

**City of Sammamish
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 13, 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, Kathleen Huckabay, Kenneth Kilroy and Troy Romero.

Councilmembers excused: Councilmember Ron Haworth.

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, and Interim City Clerk Ruth Muller.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Mayor Dyer introduced Scout Leader Martino and Cub Scouts from Pack 684, Den 4: Robby Bialek, John Grigg, David Dunphy, Michael Martino, Reilly Morgan, William Killpatrick, Jacob Woller and Sherrick ThuesMunn. This group of Cub Scouts then presented the colors and led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to remove Item 4.a. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda as amended.

Public Comment

Leslie Kralicek, 20432 N.E. 42nd Street, expressed concern that the Council took action at the Sept. 29, 1999 meeting to send a request to King County for boundary change without owner notification prior to this action. Mayor Dyer said that the City made a request of King County to consider a change to the urban growth boundary, and that King County will follow required procedures with proper notification if a change is proposed.

Vicki Baggette, 23903 N.E. 14th Street, read a statement of concern about the recommendation of the Land Use Committee about expanding the urban growth boundary. Her understanding is that on Sept. 29, 1999, the Council authorized a study, but that a request for boundary change was submitted to King County on Sept. 30, 1999 without a study being completed. She is concerned that annexing of additional land will only increase the demands on our already overburdened infrastructure.

Helen Baxter, 723 216th Avenue N.E., said that she is concerned with this same issue and would like some clarification as to dates that action was taken and communication made with King County.

Sunny Wallace, 24200 N. E. 14th Street, said that as the owner of the property in question, she is concerned that the City could take such action to include her property in the City without notification; she heard about this from her neighbors. Mrs. Wallace also is not in favor of the East Lake Sammamish Trail and suggested train service be established on this line from Redmond to Issaquah that might improve traffic congestion and be wonderful for the citizens. Mrs. Wallace would like the City to consider a prohibition on lawn spraying since all of the development is contributing to unhealthy runoff of fertilizers into Lake Sammamish.

Garry Wallace, 24200 N. E. 14th Street, said that the Swan Ridge community was notified of the City's action, but the Wallaces were not. Mr. Wallace is concerned that such a change is just a ploy that will increase property taxes that could force a struggling dairy farm out of business and would then allow developers to raze the land and build more houses.

Tom Harmon, 2302 West Beaver Lake drive S.E., attended the King County hearing when this property was identified as rural in the County Planning Area. The property has been in continuous operation as agricultural since 1959 and King County wanted to retain farming in the area.

Police Chief Baranzini introduced Sammamish Police Officer Rich Barton, second shift officer who brings varied areas of expertise to the force. Officer Travis Duprees is carrying on a family tradition since he is a fifth generation police officer.

Consent Calendar

Councilmember Kilroy moved that the consent calendar be approved as submitted. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously approving the (a) minutes of the regular Council meeting of September 22, 1999, (b) the minutes of the special Council meeting of October 6, 1999, and (c) claims for the period ending October 7, 1999 in amount of \$95,777.69.

New Business

Ordinance No. O99-41: Acting City Manager Walton said this ordinance is recommended by the Building Official since the City does not have any provisions for regulating building moving within the City. Councilmember Romero moved to adopt Ordinance No. O99-41 Establishing a Permit System for Moving of Buildings Into, Within, or Out of the City. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Pedestrian Safety Improvements: Interim City Engineer Lobdell said that he has spent time in the City looking at various locations where traffic safety issues have been identified. Lobdell provided a list of eight minor projects that he feels could address these safety issues at a cost of approximately \$20,000. Councilmember Gerend said that these projects were reviewed by the Transportation Committee at its Oct. 12 meeting and it is recommended that the City Council authorize expenditure of funds to do these projects. Councilmembers discussed these projects, money to be transferred from King

County, the various school priorities for projects, County contract obligations and bonds previously approved to address school safety issues. Council directed that Staff ascertain whether these projects should be funded under the school safety bonds before spending City funds. Councilmember Gerend moved that \$20,000 be approved for funding minor traffic projects included in the October 13, 1999 Memo subject to omnibus budget amendments later this year. Deputy Mayor Barry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council and Committee Reports

Mayor Dyer reported that he met with King County Executive Ron Sims and County Council Chair Louise Miller regarding the East Lake Sammamish Trail and he is pleased to report that an agreement has been reached to move forward on this project. The cities of Issaquah, Redmond, and Sammamish will sit as co-lead SEPA agencies with King County to protect the habitat; the County Executive will look at siting of the Trail in relation to the questions of bisecting private property, and a three-way Trail meeting with the new Trail Manager will be held to allow this project to move forward.

