



# STUDY SESSION NOTES

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## Study Session January 27, 2004

- Study Session opened at 7:30 pm

**Councilmembers present:** Mayor Kathleen Huckabay, Deputy Mayor Don Gerend, Councilmember's Michele Petitti, Jack Barry, Nancy Whitten, Mark Cross and Lee Felling.

**Staff present:** City Manager Ben Yazici, Director of Administrative Services/Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Director of Public Works Delora Kerber, Director of Finance Lyman Howard, Director of Community Development Ray Gilmore, Parks Manager Jeff Watling, Glenn Akramoff Infrastructure Maintenance Manager, Ho Le Maintenance and Operations, Mike Keller Maintenance and Operations, Kyle Endelman Maintenance and Operations and Assistant City Attorney Steve King.

### Topics

- SR 202 Funding
- Sales Tax Streamline Regulations – Making up Loss in Revenue
- Legislature Meetings
- Maintenance and Operations Update - PowerPoint Presentation, Glenn Akramoff
  - Self directed teams relating to better customer service
  - Seasonal help
  - Maintenance shop locations
  - Storm Drainage Facility – Vaults & Detention Ponds maintained – approximately 80 maintained by the City
  - Culvert repairs
  - ESP maintenance
  - Beaver Lake Park maintenance
  - Pine Lake Park maintenance
  - NE Park – Arbor completed in 2003
  - Asphalt projects & concrete repairs
  - Timberline sidewalk project
  - Street sweeping 1283 miles – 15% increase since 2003
  - Signs and markings – 20% increase
  - Beaver Lake Triathlon and Skyline Homecoming Parade (traffic control, manned intersections)
  - Beaver Lake Dr. & Beaver Lake Way – landscaping project (in-house design)
  - 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue - five miles of guardrail maintenance

- Prepping for overlays, shoulder restoration and ditching along E. Lake Sammamish Parkway
- Catch basins – over 1,000 cleaned out
- 2004 overlay list – completion for submittal to King County anticipated before July 4, 2004
- Emergency response – slide along 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE
- Storm clean-up – over 45 trees down and most major debris clean-up occurred within 24 hours
- January ice & snow storm – maintenance & clear roads
- Water & Sewer District helped out during the storms
- Maintenance and Operations responded to 786 citizen actions requests for 2003
- Response & acknowledgement to the citizen action request is typically within 24 hours
- Approximately 49 capital projects are to be completed this summer
- Operation and Maintenance Business Plan (Glenn, Ben & Delora preparing)

- **Wireless Facilities**

- Towers
- Vaults
- Cabinets
- Federal Statutes
- Revised Code of Washington 35.99
- Cellular Tower Placement
- Leases on City owned property
- Emergency moratorium
- Consultant to perform expert professional negotiations, analyze signal strength, and to look at property location and topography
- Cabinets, possibility of placing underground
- King County Interlocal - Right of Way permits
- City Staff working on a process to bring back to the Council
- Co-location – City staff could require applicants to co-locate only if it does not create gaps in the coverage area
- Limit cell towers
- Aesthetics and camouflaging the appearance
- What do other Cities do?

Jack Barry: I'd like to see some progress made on this, it has been an issue for quite sometime and I would like to move on.

Councilmember Petitti questions a hardship exception that had been granted to Crown Castle near Pine Lake Community Center. Councilmember Petitti would like to encourage co-location.

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus addressed the question; under the current moratorium, it is only allowed on City right of ways. Crown Castle wireless facility tower had been granted a hardship exception because it was on City property.

Councilmember Gerend says that you can require carriers to co-locate, so long as it does not create gaps in the coverage.

Councilmember Cross would like to see a height limitation.

Councilmember Huckabay would like to limit cell towers by a moratorium, if not legally doable, adjust the code.

Councilmember Gerend says that you could put them on the roof of the Sammamish City Hall or change the appearance such as: tree or a flagpole.

Councilmember Whitten would like to make it more difficult for the carriers and not leave door wide open.

- **Public Comment:**

Larry Schack & Tara Caddell-Schack: This isn't about the interim; it's about being restrictive. Mr. Schack would like to find a balance. Don't just allow it to be easy and convenient. Tara Schack mentioned the possibility of setback requirements and educating local government on the wireless facilities and the locations available.

Gary Abrahams, Consultant for T-Mobile: Wireless companies are trying to eliminate the gaps for customers while also trying to design the wireless facilities to meet code criteria. T-Mobile is not against co-location. Trees and topography create the need for each carrier to have additional height. Mr. Abrahams would encourage not adopting an emergency moratorium. If you're not happy with the direction, based upon the exemption, Mr. Abrahams encourages the City, to work on an ordinance with the carriers and the community.

### **Columbia Hospitality preliminary analysis**

Pete Butkus gave the staff report.

Kelman property: 831 228<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, West of the upper portion of the Sammamish Commons project. Columbia Hospitality prepared a preliminary analysis on the property at no cost. Four options were looked at and the final conclusion: they are hesitant to recommend either public or private ownership.

Councilmember Whitten likes the idea of holding weddings, driving lessons and athletic classes. It may be comparable to the Pine Lake Club and could also generate a profit. Sports, aerobics, and some other classes would be something to look at.

Councilmember Barry says there is some good data to look at; however, we are reminded of the costs of section 36, Commons phase II, and this item is a red numbered figure. We have some other prioritizations and costs to look at. This is a low priority.

Councilmember Huckabay questions why someone would drive here to use this facility? Beaver Lake Lodge may be a better choice for a community facility.

Mr. Yazici believes that Beaver Lake Lodge may be a better choice.

Councilmember Gerend suggested that the same company that runs the Pine Lake Club could run the Beaver Lake Lodge.

Mr. Yazici is in favor of looking at the contract when that comes up again. Pine Lake Club would give an additional meeting lodge for the City. This project will be on hold. Mr. Yazici will look into ways of actively marketing Beaver Lake Lodge to increase its use.

Councilmember Whitten would like to look at the numbers of the Pine Lake Club. Wonderful opportunities to look at and Beaver Lake Lodge would be a great place to have sports classes and could maintain the costs without making a profit.

**Study Session ended at 10:20 pm.**