

**City of Sammamish  
City Council Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
March 7, 2001**

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

**Councilmembers present:** Mayor Troy Romero, Deputy Mayor Ken Kilroy, Councilmembers Phil Dyer, Don Gerend, Ron Haworth and Kathleen Huckabay.

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Jack Barry

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to excuse Councilmember Barry. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passes unanimously 6-0.

**Staff present:** City Manager Ben Yazici, Director of Public Works John Cunningham, Director of Community Development Ray Gilmore, Police Sergeant Dan Pingrey, Fire Administrator John K. Murphy, Parks Manager Jeff Watling, City Attorney Bruce Disend and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

**Roll Call/Pledge**

Roll was called. Councilmember Gerend led the pledge.

**1. Introduction and Presentations**

Mayor Troy Romero, on behalf of the Council, proclaimed March 15, 2001 to be Absolutely Incredible Kid Day. This day is sponsored by the Camp Fire Boys & Girls of America.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Kilroy moved to delete the Executive Session from the agenda Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

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

**3. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

- Public Safety Committee (Councilmember Haworth): No Report
- Finance Committee (Councilmember Huckabay): No Report for Finance. Meetings on Salmon issues are taking place and she will keep Council updated.
- Community Development Committee (Councilmember Dyer): No Report

- **Public Works (Councilmember Gerend):** Discussed a strategy for developing sidewalks and trails. The Laurels (117 single family lots) and Norris Estates (226 single family lots) will both increase the number of pedestrians along 24<sup>th</sup>. Both developments will have sidewalks in front of their projects. Staff will work on putting together a non-motorized study. Councilmember Gerend stated that staff is still studying the feasibility of a roundabout vs. a signal light at Inglewood Hill Road and 216<sup>th</sup>. The decision has not been made. Open meetings will be held to obtain public response before making the decision. The committee suggested having public workshops once a week, perhaps in conjunction with the Planning Advisory Board Transportation Subcommittee. The proposed change to Transit Route 216 was discussed. Councilmember Gerend urged the public to contact Metro Transit to express their support for the change. Earthquake damage was assessed and will cost around \$266,000. Most of that money should be reimbursed by FEMA funds. Most of the damage is repaired or will be repaired soon.
- **Mayors Report:** King County Councilmember David Irons will be holding Open Houses at City Hall here in Sammamish on March 30 and 31. The public is invited to come and meet him. The Family Summit is coming together nicely. Jeff Kemp, former Seahawk football player and current Director of Families Northwest will be the guest speaker. In addition there will be a panel discussion with ASB representatives from each high school and junior high school in the city.

#### **4. Public Comment**

Scott Hamilton, 19727 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Street, He requested Council disregard their rule on not responding to questions during public comment. He asked Councilmember Dyer if he advocated an exemption to the land use moratorium for senior housing and Councilmember Dyer concurred. He asked Mayor Romero is he was in favor of phasing out the moratorium within the next six months. Mayor Romero said he was not in favor of phasing out the moratorium but that Council should explore the option of allowing for short plats of two or three lots.

Bente Pasko, 22109 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Way, She spoke regarding rail trail development and increased crime. She cited studies that show rail trails do not increase crime along the trails.

Tony Canlis, 3321 Sahalee Way NE, Expressed concern over the adverse environmental impacts that may be created by approving the Norris Estates.

Cherre Mann, 13014 20<sup>6th</sup> Avenue NE, Woodinville, Spoke on behalf of the Lunch Buddy program sponsored by Lake Washington School District.

Janet Bird, 3310 221<sup>st</sup> Avenue SE, She asked what the progress has been on the East Lake Sammamish Trail interlocal. She also inquired if citizens will be allowed to see the proposed trail.

Sunny Wallace, 24200 NE 14<sup>th</sup>, Spoke against granting final plat approval to Norris Estates.  
Tom Harman, 2302 W. Beaver Lake Drive, Spoke against the Norris Estates project.

Acar Bill, 1640 W. Beaver Lake Drive, Fears for the water quality of Beaver Lake if Norris Estates is given final plat approval.

