

**City of Sammamish
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
February 16, 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, Councilmembers Don Gerend (8:35 p.m.), Kathleen Huckabay, and Kenneth Kilroy

Councilmembers Excused: Councilmembers Phil Dyer and Ron Haworth

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

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called and Deputy Mayor Romero led the pledge.

Introduction of Special Guests and Presentations

Mayor Barry introduced Jamie Furse, Skyline High School student, and said that there will soon be representatives from both high schools to work with the Council.

Mayor Barry introduced KWO NE SHEE Campfire Group and Leaders Korina Myer, Andi Davis and Carolyn Rossi. The mayor read a proclamation pronouncing March 16, 2000 as “Absolutely Incredible Kid Day” in the City of Sammamish.

Approval of Agenda

Deputy Mayor Romero moved that the agenda be approved. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. Deputy Mayor Romero moved to amend the agenda moving Unfinished Business Item 4.a. to after Item 7. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried unanimously. The motion to approve the agenda as amended carried unanimously. City Attorney Disend advised that since Ordinance O2000-51 is an emergency ordinance, it requires five votes. If Councilmember Gerend is unable to make it back to this meeting from the Suburban Cities meeting, it may be necessary to call a special meeting for action on this ordinance.

Public Comment

Scott Hamilton, 23410 S. E. 8th Street, said that a developer paid mitigation fees for intersection improvement at SR 202 and Sahalee Way. However the project was delayed because of ESA requirements and the permits have now expired. It appears that WSDOT has indicated this project will not proceed because of I-695 impacts, and the mitigation

fees will go into the state general fund. Hamilton requests that the City consider working with WSDOT to get this project back on track.

Bob George, 3030 East Beaver Lake Drive, thanks the City Council and especially Councilmember Dyer, for coordinating the recent meeting in Olympia with state legislators for discussion of water rights for the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District. Perhaps with the intervention of the combined local and legislative officials, the District may be able to get an answer for accessing its available groundwater.

Consent Calendar

Councilmember Huckabay moved that the consent calendar be approved. Deputy Mayor Romero seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously approving (a) Claims for the period ending Feb. 10, 2000 in amount of \$137,091.77, (b) Payroll for period Jan. 16-31, 2000 in amount of \$29,597.71, (c) Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, January 26, 2000, and (d) Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, February 2, 2000.

New Business

Ordinance O2000-50: Deputy Mayor Romero moved to adopt Ordinance O2000-50 Establishing Procedure Relating to Contract Authority for the City Manager to Execute Certain Contracts. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. City Manager Wilson said that there is presently no authority for execution of small routine contracts. This proposed ordinance gives authorization to the City Manager to execute these routine contracts designating types of contracts allowed with dollar limitations. Copies of any executed contracts under this ordinance will be provided to councilmembers to keep them informed. The motion to approve Ordinance O2000-50 carried unanimously with four aye votes.

Ordinance O2000-52: Councilmember Huckabay moved to adopt Ordinance O2000-52 Establishing a Criminal Code. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. City Attorney Disend said that upon incorporation of a new city, King County provides criminal justice services for six months giving a city time to hire staff and adopt appropriate ordinances. This proposed ordinance is similar to other cities of same size as Sammamish and may be amended as the need arises. The motion to approved Ordinance O2000-52 carried unanimously with four aye votes.

Ordinance O2000-53: Deputy Mayor Romero moved to adopt Ordinance O2000-53 Establishing an Amended Compensation Plan for Permanent City Employees. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. City Manager Wilson said that this amendment to the employee compensation plan provides only one grade for each position and eliminates the out of class special assignment grade; establishes a few new positions with some pay grade classification additions and minor changes to other classifications after a detailed comparison to comparable cities and positions. The motion to adopt Ordinance O2000-53 carried unanimously with four aye votes.