Councilmember Romero reported that the October 14 Land Use Committee meeting agenda includes review of a couple of moratorium hardship applications and discussion of a City Planning Commission. During the month of September there were 51 building permits filed of which 22 were for single family homes.

Councilmember Gerend reported that the October 12 Transportation Committee meeting discussion items included regional issues; 228th Project Phase Ia bid; Earth Tech road classification plan for the City; street standards; and the need to monitor road projects within the City. The Committee will hold a public meeting on roads Tuesday, November 16, 1999 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District upstairs meeting room. Councilmember Gerend moved that the City Council proclaim Tuesday November 16, 1999 as “All About Roads Day”. Deputy Mayor Barry seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Huckabay reported that the City Manager search has been narrowed to five candidates. There will be a public forum to meet these candidates on Thursday, October 28, 1999 at the Samantha Smith Elementary School with a social hour from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and interviews of the candidates from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Councilmembers and staff will interview the candidates on October 29, followed by selection and contract negotiation of a contract with a City Manager on board by the end of the year or early January 2000.

Deputy Mayor Barry reported Parks and Recreation Commission applications are due by October 29 and that it is suggested that the City contract with an events coordinator for special celebrations in the City. The District Court Districting Committee met October 13 and recommend that all of the City of Sammamish be included in the District Court service area of Issaquah District Court. Upon approval by the King County Council and Executive Sims this change would be effective January 2000.

Councilmember Kilroy reported that Chief Baranzini will chair and select a committee to prepare an Emergency Management Plan for Sammamish.

City Manager and Staff Reports

Paul Irby, from Hebert Research, presented draft questions for use in a citizen survey to assist the Land Use Committee and the City Council in the visioning process for development of the City's comprehensive plan. The Land Use Committee will work with Hebert Research to finalize the questions to be used in the survey.

Public Comments

Helen Baxter, 723 216th Avenue N.E., expressed appreciation for the simple fixes to traffic issues presented this evening and suggested that the police could do traffic patrols in areas of concern.

Tom Kearney, said that he is concerned that installation of the four-way stop on Belvedere Way and 256th Avenue will slow people down and may cause them to seek alternate routes on the residential streets since Belvedere Way is the only access route for the three sections of the Trossachs Boulevard Development.

Kathy Shroeder, 477 East Lake Sammamish Way, expressed appreciation to the City for working with King County on the East Lake Sammamish Trail issue.

Vicki Barnes, 2305 East Lake Sammamish Way, also expresses thanks for the City Council taking time to understand the complex Trail issue and working to allow the plan to move forward in a safe way.

Steve Stevlingson, 24938 Redmond/Fall City Highway, said he has been appointed to the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District vacant commissioner position . He will attend Council meetings and act as liaison for the discussion of potential assumption of the utility districts by the City of Sammamish. Since the District is not able to get approval from Department of Ecology for using the available water in Sammamish, he suggests cooperative efforts to get some state legislative action for approval to use the District's wells.

Mayor Dyer reported that the Intergovernmental Committee did meet with both utility districts and all parties are committed to work together. The Committee will contact state legislative representatives to determine if there can be some agreement reached with Department of Ecology on this issue.

Tom Harmon, 2302 West Beaver Lake Drive S.E., thanked the Council for its interest in the water supply problems and on the East Lake Sammamish Trail issue.

Councilmember Romero moved to suspend the rules and add an executive session to the agenda. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. The motion to suspend the rules carried unanimously.

Councilmember Romero moved that the Council recess to executive session for approximately ten minutes for discussion of land acquisition. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmembers concurred that the November 24, 1999 Council meeting be cancelled as it is the night before Thanksgiving.

Mayor Dyer recessed the meeting at 9:10 p.m. for five minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 9:18 p.m. and Council convened into executive session at 9:20 p.m. for ten minutes for land acquisition discussion.

The meeting reconvened at 9:38 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Ruth Muller, Interim City Clerk

Mayor Phil Dyer