



**City of Sammamish
City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting
August 1, 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 Kenneth Kilroy, Councilmembers Jack Barry, Phil Dyer, Don Gerend, Ron Haworth and Kathleen Huckabay.

Staff present: Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Director of Public Works John Cunningham, 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. Councilmember Haworth led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Haworth moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Introduction and Presentations

Chief Baranzini presented the Sammamish Police Trading Card Program. The program has been developed to have something to give to older elementary school children and junior high students to encourage positive interactions between children and police. The Chief presented each Councilmember with a proof sheet containing all trading cards.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

- *Public Safety Committee* (Councilmember Haworth): Committee discussed the use of fireworks in the City. The committee came to no conclusions or decisions.
- *Councilmember Barry:* A Seattle Mariner's Autograph Signing will occur at Pickering Place in Issaquah on August 11, 2001 to help raise money to provide Automatic Heart Defibrillators in every school in the Issaquah and Lake Washington School District. There will also be a Silent Auction on the same day at the Redmond Town Center.
- *Finance Committee* (Councilmember Huckabay): The Finance Committee has received the May Sale Tax report from the state. They will review the quarterly sales tax audit

from June to determine whether or not to have a sales tax audit. The Puget Sound Regional Council met.

- *Community Development Committee* (Councilmember Dyer): The Committee met to review their process in reviewing the Sammamish Plateau Comprehensive Water Plan. The committee will request an additional 90 days in order to allow the Planning Advisory Board to review the plan.
- *Public Works* (Councilmember Gerend): Phase 1b is slightly behind schedule. The contractor has requested an extension of working hours beginning at 5:30 pm and ending at 10:00 pm for a period of about four weeks to install sewer lines. The committee has approved the time extension. Staff and the committee will study the future removal of the north end barricades. A meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2001, 7:00 pm at Skyline High School to discuss the neighborhood student-parking problem.
- *Mayors Report*: Mayor Romero met with representatives of Overlake Hospital to discuss potential sites for a hospital. The hospital representatives are hoping to form a Citizen's Advisory Committee to get input on the types of services a hospital in the City might provide. Anyone interested in being a part of this committee should contact Jan Meriwether at (425) 688-5499. The City will be hosting the PGA World Golf Championships at Sahalee Country Club next August. Contact Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus for further information.
- *Sammamish Youth Board Quarterly Report*(Ali Khaki): The Youth Board has meet twice. The first meeting was organizational in nature. The second meeting involved planning for a "Battle of the Bands". The board is also working on developing a logo and slogan for the board.
- *Parks and Recreation Quarterly Report* (Chris Leyerle): Work is progressing on the Park and Recreation Open Space Comprehensive Plan. Upgrades to the play equipment at Pine Lake and NE Sammamish Park are in progress. A Trails Subcommittee has been formed. They are in the process of identifying existing trails within the City. Work continues on a strategic acquisition plan for obtaining more parkland. Site assessment for the skate park is in progress. Staff is developing an interlocal agreement with King County for Section 36. Staff has convened Recreation Summit meetings with both school districts, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Pine Lake Club and the Cities of Issaquah and Sammamish for joint operations for recreation opportunities. Summer Nights at Pine Lake Park have begun.

Public Comment

Tom Harman, 2302 W. Beaver Lake Drive, Beaver Lake Triathlon will be August 18, 2001. The Mayor will be the Master of Ceremonies.

1 - 4. Consent Calendar

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

5. Public Hearing

Street Vacation of Portions of NE 9th Street and 205th Avenue NE

Public Works Director John Cunningham gave the staff report. He handed out a map showing the area requested to be vacated. He handed out several letters that expressed concern by neighbors over the vacation

Public Hearing opened at 8:37 pm

Public Comment:

Jim Houck, 510 157th Avenue SE Bellevue, Concerned that the vacation of those streets would limit access to emergency vehicles.

Phyllis Nelson, 10214 136th Avenue NE, Kirkland, Vacating the street would limit access to the properties that they own.