Donna Carlson, 1627 E Beaver Lake Drive, Spoke against the Norris Estates Development.

Kazuko Bill, 1640 W. Beaver Lake Drive, Spoke against approval of the Norris Estates Development.

Christian Kerry, 22326 NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Does not live near Beaver Lake but still opposes the Norris Estates development.

Bob George, 3030 E. Beaver Lake Drive, Spoke against the development of Norris Estates.

In response to citizen comments/questions, City Manager Ben Yazici explained that the City is still working with the County to develop an interlocal agreement for the Eastlake Sammamish Trail and hopes the County will authorize and jointly sponsor an Open Meeting in April to collect public opinion on the trail.

City Attorney Bruce Disend explained that Norris Estates was given preliminary plat approval by King County. It is considered a vested project. Under state law, the City of Sammamish is not allowed to require the developer of Norris Estates to meet new standards put in place after incorporation of the City. The development is currently undergoing an appeal to the SEPA (State Environmental Policy Act). The Hearing Examiner makes the decision on this appeal. If the appellants do not agree with his decision, they may appeal further to the Superior Court. The City Council does not have a role in the SEPA review.

Mayor Troy Romero announced that Council procedures require that each citizen be entitled to three minutes to speak during the Public Comment time. That time is not to be shared nor may a speaker continue after their three minutes is up unless Council so approves.

#### **4. Consent Calendar**

- a) Claims for period ending March 7, 2001 in the amount of \$281,314.92**
- b) Payroll for pay period/pay date March 5, 2001 totaling \$95,901.48**
- c) Minutes for February 21, 2001 Regular Meeting**

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

Council recessed from 8:45 pm to 8:55 pm.

#### **5. Public Hearing**

- a) Draft Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan**

Parks Manager Jeff Watling gave the staff report. This plan is the result of extensive committee study, open public forums and based on expert advice from consultants Landerman & Moore.

Mayor Romero declared the Public Hearing open at 9:05 pm.

**Public Comment:**

Bente Pasko, (spoke previously), The level of service provided by the City' parks and open space is at a very low level currently. The Parks & Recreation Commission supports the level of service goal in the draft plan.

Bonnie Blessing, Seattle Resident, Supports keeping open space as natural to encourage wildlife. She encouraged trails to link environmentally sensitive areas.

Rena Brady, 1304 251<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE, She supports the draft plan but conceded that funding the plan might be difficult.

Virginia Kuhn, 21832 NE 1<sup>st</sup> Street, She encouraged Council to include historical sites into the draft plan.

James McGraw, 1525 248<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Reminded Council not to shortchange people if they use their property for parks and trails.

Sharon Stimbus, 24933 SE 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Requested trails be developed that can be linked with the open space park known as Section 36.

Michelle Petite, 24017 SE 18 Place, She encouraged Council to put pressure on King County to speed up the development of Section 36.

Bob George, (Spoke previously), The Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer is currently installing water tanks in Section 36 and feels now would be a good time for the City to develop a trail connection using their trail.

Mr. Yazici said the staff is working with King County to get a trail connection in Section 36 and just this week a letter was sent requesting the development of Section 36.

Mayor Romero closed the public hearing at 9:20 pm

**6. Unfinished Business**

- a) **A Resolution of the City of Sammamish, Washington, to form Lake Management District No. 1 in the Beaver Lake watershed and calling for a vote by affected property owners on the formation of the management district**

Community Development Director Ray Gilmore gave the staff report. Staff has redrawn the boundaries to show the actual drainage basin area. There are many parcels outside of the drainage basin that are included in the management district. Council has basically three options: (1) to put the proposed boundary to a vote of the public. (2) Do a parcel-by-parcel exclusion, which would be very cumbersome. (3) Redraw the boundaries. This would change the assessed valuation on each property. Staff is recommending that the boundary be redrawn and have the Lake Management Board calculate the reassessment and suggest that this item be tabled.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dyer moved to send this back to the drawing board to redraw the boundaries. During this process the City will continue to pay the monthly charge to ensure that the water quality-monitoring program continues. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

## **8. New Business**

### **a) Request for Reconsideration for Hardship Exception to Land Use Moratorium/22510 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (Steadman)**

This is a second request for hardship exception. Their first request was denied because Council did not have a quorum for the vote at the last meeting. Wayne Olson represented the Steadman's case.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Gerend moved to grant the hardship exception to the Steadman's. Councilmember Kilroy seconded. Motion passed 5 – 1 with Councilmember Haworth dissenting.

