

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting December 4, 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 Jack Barry, Phil Dyer, and Ron Haworth.

**Councilmembers absent:** Councilmembers Don Gerend and Kathleen Huckabay.

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

**Staff present:** City Manager Ben Yazici, Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Director of Public Works John Cunningham, Director of Finance Lyman Howard, Planning Manager David Sawyer, Special Projects Coordinator Matt Mathes, Fire Administrator John Murphy, City Attorney Bruce Disend and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

### **Roll Call/Pledge**

Roll was called. Councilmember Dyer led the pledge.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dyer moved to approve the agenda. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded the motion.

**AMENDMENT:** Councilmember Dyer moved to add a first reading of a proposed resolution after Mayor and Council Committee Reports. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Amendment passed unanimously 5-0.

**AMENDMENT:** Councilmember Haworth moved to amend the agenda by adding a litigation issue to the Executive Session and moving the Executive Session to follow the City Manager's Report at the end of the agenda. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Amendment passed unanimously 5-0.

**MOTION:** Main motion to approve agenda as amended passed unanimously 5-0.

## **Introductions and Presentations**

The Mayor introduced members from Scout Troop #636 (Sammamish), #689 (Newport Hills) and #696 (Issaquah). The Scouts are working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge by attending a Council meeting.

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

- *Public Safety Committee (Councilmember Haworth)* No Report.
- *Finance Committee (Councilmember Huckabay)*: No Report
- *Community Development Committee (Councilmember Dyer)* No report
- *Public Works Committee (Councilmember Gerend)*: No report
- *Eastlake High School Report (Student Liaison Ali Khaki)*: No report
- *Skyline High School Report (Student Liaison Courtney Paine)*: The high school sponsored a food drive and delivered four carloads of groceries to the Issaquah Food Bank. They are also organizing a toy drive.
- *Mayor Report*: The Mayor reminded fellow Councilmembers about the Klahanie Open House on Friday. He also addressed a Troup of Girl Scouts last Friday.

Councilmember Dyer introduced a resolution that would approve dividing the city into district boundaries for the purpose of electing Councilmembers. He feels this would remedy the problem of having more representation in one part of the city than another. Currently all Councilmembers are elected at large. Councilmember Dyer recommended this resolution be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting for consideration.

## **Public Comment:**

Bob Robinson, 2624 233<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SE, He expressed concern about speeding traffic through the Field Rush neighborhood. He requested consideration of a speed hump or some other form of traffic calming measure in that neighborhood.

John Murphy, Sammamish Fire Chief, Invited all Councilmembers to attend a house training fire which will be held this week.

## **Consent Calendar**

- 1. Claims for period ending November 20,2001 in the amount of \$524,526.13 for Check No.4547 through Check No. 4639**
- 2. Claims for period ending December 4, 2001 in the amount of \$970,756.85 for Check No. 4640 through Check No. 4704**
- 3. Payroll for pay period ending November 30, 2001 for pay date December 5, 2001 in the amount of \$90,543.79.**
- 4. Minutes of the November 7, 2001 Regular Meeting**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to approve the consent calendar. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

### **New Business**

**5. Public Hearing: 2001 Budget Adjustments, 2002 Budget Adjustments including setting the property tax levy for 2002.**

City Manager Ben Yazici gave the staff report. Since the City has adopted a biennial (two year) budget, it is now necessary to make some adjustments to next year's budget based on more current economic conditions that did not exist when the current budget was originally adopted. The City will maintain the current level of service it is providing. Police and Fire services will remain the same. The major emphasis for the 2002 budget will be capital improvements to roads, surface water management and parks. The city will continue to contract with outside sources for services. The budget contains \$7 million for construction of a new City Hall facility. There will also be more funds allocated to regional actions, such as A Coalition for Affordable Housing (ARCH) and E-Gov. It also provides for a healthy ending fund balance. A complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation given by Mr. Yazici can be obtained by contacting the City Clerk.

Finance Director Lyman Howard then went through the adjustments proposed for the 2001 budget. The city had higher than expected revenues and a slightly higher than expected ending fund balance.

This is a first reading of these ordinances. The second reading will occur at the next Regular meeting on December 18, 2001.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Romero opened the public hearing on the budget modifications and tax levy at 8:25 pm.

#### **Public Comment:**

Virginia Riley, 1701 229<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, She questioned Council why no money was being allocated to build a public swimming pool on the Plateau.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:30 pm.

**6. Ordinance: First Reading 2001 Budget Adjustments**

Mr. Yazici explained that these adjustments have been the topic of two study sessions and no action is required from the Council tonight. Council had no questions.

**7. Ordinance: First Reading 2002 Budget Amendments**

Mr. Yazici explained that this ordinance adjusts the 2002 budget based on decreased revenue expectations. There were no questions. This is a first reading. No action is required.

**8. Ordinance: First Reading 2002 Tax Levy**

Mr. Yazici gave the staff report. The recommended Tax Levy for 2002 is \$11,318,835. This is a decrease of \$2,181,165, or 16.2 percent, from the 2001 levy. This is a first reading of the ordinance. No action is required.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved to direct staff to prepare an amended ordinance setting the levy at a rate that takes into account the increase of assessed valuation, less the Library's projected levy rate per \$1,000 which would amount to a rate of approximately \$2.59 ½. Councilmember Dyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**9. Ordinance: First Reading Mid Biennial Review**

Mr. Yazici gave the staff report. This ordinance is a housekeeping ordinance which should have been adopted at the time of adopting the original biennial budget. This ordinance is required by RCW 35A34.130 and makes allows for revision and modifications to a two-year budget at the end of the first year.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance on the first reading. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to adopt an ordinance of the City of Sammamish providing for a mid biennial budget review. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously (O2001-94).

**10. Resolution: Supporting Issaquah School District Levy**

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report. The City was approached by a school district representative and asked to support the Issaquah School District Levy. As required by law, the proposed adoption of this resolution was advertised in advance of this meeting and equal opportunity is being given tonight for both proponents and opponents to speak to this resolution. No one spoke in opposition. Kelly Munn spoke in favor of the resolution.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dyer moved to approve a resolution in support of the Issaquah School District Levy. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0 (R2001-93).

**11. Contract: Change Order 228<sup>th</sup> Phase 1b for Landscaping Phase 1a**

Public Work Director John Cunningham gave the staff report. This change order is to provide for landscaping along the Phase 1a part of 228<sup>th</sup>. The landscaping would consist of drought tolerant plants and the project will be completed before Christmas. Total amount of the change order would not exceed \$67,349.50.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Haworth moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a change order to Mid Mountain's contract for landscaping of 228<sup>th</sup> Phase 1a in an amount not to exceed \$67,349.50. Councilmember Dyer seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**City Manager Report**

Mr. Yazici thanked staff, especially Finance Director Lyman Howard, for all of their hard work and diligence in preparing the 2002 budget.

He suggested that the January 1, 2002 Council Meeting be moved to January 10, 2002. He asked Council to check their calendars and let him know if that would be acceptable.

**Executive Session** Property Acquisition pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (b) and potential litigation.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:00 pm and reconvened at 9:30 pm

Special Projects Manager Matt Mathes explained the topic of the executive session was a discussion concerning a long term lease of a portion of the property recently donated to the city and currently designated at the Nelson property. The lessee has plans to construct a single family home on the property. City Attorney Disend explained that some minor changes need to be made to the lease to be approved as to form.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Dyer moved to authorize the City Manager to approve a long term lease of a portion of the donated waterfront property, currently designated as the Nelson property, as originally authorized in the original donation of the property. Councilmember Haworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

**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