

**City of Sammamish
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 15, 2000**

Mayor Jack Barry called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 7:33 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Jack Barry, Councilmembers Don Gerend, Ron Haworth, Kathleen Huckabay.

Councilmembers absent: Deputy Mayor Troy Romero, Councilmembers Phil Dyer and Ken Kilroy

Staff present: City Manager Michael Wilson, Director of Administrative Services Dennis Richards, Director of Community Development Ray Gilmore, City Engineer Dick Thiel, City Attorney Bruce Disend and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to excuse Deputy Mayor Romero and Councilmembers Dyer and Kilroy. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Councilmember Haworth led the pledge.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

2. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

- Public Works Committee (Haworth): No report. Councilmember Haworth explained the City should be re-rated for insurance purposes because it is fully hydrated and asked the Mayor and/or City Manager to write a letter to the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau. By establishing a new insurance rating for the City, independent of the Fire District, the residents will be saving money on the cost of insurance premiums.
- Finance Committee (Huckabay): No report. Councilmember Huckabay reported she attended the B'hai church this weekend. The group forms within city boundaries and their goal is to promote harmony, community development and racial equality within corporate boundaries. They do, however have incomplete or

inaccurate information concerning what the City is doing and she encouraged Council to continue to work on communicating with the community.

- Sound Transit (Councilmember Gerend): Councilmember Gerend reported on cost overruns projected for the underground tunnel that will be part of the light-rail system running from the University District in the Seattle to Sea Tac area. This might affect other projects on the eastside of Lake Washington. He and Senior Project Engineer Lee Haro are requesting a grant from Sound Transit in the amount of \$10 million.
- Eastlake High School (Lin Yang): The Fall Musical, “Fiddler On the Roof” is being presented on November 16, 17 and 18.
- Skyline High School Report (Mary Vinuelas): The school is sponsoring a food drive. The fall sports teams did very well this year.
- Mayor’s Report (Mayor Barry): On November 13 Mayor Barry, Councilmember Huckabay and Councilmember Gerend attended a King County Council Meeting considering the Eastlake Sammamish Trail. Their goals were (1) to let the King County Council know the City of Sammamish is very interested in opening the trail sooner rather than later, (2) the best way to represent the needs of the City is to enter into an interlocal agreement with the County to develop the trail.

3. Public Comment

Janet Berg, 3310 221st Avenue SE, Asked what the Council plans to do to prevent encroachment along the proposed Eastlake Sammamish Trail. She believes interim use of the trail will prevent encroachment along the trail. She requested public hearings to be held before building permits are issued to any one wishing to build near the proposed trail site.

Skip Greene, 4632 227th Place SE, Requested Council support of incorporating a small area of Sammamish where the students currently are being bussed to Issaquah High School and allow them to attend Skyline High School when the school district redefines their boundary lines.

Linda Schampera, 224 228th Avenue NE, Asked Council to end the building moratorium in February so she can develop her property, which is currently the only “Office” zoned property in the City. She has been working for three years to satisfy King County’s requirements.

Virginia Kuhn, 21822 NE 1st St, Invited everyone to the Sammamish Heritage Meeting on November 19 at Pine Lake Community Center from 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Bert McNae will be the guest speaker.

Fred Wilson, 1547 211th Avenue NE, As a representative of the Friends of the Eastlake Trail group he questioned why the trail has not been opened for interim use. A year ago his group

presented Council with a petition signed by 1,500 residents advocating interim use. He asked Council to support interim use.

Gerry Brewster, 23623 NE 7th Court, Ask Council to consider the impacts on the proposed Eastlake Sammamish Trail before approving building permits. He encouraged Council to get public input regarding interim use of the trail.

Mark Cross, 247 208th Avenue NE, Thank Council, especially Ron Haworth, for negotiating the new Fire Service contract. He also expressed concern over the lack of follow through on grading violations reported to the City. He suggested the City and Council arrange for a time when anyone who was interested in seeing the proposed trail site could walk it.