### **b) Hardship Exception to Land Use Moratorium/ Plateau Church**

The Church is requesting the hardship so they will be allowed to short plat their lot in an effort to preserve the historic Engman House. No representatives of the Church were present.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Gerend moved to grant the hardship exception to the Plateau Bible Church. Councilmember Huckabay seconded.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to table this item to the March 21, 2001 regular meeting. Councilmember Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

### **c) Ordinance: an ordinance of the City of Sammamish, Washington, declaring an emergency due to damage caused by the February 28, 2001 earthquake and ratifying the declaration of emergency issued by City Manager on February 28, 2001**

Mr. Disend explained the purpose of the ordinance was to ratify the declaration of emergency issued by the City Manager. This emergency was declared to allow mobilization of money and personnel to deal with the emergency. The ordinance also allows the City to qualify for Federal Disaster Relief aid.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Kilroy moved to adopt an ordinance of the City of Sammamish, Washington declaring an emergency due to the February 28, 2001 earthquake and ratifying the emergency declaration of the City Manager. Councilmember Dyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0. (O2001-80)

**d) Ordinance: First Reading of ordinance adopting the draft Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan**

First reading of the ordinance. No action required. Two Open Houses are planned before the adoption of this ordinance.

**e) Resolution: Final Plat Columbia @ Sammamish Highlands (formerly Cedar Park)**

Mr. Gilmore gave the staff report. This is an 88-lot subdivision on 54.6 acres including a 126-unit apartment complex. This project was vested with King County in 1997. The plat has met all conditions of final plat approval.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dyer moved final plat approval of the subdivision of the Columbia at Sammamish Highlands with the addition of requiring the reserving of the water rights of two decommissioned water wells on the site to the purvey of the City, subject to D.O.E. approval. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0. (R2001-66)

**f) Memo: Comprehensive Plan Development Process/funding for Consultant Services**

Mr. Yazici explained that this memo was to give Council an overview of the expenditures for the Comprehensive Plan development. It is intended that the use of consultant services is limited to several technical and procedural tasks that are required under state statute.

**g) Contract: Tennis Court Resurfacing**

Mr. Watling gave the staff report. This contract is with a company named Center Court Resurfacing in an amount not to exceed \$9,950. They will provide resurfacing of the tennis courts and the basketball courts at NE Sammamish Park.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Center Court Resurfacing in an amount not to exceed \$9,950. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

**h) Contract: Design/Site Work for Playground Restoration/Droll & Associates**

Mr. Watling gave the staff report. This contract is for design and site work for the playground restoration program at NE Sammamish Park and Pine Lake Park. After design, the City will go out for bid. The amount is not to exceed \$11,170. Mr. Watling explained, in

response to Councilmember Gerend's question, that there will be an opportunity for public input before going out to bid on the projects.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with Robert W. Droll for design and site work for the restoration of the playgrounds at NE Sammamish Park and Pine Lake Park. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

**i) Contract: Comprehensive Plan Development Process/Funding for Consultant Services**

Mr. Gilmore gave the staff report. The three tasks that will be completed are a community involvement program; a land use inventory; and a 20-year population capacity analysis and population projection. The Consultant selected to perform these tasks is EDAW, Inc.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Huckabay move to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with EDAW, Inc. for consultant services for the Comprehensive Plan Development in an amount not to exceed \$68,747. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

**8. Adjournment** – Mayor Romero adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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H. Troy Romero, Mayor