Resolution R2000-39: Deputy Mayor Romero moved to adopt Rewsolution No. R2000-39 Amending Resolution No. R99-029 Section 3.1 “Benefit Credits” and authorize the

Mayor to sign said resolution. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. City Manager Wilson said that the current medical benefit amount of a flat dollar amount per month irrespective of the employee's number of dependents has created and will create further problems to administer. This amendment proposes that the City pay for the full cost of the employee's medical benefits at one level regardless of the employee's marital status and number of dependents. The proposal should be revenue neutral for the City. The motion to approve Resolution R2000-39 carried unanimously with four aye votes.

Job Descriptions: Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve job descriptions for the positions of City Engineer, Administrative Assistant, Parks/Recreation Supervisor, Code Enforcement Officer, Building/Fire Official, Special Projects Planner, and Planning Manager. Deputy Mayor Romero seconded the motion. City Manager Wilson said that this is following up on the budget process when positions were approved, and we now have developed specific job descriptions for approval.

Councilmember Gerend arrived at 8:35 p.m.

City Manager Wilson reviewed each of the job descriptions. Deputy Mayor Romero moved that the meeting recess for five minutes. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting recessed at 8:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

Councilmembers discussed the position descriptions and reviewed the City Manager's organization chart. The motion to approve position descriptions presented carried unanimously with five aye votes.

Deputy Mayor Romero moved to suspend the rules to amend the agenda. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Romero moved to amend the agenda to take action on Item 4.a. immediately. Councilmember Kilroy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance O2000-51: Deputy Mayor Romero moved to adopt Ordinance O2000-51 Extending the land use moratorium for an additional six months, adding a new exemption for some property owners with expiring water rights. Councilmember Huckabay seconded the motion. Councilmembers indicated their support of this ordinance, however expressed a desire to further discuss the possibility of providing ability for local residents to shortplat property. It was agreed that this subject be placed on a study session soon for a complete review and discussion. The motion to adopt ordinance O2000-51 carried unanimously with five aye votes.

Council and Committee Reports

Councilmember Huckabay reported that she recently attended the Puget Sound Regional Growth Management Policy Committee meeting and the topic was roads and lack of money to complete planned projects.

Councilmember Gerend reported that at the Suburban Cities meeting earlier this evening he discussed with officials from neighboring cities several items of mutual interest.

Deputy Mayor Romero reported that councilmembers continue to get requests from groups interested in performing service projects, and a list of projects needs to be developed to get these volunteers working with the City.

Mayor Dyer reported on several community events he has attended and that Councilmember Dyer wished to have his support of the moratorium ordinance recorded even though he was unable to be at this meeting.

City Manager and Staff Reports

City Manager Wilson said that Issaquah City Council has extended an invitation for a joint meeting with Sammamish with date to be confirmed. The study on merger of water and sewer districts is nearing completion and staff will work with the two districts to alleviate concerns of employees. The City has requested membership in the Puget Sound Regional Council and there will be action taken on this at a future meeting.

Public Works/Finance Director Yazici reported on public works operations and administration possibilities that will be presented to Public Works Committee for recommendation. An interim Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan is being developed so that the City is eligible to seek grant monies. A financial software program is being reviewed for purchase and a city engineer has been hired.

Community Development Director Robinson reported that ordinance governing flood insurance for the community will be on the March 1 agenda and information relating to King Conservation District will need to be added to the Interim Sammamish Development Code.

Police Chief Baranzini reported that a criminal code ordinance will be on the March 1 agenda; School Resource Officers have been appointed and notices have been posted for additional officers included in the law enforcement contract.

Public Comment

Bob George, representing Jamie Furse who had to leave, announced that there will be a blood donation on March 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Skyline High School.

Executive Session

Mayor Barry announced that the Council will go into executive session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss litigation.

The meeting recessed for five minutes at 10:06 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:17 p.m. The meeting recessed to executive session at 10:18 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Councilmember Kilroy moved that the meeting adjourn. Councilmember Gerend seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Ruth Muller, Acting City Clerk

Mayor Jack Barry