

**City of Sammamish
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
January 3, 2001**

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

Councilmembers present: Mayor Jack Barry, Deputy Mayor Troy Romero, Councilmembers, Don Gerend, Ron Haworth, Kathleen Huckabay and Ken Kilroy.

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Phil Dyer

Staff present: Director of Public Works/Finance Ben Yazici, City Engineer Dick Thiel, Director of Community Development Ray Gilmore, Police Chief Richard Baranzini, City Attorney Bruce Disend and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Deputy Mayor Romero led the pledge.

MOTION: Councilmember Kilroy moved to excuse Councilmember Dyer. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Kilroy moved to remove the Executive Session from the agenda. Deputy Mayor Romero seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Haworth moved to add the Sidewalk Construction contract to the agenda and make it item #8d. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to accept the agenda as amended. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

2. Executive Session – Deleted

3. Appointment of Interim City Manager

MOTION: Councilmember Haworth moved to appoint Public Works/Finance Director Ben Yazici as Interim City Manager effective immediately. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

4. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

a) State of the City Address

Mayor Jack Barry addressed the Council and audience outlining the achievements of the City and Council over the past year. His address was accompanied by a Power Point presentation.

After the State of City Address was complete, Deputy Mayor Romero presented Mayor Barry with a plaque and congratulated him on a very successful term as Mayor.

Council recessed from 7:45 pm to 8:00 pm. Refreshments were served in honor of the former Mayor Jack Barry.

b) Council Committee Reports

- **Public Safety (Councilmember Kilroy):** Councilmember Haworth reported that the Fire asset distribution between the City of Sammamish and the City of Redmond have been worked out and an agreement should be ready to present to Council at the January 17, 2001 Regular Meeting.

Councilmember Kilroy said Council has received many comments on the proposed roundabouts for 228th Avenue. He requested staff check with the City insurance company to examine the issues related to roundabouts. He read a letter presenting the City with a certificate from the Safe Cities Network recognizing the City's efforts to reduce crimes from firearms.

- **Finance/Transportation Committee (Councilmember Huckabay):** No report.
- **Community Development Committee (Councilmember Dyer):** He announced there are vacancies on the Boundary Review Board for King County. The City may make recommendations for the vacancies. He requested this topic be added to the next Study Session for review. Councilmembers were encouraged to make recommendations. He welcomed Boy Scout Troup 596, a group he has worked with since 1989. They were in attendance to earn points towards their Citizen and Community badges.
- **Councilmember Gerend** reported that Sound Transit Director Bob White (city resident) would be making a presentation to Council at the next study session on January 10, 2001. The City has made a proposal to Sound Transit requesting funds for some projects on the Sammamish plateau. He asked Mr. Yazici to provide Mr. White with a copy of the proposal before the study session.
- **Eastlake High School Report (Student Liaison Lin Yang):** Cascade Classic Basketball Tournament was a great success. A special assembly will be held commemorating Martin Luther King Day. The first meeting for the prospective Youth Advisory Board is scheduled for January 11, 2001 at City Hall.

5. Public Comment

Greg Allen, 530 244th Avenue NE, Made some critical comments regarding the proposed Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. Yazici will direct staff to look into Mr. Allen's concerns.

Jack Collins, 4569 Purdue Avenue NE, Seattle, WA, representing Northwest Small Cities Services and offered any type of help the City may need during the interim period before replacing the City Manager and other positions.

Kevin Williams, 23290 NE 17th Street, representing Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church parish. The parish has concerns about the right of way acquisitions necessary for the widening and roundabouts in front of the church. He gave Council a handout listing their concerns.

Tom Harman, 2302 W Beaver Lake Drive, feels there are omissions in the current Interim Development code. He feels there should be more opportunity for public input before subdivisions are granted final plat approval.

