

**City of Sammamish
City Council Minutes
Special Meeting
September 1, 1999**

Mayor Phil Dyer called the special 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, Kathy Huckabay, Kenneth Kilroy and Troy Romero.

Staff present: Acting City Manager Lee Walton, Interim Senior Planner Matt Mathes, Interim Assistant to City Manager Randy Suko and Interim City Clerk Ruth Muller.

Roll Call

Roll was called.

Moratorium Hardship Requests

Councilmember Romero reported that hardship requests for exemptions to the land use moratorium have been received from Roger and Helen Jenkins, for property at 907 231st Place N.E.; Clifford Cantor, for property at 627 228th Avenue S.E.; Anna and Richard Birgh, for property behind their home at 432 228th Avenue S.E.; and Peter Howell, for property at 1131 244th Avenue N.E.. The Land Use Committee has met and reviewed these hardship applications with each of the owners and recommends that the four exemptions be approved by the City Council.

Councilmember Romero moved that the City Council approve the hardship exemption of Roger and Helen Jenkins to allow for application for building permits for a four-unit apartment complex. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Romero moved that the City Council approve the hardship exemption of Clifford Cantor to allow for short plat application to divide three acres into two lots. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Romero moved that the City Council approve the hardship exemption of Anna and Richard Birgh to allow for short plat application to divide six acres into six lots. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Romero moved that the City Council approve the hardship exemption of Peter Howell to allow for short plat application to divide nearly two acres into three lots. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dyer said that each of these hardship exemptions granted meet the criteria in Section 5. of the land use moratorium ordinance for granting hardship exemptions.

Motions

Councilmember Romero moved that the City Council confirm the appointment of Councilmember Huckabay to the Sammamish Watershed Forum. Councilmember Haworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Phil Dyer moved that Lee Walton be appointed as Acting City Manager for the City of Sammamish effective August 31, 1999. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Council and Committee Reports

Councilmember Gerend reported that there should be some comment from the City relating to traffic impacts for the Section 36 Park proposal. There is discussion of the East King County north/south corridor transportation needs and the City needs to become involved in these discussions since we don't have any tolerance for increased traffic through the City. After a meeting with traffic experts on this issue Sept. 7, the Transportation Committee will brief the Council at the Sept. 15 study session.

Councilmember Gerend said the left turn lane extension on the 228th Avenue project is still being reviewed and right-of-way may need to be secured from the Issaquah School District to accomplish this change to the project. The Council concurred that staff work with the Issaquah School District and urged that this extension be included in the project.

Mayor Dyer said that there are issues that the City needs to work on with both school districts and requested that staff meet with both the Issaquah and Lake Washington School Districts to inventory issues so that these issues can be assigned to the proper committees for necessary action.

Councilmember Romero suggested that the City Attorney research what King County does about large square footage homes to see if it is necessary for Sammamish to develop an ordinance addressing this issue. Interim Planning Manager Robinson reported that there have been inquiries about the City's position on card rooms. Staff was instructed to work with the City Attorney to develop ordinances to address the City's desires on gambling within the City.

Deputy Mayor Barry reported that the Human Services Committee will provide information on formation of a Parks and Recreation Commission for the Sept. 15 study session and for action at the Sept. 22 council meeting. The incorporation celebration ceremony was a great success and a thank you is extended to all who worked hard on this event.

Councilmember Kilroy reported that the Public Safety Committee will be holding a hearing in the future.

Mayor Dyer reported that the Eastside Mayors met with Representative Jennifer Dunn with discussion on federal transportation support; north/south corridor transportation needs; and Endangered Species Act.

City Manager and Staff Reports

Interim Senior Planner Mathes reported on lead agency requirements for the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and suggested that the City may wish to request status as lead agency under SEPA for the East Lake Sammamish Trail. Councilmember Kilroy moved that staff prepare a letter for the mayor's signature notifying King County that the City of Sammamish is requesting to take over as the lead agency under state law for the East Lake Sammamish Trail. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentations

Councilmember Huckabay introduced Lorin Reinholt, King County Watershed Coordinator who presented information on the Endangered Species Act issues.

Council Reports

Councilmember Huckabay reported that an agenda is being developed for the Sept. 11 Council Retreat that will focus on Budget policy issues. Councilmember should establish what they wish as goals for the year 2000 and submit policy issues to staff who will put dollars to these issues. Council discussed the process for this retreat and agreed to provide information to staff who will prepare papers for the Sept. 8 meeting.

Mayor Dyer said that he would like to take this opportunity to express a huge thank you to Interim Assistant to City Manager Suko for his excellent work in developing the celebration event. Councilmember Huckabay moved that Suko be granted a day off with pay at the pleasure of the Acting City Manager. Councilmember Haworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Rory Crispin, 3023 Lake Sammamish Parkway, said that there has been cardroom discussion at King County. He has noted over a 14-year time period that the depth of visibility in the lake has lessened and that King County Ordinance 13598 provides \$2.75 million for acquisition/restoration of salmon habitat in the County.

Tom Harmon, 2302 West Beaver Lake Road, said that the City celebration will be aired on Channel 77 Sept. 16 at 8:30 p.m.; questioned when the Beaver Lake Management Plan

issue will be on an agenda; and questioned if SEPA appeals are to be heard by the City Council or Superior Court.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Ruth Muller, Interim City Clerk

Mayor Phil Dyer