

**City of Sammamish  
City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
February 2, 2000**

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

**Councilmembers present:** Mayor Jack Barry, Deputy Mayor Troy Romero (8:50 p.m.), Councilmembers Phil Dyer, Don Gerend, Kathleen Huckabay, and Kenneth Kilroy.

**Councilmember excused:** Ron Haworth

**Staff present:** City Manager Michael Wilson, City Attorney Bruce Disend, Community Development Director Kelly Robinson, Administrative Services Director Dennis Richards, Public Works/Finance Director Ben Yazici, Police Chief Richard Baranzini and Acting City Clerk Ruth Muller

**Roll Call/Pledge**

Roll was called and Councilmember Kilroy led the pledge.

**Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations**

City Manager Wilson introduced representatives of United States Postal Services Candy Fuller, Ken Wang, Cliff Cooper, Russ Stewart and Mike Turner. Ms. Fuller explained the process that the Postal Service is conducting to search and select a site to build a Sammamish post office. There was discussion about siting options and boundary parameters, makeup of the Committee working on this project, design and square footage/parking for a facility, ability of Sammamish to work with the Postal Service in façade and exterior area design, vehicle storage and trips generated from a post office facility.

Deputy Mayor Romero arrived.

Postmaster Stewart responded to questions relating to zip codes for Sammamish residents advising that two new zip codes will be assigned for the City to be announced in June and effective July 1, 2000. Since the area is already close to using up all zip plus four digits in one zip code, two zip codes will be assigned to allow for new addresses expected in the City.

Chief Baranzini introduced citizen volunteers on the Emergency Management Advisory Committee: Jan Bromberg, Mary Doerrer, Amy-Beth Firestone, Lynda Roberts, Ron Kruml and Vice Chair of the Committee Jon Fallstrom, Deputy Chief of Eastside Fire and Rescue. Mayor Barry thanked these committee members for their willingness to serve on the committee.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Councilmember Kilroy moved Approval of the Agenda as submitted. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. Councilmember Dyer moved to add an item 8.a. Executive Session for review of land use appeals. Deputy Mayor Romero seconded the motion to amend. The maker and seconder accepted a friendly amendment to add land acquisition as a second item for discussion in executive session. The motion to amend carried unanimously. The motion to approve the agenda as amended carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

Scott Hamilton questioned if it is possible to require the Postal Service to comply with all regulatory requirements that other development projects must meet.

### **Consent Calendar**

Councilmember Dyer moved that the consent calendar be approved. Deputy Mayor Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously approving (a) Claims for the period ending Jan. 28, 2000 in amount of \$50,376.49.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Land Use Moratorium:** Community Development Director Robinson said that the Land Use Committee recommends a three step review process on whether to extend the current moratorium that expires on Feb. 18, 2000, and, if so, whether to change the conditions. The staff recommendation is presented this evening for discussion by the Council; a public hearing will be held Feb. 9, 2000 for public input on the staff recommendation; and decision to be made at the Feb. 16 Council meeting. Staff recommends a six-month extension of the moratorium while the City proceeds with the preparation of its Comprehensive Plan. Additionally it is recommended that an exemption for property owners who applied prior to August 25, 1999 for a water right permit and such permit may expire during the term of this moratorium be granted exemption from the moratorium. There was discussion of the volume of plats that were approved by King County and currently being processed by Sammamish; comprehensive plan development; the exemption that is proposed by staff; and revenue impact of the moratorium. Councilmembers requested that status of projects in the pipeline approved by King County prior to incorporation be available at the Feb. 9 public hearing.

**Ritzen Hardship Exemption Request:** Councilmember Dyer moved to suspend the rules to reconsider a decision made at the Jan. 26, 2000 meeting. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Dyer moved to reconsider the decision made at the Jan. 26, 2000 meeting to deny the hardship exemption request made by Alex Ritzen. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. Councilmember Dyer said that this resident request deserves Council approval as the owner has invested considerable money for water service and one house will not have an adverse impact on the community. The motion to reconsider carried unanimously to approve the hardship exemption request of Alex Ritzen.

### **Council and Committee Reports**

Councilmember Kilroy reported that the Public Safety Committee met Jan. 20, 2000 with the fire departments serving the City for further discussion and the sub-committee for emergency planning will be meeting soon.

Councilmember Huckabay reported that she recently attended the Water Resources Inventory Steering Committee that now has a workplan available. An interlocal agreement will be available in February and cities will have several months to consider if they wish to participate in the 4(d) Rule.

Councilmember Dyer reported that a meeting with members of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> Legislative Districts has been scheduled Feb. 14, 2000 to discuss how the Sammamish Plateau Water/Sewer District can secure safe water for the residents of Sammamish.

Deputy Mayor Romero urged Councilmembers to read the copy of the Sammamish Vision issues he provided before the Feb. 12, 2000 Council Retreat.

Councilmember Gerend reported that the 228<sup>th</sup> grant application was not approved by the TIB and that Metro bus routes will be cut back beginning Feb. 5, 2000.

Councilmember Dyer expressed thanks to Chief Baranzini for the handling of two incidents on City rights-of-way, noting that these are positive communications with our citizens.

### **City Manager and Staff Reports**

**City Manager:** City Manager Wilson introduced Ben Yazici, Public Works/Finance Director, who comes to Sammamish after four years with University Place. He has experience with King County and working in new cities so is familiar with problems new cities face and will be working with King County and the development community on 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue traffic control. Meetings with Sammamish Plateau and Northeast Sammamish Water/Sewer District to discuss merging of the districts with the City have been productive. The City is now on-line with our e-mail domain: ci.sammamish.wa.us.

Responding to Council questions, Wilson said that staff will be discussing the process for developing the next newsletter that may be published in late Spring; and that staff has been working closely with Nova and Moss Bay on the City website, but he recommends that the City have at least a part-time ISP staff position to manage the City's website and coordinate computer systems.

Mayor Barry noted that the Sammamish Review provides information to the community, but he is concerned about the article relating to the average property tax bill in Sammamish since this Council has worked hard to not raise taxes as we strive to increase services to our residents. Councilmember Dyer moved that the City Manager write a letter to the editor clarifying the City Council public policy relating to the tax issue. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Works/Finance:** Director Yazici said that it is a pleasure and a tremendous opportunity to be in Sammamish and he is familiar with the community since his residence was in Bellevue prior to his move to Gig Harbor. He will be working to assure that the City of Sammamish gets any grants that may be available; information was received today that the TIB money is not available to Sammamish since there was a \$5.9 million grant to King County for the 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue project. He will develop a small works roster for the City.

**Administrative Services:** Director Richards reported that of the five staff positions advertised, interviews have been scheduled for the positions of Administrative Assistant and Engineer. The positions of Building/Fire Official, Code Enforcement Officer, and Parks/Recreation Manager have been readvertised with an extension of the closing date.

**Public Comments**

Tom Harmon, 2302 West Beaver Lake Drive S.E., announced that the Sammamish Plateau Water/Sewer District lottery for approximately 70 water certificates will be on February 7, 2000 with the next lottery to be in June.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Barry announced that the Council will recess for approximately 45 minutes to executive session for discussion of land use appeals and land acquisition. City Attorney Disend added that the discussion relating to land use appeals will be confined to pending litigation.

The meeting recessed for five minutes at 9:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:36 p.m. and recessed to executive session.

The meeting reconvened at 10:20 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Barry adjourned the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

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Ruth Muller, Acting City Clerk

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Jack Barry, Mayor