6. Consent Calendar

- a) **Claims for period ending December 20, 2000 in the amount of \$129,691.23**
- b) **Claims for period ending January 3, 2001 in the amount of \$1,503,169.50**
- c) **Payroll for December 15, 2000 pay period/pay date December 20, 2000 totaling \$69,782.37**
- d) **Minutes of December 6, 2000 Regular Meeting**
- e) **Minutes of December 13, 2000 Special Meeting/Study Session**
- f) **Minutes of December 20, 2000 Special Meeting**

MOTION: Councilmember Kilroy moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

7. Unfinished Business - None

8. New Business

- a) **Mayor/Deputy Mayor Elections**

NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR: Councilmember Haworth nominated Deputy Mayor Troy Romero for the position of Mayor for the year 2001. There were no additional nominations. The vote for the nomination of Troy Romero for Mayor passed unanimously 6-0.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPUTY MAYOR: Councilmember Haworth nominated Councilmember Ken Kilroy for Deputy Mayor for the year 2002. There were no additional nominations. The vote for the nomination of Ken Kilroy for Deputy Mayor passed unanimously 6-0.

b) Moratorium Hardship Exception: Thomas/3602 212th Avenue SE

Community Development Director Ray Gilmore gave the staff report. The applicant is requesting a hardship exception to the building moratorium to short plat her property.

Councilmember Gerend believes this is another case of someone following all the procedures, and then the procedures were changed. He feels this case is similar to the other hardship exceptions Council has already approved and for this reason this exception should be approved as well.

Councilmember Huckabay said Council has the responsibility to the community to protect it from unwanted development. This exception decision could be postponed until May. She is recommending postponing the decision on this exception so that a committee composed of knowledgeable community members can be formed to reexamine the Interim Development Code. She also requested Council pursue the idea of getting the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District to extend granted water certificates until the building moratorium is lifted.

MOTION: Councilmember Kilroy moved to approve the hardship exception. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed 4-2, Councilmembers Barry and Huckabay dissenting.

c) Moratorium Hardship Exception: Scindia

Mr. Gilmore gave the staff report. The applicant is asking for an exception to the moratorium so he can apply for a permit to create a nine-lot short plat in the vicinity of SE 8th Street and 203rd Avenue SE.

Linda Young, 17000 Main Street, Bellevue, WA, Land Use Attorney representing the Scindia partners. She said her clients have been in the process of developing this lot since 1989. If they are not allowed to develop the property they will be forced into foreclosure on the property. They do not have water certificates issued by the sewer district but could provide water from a well.

Councilmember Huckabay expressed concern about their lack of water availability. Councilmember Gerend recommended the Council get more information on the request in regard to water availability from the district and if a well is allowed.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to table the request for a hardship exception to the moratorium by the Scindia partners until more information is obtained. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Kilroy moved to suspend the rules. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to amend the agenda and add the formation of a land use subcommittee to review the development code as item 8e. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion passed 5-1, Councilmember Barry dissenting

Councilmember Barry said the Interim City Manager should be given more time to evaluate how much staff time would be needed for this subcommittee. Councilmember Haworth felt this subcommittee might be infringing on the Planning Advisory Board.

d) Contract: Extension of School Sidewalk Project

Interim City Manager Ben Yazici gave the staff report. The contractors will extend the sidewalk at a cost not to exceed \$264,000. This extension may allow the school district to eliminate a bus route, saving about \$40,000.

MOTION: Councilmember Kilroy moved to authorize the City Manger to execute a change order with Westwater Construction Company extending the current sidewalk construction on SE 32nd Way not to exceed \$264,000 and an amendment to the engineering contract with Gray & Osborne for design and construction administration not to exceed \$24,300. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

e) Formation of Land Use Sub Committee

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved, contingent on the concurrence of the Interim City Manager, to direct the Community Development Committee to form a subcommittee consisting of development professionals who live within the City to review the Interim Development Code and make recommendations regarding interim changes to that code. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

8. Adjournment: Mayor Romero adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

H. Troy Romero, Mayor