Steve Farah, No address given, Does not believe his interests are being represented or considered in planning for the Eastlake Sammamish Trail.

Bob White, Executive Director Sound Transit, 401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98104, Offered to brief Council on the activities of Sound Transit. He emphasized the underlying principle Sound Transit is based on is that money collected for the three subareas is used for projects in those subareas.

4. Consent Calendar

- a) **Claims for period ending November 15, 2000 in the amount of \$1,633,071.55**
- b) **Payroll and benefits for period October 16 through October 31, pay date of November 5, 2000 in the amount of \$87,289.86**
- c) **Minutes of Regular Meeting October 18, 2000**

MOTION: Councilmember Haworth moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

5. Public Hearings

- a) **Second Public Hearing: Proposed 2001/2002 City Budget**

Mayor Barry declared the public hearing open at 8:20 pm.

City Manager Michael Wilson gave a brief overview of the 2001/2002 City Budget. There will be a work session on November 29 and a Regular Meeting on December 6 to discuss and consider this budget. He highlighted some additional handouts that were given to Council explaining the debt pay-off options and staffing vs. contracting for services within the City.

Mayor Barry requested clarification on the process for amending the budget on a line item basis. Councilmember Huckabay explained she would send out a recap of discussions Council has had on the budget to date. Councilmembers could respond to these "broad based issues". She requested Councilmembers send her memos outlining the types of budget items they

have questions about and these items would be addressed at the November 29, 2000 Study Session.

Public Comment:

Bob White, 2033 E. Beaver Lake Drive, Requested Council fund the Beaver Lake Management District during the interim time between when the contract with King County expires on December 31, 2000 and the district formation period is complete. This will ensure the continuation of water monitoring on the lake. The amount requested was approximately \$1,5000 per month for possibly the next four to six months.

Joan Campbell, 9 Mt. Pilchuck Avenue, Issaquah, Spoke on behalf of Friends of Youth. She supports the City developing a human services system and ways to distribute the funds equitably. Friends of Youth requested \$15,000 to help offset the amount of funding they lost from King County when the City incorporated.

Public Hearing Closed at 9:00 pm

b) Public Hearing: 2001 Property Tax Levy

Mayor Barry declared the public hearing opened at 9:01 pm

Mr. Wilson handed out overviews explaining three different options available to Council in deciding the 2001 Property Tax Levy Rate. Since this is a new city and it will no longer be a part of the fire districts, Sammamish is in a unique situation for deciding this question. All three options will result in a reduction in both tax rate and tax dollars to the citizens. The Council will consider these three options in depth at the November 29, 2000 Study Session in conjunction with the budget discussions.

Councilmember Haworth expressed support for the option of 106% increase since the taxpayer saves and the City is in need of the extra funds.

Public Comment:

None

Public Hearing was closed at 9:15 pm.

6. Unfinished Business

a) Second Reading: An ordinance of the City of Sammamish, Washington, adopting the 2001-2002 budgets

No further discussion.

b) Second Reading: An ordinance of the City of Sammamish, Washington, establishing a land use mediation program

Community Development Director Ray Gilmore gave the staff report. The change to the ordinance since the first reading included the additional requirement of neighborhood meetings for all short plats and long plats. Councilmember Huckabay requested the neighborhood meeting requirement be required for applications for conditional use permits as well. She asked if the appellant to any land use action would be considered "parties of interest". City Attorney Bruce Disend explained appellants would be considered "parties of interest".

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve an ordinance for the City of Sammamish establishing a land use mediation program. Councilmember Haworth seconded.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Gerend moved to amend the ordinance by inserting the words "or conditional use permits" in subsection E. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Amendment passed unanimously 4-0.

