

**City of Sammamish
City Council
Study Session Notes
January 5, 2000**

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

Staff Present: City Manager Michael Wilson, Community Development Director Kelly Robinson, Administrative Services Director Dennis Richards, and Interim City Clerk Ruth Muller

Mayor Dyer opened the Study Session at 6:40 p.m.

Agenda

Councilmember Huckabay requested that discussion of the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) ballot issue be added to the agenda.

City Organization/Operations

City Manager Wilson discussed with Council a proposed change to office hours, staff attendance at Council regular meetings and study sessions, start times for all Council meetings and the next Council Retreat for discussion of Council Committees, Year 2000 specific objectives and Comprehensive Plan visions.

City Attorney and Prosecutor Services Contract

A contract with Kenyon Law Firm for the services of City Attorney and Prosecutor was reviewed and will be on the January 12, 2000 agenda for action.

City Clerk Services Contract

A contract with Ruth Muller for support services for the office of City Clerk was reviewed and will be on the January 12, 2000 agenda for action.

Earth Tech Presentation – Concurrency and Impact Fees

Mike Birdsall and Victor Saloman gave a presentation of information that they have gathered for the City of Sammamish with suggestions for addressing concurrency and impact fees. Councilmembers agreed that they liked the new concept proposed by Earth Tech and discussed funding methods and processes for securing funding.

Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) Ballot Issue

Councilmember said that citizens have been posing questions about the process that the City will use to spend any dollars collected from the REET taxes and are concerned that the Council does not yet have any specifics. Staff and the Finance Committee will work on a process to provide information to citizens who wish to work on promoting this ballot issue.

Council Reports

Mayor Dyer reported that the AWC Legislative Conference will be held in Olympia February 9 – 11; Sammamish Plateau Water/Sewer District open house is on January 10; and noted several items of communications received.

Councilmember Gerend reported that the January Transportation Committee meeting will be held January 24.

Councilmember Haworth requested an executive session for the January 12, 2000 meeting to discuss land acquisition.

Councilmember Romero reported that the Land Use Committee schedule will change for the months January through March to the fourth Thursday of each month; next meeting on January 25.

Mayor Dyer closed the Study Session at 9:15 p.m.