Kathy Watkins, 8557 Iris Crest, CA, She believes the reason for the street vacation is really to allow the owners to build on the highest point of the lot. She also stated King County has given up the rights to these streets, so they could not pass ownership along to the City, therefore the City has no right to vacate the street.

Public Hearing closed at 8:40 pm

Unfinished Business

6. Ordinance: Street vacation of portions of NE 9th Street and 205th Avenue NE

Mr. Cunningham gave the staff report. Staff has checked with the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District, and they had some concerns with the vacation. This is the first information the staff has received alleging that the County had given up their rights to the streets. Future access to all of these parcels will probably come from the extension of 205th Avenue NE. The vacation will not affect this access. Staff is recommending vacation of the street.

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved grant the vacation request. Councilmember Gerend seconded.

Councilmember Huckabay questioned if the City did have the right to vacate the street. Staff could not verify City-ownership.

MOTION: Councilmember Dyer moved to table the ordinance. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Dyer moved to send the ordinance back to staff to determine the ownership of the streets, access for adjacent homeowners and the concerns of the sewer district. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

Council recessed from 8:55 pm to 9:10 pm.

7. Ordinance: Second Reading of an ordinance of the City of Sammamish, Washington, relating to land use and zoning, and amending Ordinance No. 2001-77, an ordinance extending a moratorium on the filing of applications for development permits and approvals within the corporate limits of the City of Sammamish

Community Development Director Ray Gilmore gave the staff report. This will be the fourth extension of the moratorium since incorporation. There is one amendment to the original moratorium and that allows an exception for two-lot short plats. The exception for Senior Assisted housing has been dropped from the ordinance so the Community Development Committee can decide on the specific description allowing this type of housing. The ordinance can be amended later to include this exception.

MOTION: Councilmember Dyer moved to adopt an ordinance for the City of Sammamish extending the moratorium. Councilmember Barry seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0 (O2001-86).

8. Resolution: Adoption of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Cunningham gave the staff report. This is the last step in the adoption of the plan. A small change was made from the draft plan and that is Project #10 the extension of Trossachs Blvd will only be extended to SE Main Street.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the resolution adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2001-2007. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously (R2001-81).

New Business

9. Hardship Exception/Stixrood (Centrex Homes)

Mr. Gilmore explained the reason for the Hardship Exception request. The request is to be allowed to apply for a permit to construct a 40-unit Adult Senior Housing development on 3.4 acres at the intersection of 228th Avenue NE and NE 8th Street.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to grant the request for a hardship exception to the building moratorium. No second. Motion died. No further discussion.

10. Ordinance: First Reading Amending ISDC 19.26.060 Short Plats

Mr. Gilmore explained the ordinance. Staff believes the current Interim Sammamish Development Code allows for an excessive number of lots that can be created under an administratively reviewed short plat. Staff is recommending the number of lots that can be developed under a short plat be reduced from nine to four and from thirteen to eight if on contiguous lots. This is the first reading of the ordinance. It will be brought back to Council at the September 5 Regular Meeting for a second reading.

11. Resolution: Changing date of City Council Meetings

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report. At a previous study session Council expressed a desire to change the City Council Meeting dates from Wednesday to Tuesday.

MOTION: Councilmember Dyer moved to adopt a resolution changing the meeting day of City Council Meetings from Wednesdays to Tuesdays. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed 6-0 with Councilmember Huckabay dissenting (R2001-82)

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to reconsider the adoption of resolution R2001-82. Councilmember Dyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to amend Resolution R2001-82, changing Section 3, Effective Date, to October 1, 2001. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to amendment Resolution R2001-82, changing the regular meeting dates to the second and fourth Tuesdays. Motion failed 3-3 with Councilmembers Dyer, Haworth and Deputy Mayor Kilroy dissenting and Mayor Romero abstaining.

11. Project Engineer/Salary Range

Mr. Butkus gave the staff report. The City has received very few qualified applications for this position. Staff is requesting to change the salary range from a Grade 12 to a Grade 14. This salary range should encourage more qualified candidates.

MOTION: Councilmember Haworth moved to change the salary level from Grade 12 to Grade 14 for the Project Engineer position. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7-0.

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

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

H. Troy Romero, Mayor