

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING June 6, 2001

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

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

**Councilmembers absent:** Deputy Mayor Ken Kilroy and Councilmember Phil Dyer.

Staff Present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Public Works Director John Cunningham, Planning Manager David Sawyer, Police Chief Richard Baranzini, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

### ROLL CALL/PLEDGE

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to excuse Deputy Mayor Kilroy and Councilmember Dyer. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barry moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

### 2. Presentations/Proclamations

#### **Student Liaison Presentation – Lin Yang & Mary Vinuelas**

Mayor Romero presented Student Liaisons Lin Yang and Mary Vinuelas with certificates and plaques for each school. He thanked them for all their help and support as liaisons to Council this year and wished them luck in the future.

### 3. Executive Session/Personnel

Council began the closed Executive Session at 7:40 pm and reconvened at 7:50 pm.

#### **Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

- Public Safety (*Haworth*): Reported on the activities of the EF & R Board. The Board is examining issues relating to personnel and facilities. The City's cost increase for Fire Services next year will be 7%.
- Issaquah S.D. Feasibility Study (*Barry*): The School District is very interested in acquiring a school bus parking lot on the plateau to avoid twice daily trips which costs

the district about \$300,000 per year. Any money saved by eliminating bus trips would be put directly back into the classroom.

- Puget Sound Regional Council (*Huckabay*): She attended the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Session and cast the City's vote on the Destination 2030 program.
- Public Works (*Gerend*): Attended an Issaquah City Council meeting regarding water shortage issues. Public Works Committee met. They discussed the South Plateau Access Road, Six Year T.I.P. and staff gave an update on 228<sup>th</sup> Improvement Project Phase 1B and 1C. The original median plan will be changed to allow a left turn into Discovery Elementary School. There will be some southbound closures on Phase 1B The committee got an update on the sidewalk projects. Formation of a Technology Board was discussed and staff gave an update on 216<sup>th</sup> & Inglewood Hill Intersection Improvements.
- Eastlake High School (*Ling Yang*): The Student Liaison has been selected for next year. All School Barbeque is Friday. Last day of school for seniors is June 13. Baccalaureate will be June 13 at Mary Queen of Peace. Graduation will be at Safeco Field on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Last day of school is June 21.
- Skyline High School Report (*Mary Vinuelas*): Blood drive will be held on Friday. June 14<sup>th</sup> is graduation at Safeco Field.
- Mayor's Report (*Mayor Romero*): He and Ben Yazici met with Overlake Hospital representatives to discuss selecting a site in Sammamish for an area hospital. The Mayor met with the Board President of Klahanie regarding annexation to Sammamish. He will be making a presentation at Eastlake High School on governmental affairs. Next week Council will hold a Special Meeting to discuss the Potential Annexation Area Resolution.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bente Pasko, 22109 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Way, Gave a report to Council on trail safety.

Alice Perkins, 2104 238<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Seeking lot line adjustment. They need the lot line adjustment to help offset medical costs.

Sharon McEnerney, 1003 216<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, She is concerned about safety of school children on 216<sup>th</sup>. She requested speed bumps be placed on the downhill of 216<sup>th</sup>.

Rory Crispen, 3023 E Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE, He went on the trailwalk last Saturday. He felt his experience was not very good due to rude bicyclists. He encouraged Council to follow proper procedure in developing the Eastlake Sammamish Trail.

Vicki Beris, 2305 Eastlake Sammamish Parkway SE, Cautioned City not to jump to any conclusions based a on current court case decisions. She thanked Councilmember Barry for attending a breakfast for Habitat for Humanity.

Tom Harman, 2302 W Beaver Lake Drive, Council meeting tapes are being featured on Channel 77 every other Tuesday at 4:00 am.

Chanteua Dee, 124 216<sup>th</sup> NE Avenue, Believes the traffic is going too fast on 216<sup>th</sup> Avenue. She also requested speed bumps or dips on the street to slow traffic. She thanked the City for the bike lanes.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

4. Payroll for pay period May 31, 2001 in the amount of \$115,622.62
5. Claims for period ending June 6, 2001 in the amount of \$1,022,279.92
6. Minutes of May 16, 2001 Regular Meeting
7. Minutes of May 23, 2001 Study Session/Special Meeting

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(none)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **8. Hardship Exception: 4617 Issaquah-Pine Lake Road SE (Plateau True Light Christian Church)**

Planning Manager David Sawyer gave the staff report. The applicants are requesting a two-lot short plat. The property is three acres and has an existing single-family home on the property.

