

Steven Baker, 169 221st Avenue N.E., is pleased to see \$50,000 budgeted for technology since there is a need for residents to get information without bias so that the City has informed people; the website is a good start.

John Bradstreet, 543 208th Ave. N.E., is concerned about the slowness of internet access for his neighborhood since GTE only has DSL technology available in four central offices and that excludes 80% of the Sammamish area. He suggests that the City contact GTE to request that this equipment be installed quicker than is presently planned.

Tom Harmon, 2302 West Beaver Lake Drive S.E., requests that the Council establish a citizen Technology Board since the community has people very knowledgeable in this area and this would benefit the City. Since Community Television videos of all meetings are available for view, a television should be installed in the Council Chambers.

Consent Calendar

Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the consent calendar as submitted. Councilmember Haworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously approving (a) Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, October 27, 1999; (b) Claims for the period ending November 3, 1999 in amount of \$101,318.93; and (c) Payroll for period October 16-31, 1999 in amount of \$4,739.50.

Public Hearing

Mayor Dyer opened the public hearing at 8:20 p.m. on the Year 2000 Revenue Sources and Draft Preliminary Budget. Councilmember Huckabay introduced the preliminary budget submitted to the Council by the Acting City Manager. This budget addresses the goals established at a Council Retreat for the coming year: balance customer service against fiscal restraint; communication with citizens; consensus building; vision before detail; partner with other agencies; central staffing; process to seek grants; and discussion with water and sewer districts. Councilmember Huckabay summarized revenue and expenditure projections included in the draft budget and said that this hearing is to seek public comment to assist the Council in establishing a property tax levy.

Nan Gordon, 831 207th Place N.E., said that the Council has an opportunity to meet its goals by coordinating with King County Arts Commission. Ms. Gordon provided to the Council a copy of an invitation for the next meeting of the King County Local Arts Agency Coordinators that will be held Thursday, Nov. 18, 1999. This would be an opportunity for Sammamish to find out about plans of the Arts Commission for the next year.

Scott Hamilton, 23140 S. E. 8th Street, noted that this budget includes the transfer of road impact fees from King County that are for the 228th Avenue project, but hopes that other impact fees due the City have not been overlooked.

Tom Harmon, 2302 West Beaver Lake Drive S.E., noted that the amount that the City pays to the Library District is quite expensive for what the City is getting. Harmon

suggests that the City work with Friends of the Library to determine if it would be feasible to establish our own City library with branches.

The mayor closed the public hearing at 8:40 p.m.

The meeting was recessed at 8:41 p.m. for approximately ten minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

New Business

Contract No. C99-32: Councilmember Huckabay moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute Employment Contract With Michael Wilson as City Manager for Sammamish. Councilmember Haworth seconded the motion. Councilmember Haworth presented the contract that the Council has negotiated with Wilson for a term of five years and reviewed provisions included in the contract. The motion carried unanimously to authorize execution of Contract No. C99-32.

Contract No. C99-31: Acting City Manager Walton said that the work program attached to this contract reflects direction provided by the Council at the November 3, 1999 Study Session and for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Councilmembers concurred that this study be completed by the end of January. Councilmember Huckabay moved that the Acting City Manager be authorized to execute Contract No. C99-31 with Nesbitt Planning & Management for Feasibility Study Regarding Proposed Assumption of Water and Sewer Districts. Councilmember Haworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Contract No. C99-33: Councilmember Gerend moved that the Council authorize execution of Eastside Transportation Partnership Interlocal Agreement. Deputy Mayor Barry seconded the motion. Councilmember Gerend said that representatives from member cities, King County, Puget Sound Regional Council and Department of Transportation meet every two weeks to discuss regional issues. With the passage of Initiative 695 it is more important for Sammamish to participate in these discussions. Deputy Mayor Barry said that because of incorporation, there is now a voice for Sammamish on these issues and Councilmember Gerend is to be applauded for his efforts to make this group aware of Sammamish needs. The motion to authorize execution of the contract carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. O99-43: Councilmember Huckabay moved that Ordinance No. O99-43 be tabled to the November 17, 1999 meeting. Councilmember Haworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Hearing: Councilmember Huckabay moved that the Public Hearing for the Year 2000 Final Budget be scheduled for December 1, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council and Committee Reports

Councilmember Haworth requested that resolutions establishing two advisory committees be prepared and ready for the November 17, 1999 meeting: a Technology and Telecommunications Committee and a Public Facilities Committee.

Councilmember Kilroy reported that the next Public Safety Committee meeting is November 18, 1999. The Council extends compliments to the police department for their excellent response and performance in the recent Eastlake High School incident.

Deputy Mayor Barry reported that a large number of very qualified applicants for the Parks and Recreation Commission are being interviewed and appointments will be on a future agenda.

Councilmember Romero reported that another land use moratorium hardship request has been submitted and will be on the next committee agenda. Staff is preparing options for the City to consider to address the Southeast 43rd Way corridor on our southern boundary that is not in the City, but is the main way for access to Sammamish from the south. There have been concerns expressed that Sammamish would like to see commercial development in this area. A City does not develop land—but is available to respond to development questions. Any project that has been underway for many years probably has completed some of the steps for securing a permit.

Councilmember Gerend reported the Eastside Transportation Partnership has learned that the Seattle Third Avenue tunnel will be used for light rail and bus service will not be available in the tunnel. The 228th Avenue TIB Phase 1A expansion request is on the November 18 TIB Board agenda and he and the City engineer will attend that meeting. A reminder to everyone that “All About Roads Day” is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 1999 at the Plateau Water and Sewer District from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Dyer reported that he attended a meeting Nov. 9 with King County Executive Sims, King County Council Chair Miller, Redmond Mayor Ives, and Issaquah Mayor Frisinger, to discuss the East Lake Sammamish Trail project. This was a positive meeting and development of the Trail will move forward with EIS errors addressed as there must be site mitigation. The three cities will participate in an equal process for development of the EIS, and he made it clear that Sammamish supported the Trail, but was concerned about issues that affect properties along the Trail project.

City Manager and Staff Reports

Assistant to City Manager Suko reported that the City Hall remodel project is in its third week of construction and staff move-in is targeted for before Thanksgiving. Police area should be completed and ready for move-in by December 15, 1999. The computer network should be connected shortly after relocation into the new area. A review of the network operation is scheduled for the December 15, 1999 study session.

The mayor recessed the meeting at 9:45 p.m. to November 17, 1999 at City Hall.

Ruth Muller, Interim City Clerk

Phil Dyer, Mayor