

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting February 5, 2002

Mayor Troy Romero called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 7:35 pm

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

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Ron Haworth.

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

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Directory of Administrative Services/Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager John Cunningham, Director of Community Development Ray Gilmore, Parks Manager Jeff Watling, Planning Manager David Sawyer, Transportation Manager Lee Haro, City Attorney Bruce Disend and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Councilmember Petitti led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

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

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Huckabay moved to amend the agenda by moving the Executive Session to follow the City Manager's Report. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Motion to amend passed unanimously 6-0.

AMENDED MOTION: Passed unanimously 6-0.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Public Safety Committee (Councilmember Haworth):* No Report
- *Finance Committee (Councilmember Barry):* Finance Committee met and the new members were brought up to date on the works of the Finance Committee. There are several items on the agenda that have been approved by the committee.

- *Community Development Committee (Councilmember Huckabay):* Attended a Puget Sound Regional Committee meeting. She also attended the Planning Advisory Board Land Use Subcommittee meeting. She found it very informative.
- *Public Works Committee (Councilmember Gerend):* The committee heard a presentation on the King County Solid Waste Plan. Each city in the County must agree with the plan and sign off on it. The focus will continue to be waste reduction and recycling. The roundabout on Inglewood Hill Road and 216th was completed today. Eliminating every other light pole will reduce the brightness of lighting on 228th 1b. These poles will be used on 228th 1c phase of the project. The 2002 Sidewalk project will focus on SE 24th Street to provide connectivity between Beaver Lake and 228th Avenue SE for pedestrians. The new Route 216 bus service began February 4. It runs from NE 39th on Sahalee Way to downtown Seattle. Initial user response has been good. A meeting was held at Blackwell Elementary School to get input from the neighbors on the removal of the north end barricades.
- *Legislative Committee (Councilmember Petitti):* On January 30th and 31st Councilmembers Gerend, Petitti, Deputy Mayor Kilroy and City Manager Ben Yazici attended a legislative conference in Olympia presented by the Association of Washington Cities. She handed out a short brochure on the history of the initiative process.
- *Eastlake High School Report (Student Liaison Ali Khaki):* Physics students are working on their “Rube Goldberg Projects”, creating an energy-wasting machine to perform a simple task. The play, “Romero and Juliet:” just finished. The junior class is planning an Adult Prom Night March 16.
- *Skyline High School Report (Student Liaison Courtney Paine):* Sports teams are all in the district play-offs. Finals were last week. A Skyline student died in a snowboarding accident. Peer and grief counseling was offered to all the students.
- *Mayor Report:* The Sammi Awards was a great success. The Sammamish Symphony was especially impressive. Last week the eastside city mayors met with Senator Patty Murray to discuss common problems. City Manager Ben Yazici showed a video highlighting the City of Sammamish.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Reid Brockway, 167 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway, Encouraged Council to obtain unbiased information regarding the East Lake Sammamish Interim Trail PAUE.

Mike Rundle, 2470 186 Avenue SE, He commended staff on their report regarding the PAUE. He does not believe Sammamish is responsible for holding up the building of the trail. He believes the alternative trail route offers the least impact to the environment.

Tom Harman, 2302 W. Beaver Lake Drive, The Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District just received the final report on ground water modeling that was performed by a firm out of Boston. The report showed there was eight times more water than previously known.

Tessa Geare 22259 NE Inglewood Hill Road, She feels the City’s Code Enforcement Officer is harassing her and her landlord.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1) **Claims for period ending February 5, 2002, in the amount of \$612,072.59 for Check No. 4959 through Check No. 5029**
- 2) **Payroll for pay period ending January 15, 2002 for pay date January 18, 2002 in the amount of \$91,759.86 and payroll for pay period ending January 31, 2002 for pay date February 5, 2002 in the amount of \$95,765.35**
- 3) **Minutes for January 10, 2002 Special Meeting**
- 4) **Minutes for January 15, 2002 Regular Meeting**
- 5a) **Interlocal agreement: Yakima County jail services**
- 5b) **Interlocal agreement: City of Renton jail services**

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Public Hearing

6. **Consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Sammamish, Washington, relating to land use and zoning, and amending Ordinance No. 2001-86, an ordinance extending a moratorium on the filing of applications for development permits and approvals within the corporate limits of the City of Sammamish**

Mayor Romero declared the public hearing open at 8:35.