Lee Wu, 22424 SE 18<sup>th</sup> Street, He spoke on behalf of the True Light Christian Church. The Church would like to short plat the property. This would allow them to sell the existing dwelling and use the money to defray the Church's mortgage. They have applied and received water certificates, which will expire before August. They will apply for extension.

Councilmember Gerend believes the exemption should be granted because when the property was originally purchased by the Church the two lot subdivision would have been allowed under the previous moratorium.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Gerend moved to grant the hardship exception for a two-lot short plat to the True Light Christian Church. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Haworth dissenting.

**9. Hardship Exception: 21630 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Place (Nolan)**

Mr. Sawyer gave the staff report. The applicant is requesting a hardship exception to allow a two lot short plat. The property is approximately one acre in size with an existing single family dwelling on the property. No representative was present for the applicant.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Huckabay moved to grant the exception. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Huckabay dissenting.

Mayor Romero believes the exception should be granted because the original application was put in place before the original moratorium. They have gotten a water certificate extension and will lose their water certificates if not granted the exception.

**10. Approval: 216<sup>th</sup> & Inglewood Hill Road Intersection Improvements Design**

Public Works Director John Cunningham gave a brief description of the project. Four alternatives were studied for this intersection: roundabout, signalization, temporary signalization or no improvement. There have been four meetings with the residents most directly affected by the improvements. There has been one open meeting with residents. The staff is recommending the installation of the roundabout. Five residents most directly affected by the roundabout are in favor of installing it instead of a signal.

City Engineer Dick Thiel said roundabouts are superior in reducing accidents, in reducing congestion and noise of approaching vehicles is lessened. Ten-year maintenance of roundabouts is cheaper than signals. If approval were given tonight, construction could begin in mid September and will take about eight weeks to complete.

Mr. Yazici assured Council that schedules for 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 216<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Inglewood Hill Road could be adjusted so traffic will not be effected at the same time in both places.

Chief Bergeson, Eastside Fire & Rescue, Any type of obstruction in the road will slow down response time of emergency vehicles. He does not believe a roundabout will slow them down any more than a signal. Emergency vehicles have no trouble negotiating the roundabout on West Lake Sammamish. The fire department has no objection to the roundabout.

Lyn Gigar, 709 216<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Information provided by the City on the safety of roundabouts has convinced her to favor a roundabout over a signal.

LeRoy Mann, 632 216<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Thanked Council for providing the opportunity for the affected homeowners to meet with staff and learn about roundabouts. The neighbors would have been opposed to two-lane roundabouts.

Jake Goodman, 702 216<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Favors the roundabout even though he will probably move.

Sharon McEnerney, (spoke previously), She favors a signal over a roundabout. She does not feel a roundabout is a safe place for children to cross the street.

Glenn Forbes, 2418 Sahalee Drive West, He is glad that improvements to the intersection are finally being made. He believes roundabouts become more efficient over time as drivers get accustomed to using them.

Dick Robby, 21421 NE 6<sup>th</sup> Place, Believes a roundabout is the best of the alternatives. He wondered if there was something that could be done to block cut through traffic through 6<sup>th</sup> Place?

Chanteau Dee 1024 NE 216<sup>th</sup>, She has observed the roundabout on West Lake Sammamish and does not feel it is the appropriate improvement for 216<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the design of a one-lane roundabout at 216<sup>th</sup> & Inglewood Hill Rd and directed staff to proceed with the final design. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**Contract: Assistant City Manager (Pete Butkus) Approval:**

Mr. Yazici gave the staff report. This contract is for a new position of Assistant City Manager. Staff is recommending hiring Pete Butkus, currently Director of the State Public Works Trust Fund Board.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to approve the contract of Mr. Pete Butkus as Assistant City Manager. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Alternate Meeting Date:**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to move the July 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to July 11<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Barry dissenting.

**City Manager Report**

Mr. Yazici handed out draft copies of the next newsletter. He also handed out the annual financial report.

**Adjournment** – Mayor Romero Adjourned the meeting at 10:05 pm.

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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H. Troy Romero, Mayor