MOTION: Motion as amended passed unanimously 4-0. (O2000-72)

7. New Business

a) Resolution: Notice of intent to form the Beaver Lake Management District

Community Development Director Ray Gilmore gave the staff report. This resolution is the first step of a 13-step process that might take up to seven months. If the resolution is passed, the next step would be to hold a public hearing in January 2001. The cost to the City would be around \$1,500 per month until the management district is formed. After the district is formed it will become self-sustaining by taxing residents of the district.

Public Comment

Tom Harmon, 2303 West Beaver Lake Drive, Spoke in support of the City continuing the management district for Beaver Lake. He encouraged public involvement in the process.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to pass a resolution of the City of Sammamish to form the Beaver Lake Management District. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

b) First Reading: An ordinance of the of the City of Sammamish, Washington, relating to regular property taxes; establishing the amount to be raised in 2001 by taxation on the assessed valuation of the property of the City; and setting the levy rate for the year 2001.

No further discussion.

c) Hardship Exception: Ian Hepburn/24630 SE 24th Street

Mr. Gilmore said Ian Hepburn is requesting a hardship exception to the building moratorium and be allowed to apply for a permit for a two-lot short plat. Councilmember Haworth said that this property adjoins his property but he does not feel that this presents any conflict of interest. The applicant explained his hardship and the length of time he has already spent on the process.

Public Comment

James McGraw, 1525 248th Avenue SE., Urged Council to consider the overall area before granting exceptions and exemptions.

Councilmember Gerend said this seems to be another case where the applicant has been caught in the transition from county to city. Councilmember Huckabay agreed that this is a small subdivision and falls within the spirit of the moratorium. Councilmember Haworth feels that this type of development is appropriate for the piece of property.

MOTION: Councilmember Haworth moved to grant the hardship exception. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

d) Hardship Exception: Scott & Mare Saunders/3228 East Lake Sammamish Parkway

Applicant is requesting a hardship exception to be allowed to apply for a permit to subdivide his property into a four-lot short plat. The applicants explained their hardship related to financial hardship and the expiration of their water certificates.

Mayor Barry established that none of the proposed subdivision is next to the old rail bed that is proposed for the interim Eastlake Sammamish Trail and granting the exception would not allow any building to encroach along the trail. Councilmember Gerend clarified that the expiration of the water certificates was not really an issue in this exception since there is no shortage of water availability in the Northeast Sammamish Water District.

Councilmember Gerend agreed that the applicants had done everything King County required and this was another example of people being caught in the middle of the transition from county to city. Mayor Barry felt this hardship was more acceptable than some other exceptions the Council has previously granted. Several Councilmembers expressed the opinion that the applicant was asking the City to bail them out of a bad financial situation.

MOTION: Councilmember Haworth moved to grant the hardship exception. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

e) Resolution: Final Plat Approval of subdivision Eltovar

Mr. Gilmore gave the staff report. This is an 11-lot subdivision on 10.46 acres as proposed by the Wellington Morse Association. Preliminary Plat approval was granted under King County. All conditions for final plat approval have been satisfied. As all conditions for

final plat have been met, Council must approve the plat. Councilmember Gerend asks several questions regarding the size of the plat and drainage.

Steve Nielsen spoke on behalf of Wellington Morse Association, Bruce Whittacker answered questions on behalf of King County DDES and Steve Anderson of Group Four explained the engineering process on the plat.

MOTION: Councilmember Haworth moved to grant final plat approval for Eltovar. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.

f) Contract: Lane & Associates to perform right-of way negotiation services relating to improvements on 228th Avenue

Staff is withdrawing this item because there is no funding for the project in the 2000 budget. It will be rescheduled for early next year.

Director of Administrative Services Dennis Richards reported on the first Neighborhood Association meeting held at City Hall on December 13. Representatives from 30 Homeowner's Associations attended the meeting. Information on future Neighborhood Connections Meetings is available by calling Gail Davila at City Hall.

8. Adjournment: Mayor Barry adjourned the meeting at 10:40 pm.

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Jack Barry, Mayor