Community Development Director Ray Gilmore gave the staff report. This is essentially the same ordinance that Council reviewed in August. There is a minor change that was accidentally omitted in August and was added back in to this ordinance. This ordinance continues the moratorium on land use permits through August of 2002.

No public comment regarding this ordinance

Mayor Romero declared the public hearing closed at 8:37 pm.

New Business

7. **Ordinance: An Ordinance of the City of Sammamish, Washington, relating to land use and zoning, and amending Ordinance No. 2001-86, an ordinance extending a moratorium on the filing of applications for development permits and approvals within the corporate limits of the City of Sammamish.**

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved to suspend the rules and adopt this ordinance on the first reading so the previous ordinance does not expire before this ordinance takes effect. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved to adopt an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2001-86 and extending the moratorium. Councilmember Huckabay moved to seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0 (O2002-98).

Mayor Romero suggested the Community Development Committee discuss the issue of mega-buildings and directed staff and the City Attorney to development language that would include them in future moratoriums.

8. Resolution: Amending Existing Personnel Policy Regarding Miscellaneous Benefits

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved to approve the amendment to existing Personnel Policy 7.7 regarding miscellaneous benefits. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0 (R2002-98).

Director of Administrative Services/Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report. This change has been discussed at the Council retreat. It modifies the health care benefits to bring it in line with current practices of the City. It does provide for a grandfathering of four employees who are currently using the benefit.

9. Resolution: A resolution of the City of Sammamish, Washington, establishing the date, time and place of regular meetings and Study Session meetings of the City Council and amending Resolution R2001-82

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved approval of the resolution amending resolution R2001-82 and changing the Study Session days to the fourth Tuesday of the month only. Councilmember Barry seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0 (R2002-99).

Mr. Yazici gave the staff report. The issue of Study Sessions was a topic discussed at the Council retreat. Eliminating one Study Session will leave one Tuesday open for Councilmembers to attend other regional meetings.

10. First Reading: An Ordinance Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Amending Ordinance No. 02001-97 For The Purpose Of Consolidating The Department Directors Salary Range

Mr. Yazici gave the staff report. This ordinance changes the salary range for the City Staff Department Directors. After a salary survey of surrounding comparable cities, staff found that Sammamish Director salaries were lower than all of them. Compensation must remain competitive to keep exiting staff members and to recruit qualified new staff members when the need arises. This is a first reading only. No action is required. Councilmember Barry reported the Finance Committee recommends approval of this ordinance.

11. Interlocal: King County/Sports Field Grant

Parks Manager Jeff Watling gave the staff report. This is a \$50,000 grant from King County to improve the sports fields at Pine Lake Park. The project will be part of the restoration plan for overall park improvements. Total cost for the field improvements is estimated at between \$100,000 and \$120,000.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the interlocal agreement with King County for the sports field grant. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

12. Contract: Grade Inc./Bill Ream Park Improvements

Mr. Watling gave the staff report. This improvement was identified through the Park Improvement Process. This is a Small Works Contract. The project will improve drainage around Field 1 as well as improving the path and landscaping around the field at Bill Ream Park.

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with Grade, Inc. for improvements to Bill Ream Park. Deputy Mayor Kilroy seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

13. Contract HDR/Issaquah-Pine Lake Road Improvements

Public Works Director John Cunningham gave the staff report. This contract is for design of the improvements to Issaquah-Pine Lake Road from 231st Lane to 234th Avenue. This project will include the installation of curbs, gutters, storm drainage and lighting and a study to determine the feasibility of installing a roundabout for traffic control.

Deputy Mayor Kilroy was not in favor of spending money to evaluate the feasibility of a new roundabout until it has been established the current roundabout on Inglewood Hill Road is effective.

Staff will work with the consultant to ensure the study on the roundabout will not begin until the end of the design work.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a contract with HDR for the design of improvements to Issaquah-Pine Lake Road. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

14. Contract: BWR/Transportation Plan

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved to postpone this item to the next regular meeting. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

City Manager Report

Mr. Yazici passed out copies of Police Chief's Magazine in which Chief Baranzini has an article. Council will receive a draft of the City Newsletter on Friday. He requested Council to give approval to hire a Senior Engineer at a higher rate than the middle step in the pay range.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved to authorize the City Manager to hire the Senior Engineer at the top of the pay range. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Mr. Yazici asked Council if they would recommend that staff work with Overlake Hospital regarding a facility built in conjunction with the development of a City Center in Sammamish. Council so directed.

Executive Session

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:15 pm and returned at 10:20 pm

Mr. Gilmore requested Council give direction to the Planning Advisory Board in determining what the City should be planning for in terms of population projections for the next 10 years. Two alternatives are being presented tonight:

Alternative 1: Population planning should be based on a projection of 1,000 additional households over the next ten years. This alternative would require either downzoning or a permit allocation plan or a combination of both.

Alternative 2: Population planning would be based on a projection of 4,500 over the next twenty years. This alternative would also require either down zoning or a permit allocation plan or a combination of both, but to a lesser degree.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved to adopt Alternative 1. Councilmember Barry seconded. Motion failed 3-2 -1 with Councilmembers Gerend and Romero dissenting and Councilmember Petitti abstaining.

Councilmember Gerend voted against this alternative because it is not a realistic number for growth. Councilmember Barry does believe the number is realistic and sends a message that Sammamish does not intend to take all the growth on the eastside. Councilmember Huckabay agreed with Councilmember Barry. Mayor Romero was against Alternative 1 because we may have to come back and redo the Comprehensive Plan thereby wasting time and money.

MOTION: Mayor Romero moved to support Alternative 2 and direct staff to try and obtain the lowest possible growth number from the Buildable Land Target Committee (BLT). Councilmember Gerend seconded.

AMENDMENT: Mayor Romero agreed to divide his question into two parts. The first motion is to direct the staff to obtain the lowest possible number from the BLT. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Amended motion passed 5-1 with Councilmember Barry abstaining.

Public Comment

Scott Hamilton (PAB Member), Asked Council to give the PAB a range of numbers to work with, if they cannot agree on a specific number.

Karen Moran, 20705 SE 3rd Way, She is concerned if the City plans for too high of a number, the BLT will give the city a higher number because they have planned for it.

Bob Keller, 23708 NE 4th Pl, Doesn't understand the numbers being presented. He concurs that the lower number chosen the better.

Gail Twelves, 19727 SE 19th Street, Council needs to protect the environment and protect citizens from infrastructure deficit. Plan for growth, but make it concurrent with protecting sensitive environments.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Kilroy moved to refer this decision to the Community Development Committee for further review. Motion failed 2 to 4 with Councilmembers Barry, Huckabay, Petitti, and Mayor Romero dissenting.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to consider an Alternative 3, which is to provide the PAB with a range between 2,000 to 3,000 households using 3 people per household. Mayor Romero seconded.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Huckabay offered a friendly amendment to change the range to between 1,000 and 3,000. Councilmember Barry seconded. Councilmember Petitti agreed to the friendly amendment. Motion passed 5 to 1 with Councilmember Gerend dissenting.

Councilmember Gerend felt that offering a range of 1,000 to 4,500 would be more beneficial.

AMENDED MOTION: Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to direct the PAB to look at the down zoning issue in reference to such areas, specifically those zoned SO190 and SO180 and that those areas be brought into compliance with the sensitive areas ordinance. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Adjournment – Mayor Romero adjourned the meeting at 11:03 pm.

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

H. Troy Romero, Mayor