

COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting/Study Session April 20, 2004

Mayor Kathleen Huckabay called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:00 pm.

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

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Jack Barry.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Gerend moved to excuse Councilmember Barry. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Director of Community Development Ray Gilmore, Public Works Director Delora Kerber, Director of Parks & Recreation Jeff Watling, Finance Director Lyman Howard, Police Chief Richard Baranzini, Communications Manager Tim Larson, City Attorney Bruce Disend and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Councilmember Felling led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the agenda. Deputy Mayor Gerend seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Presentations/Proclamations

- Sammi Awards Committee Recognition- Mayor Huckabay presented certificates of appreciation to the following members of the Sammi Award Committee:

- Police Officer of the Year – Chief of Police Richard Baranzini announced the Officer Paula Davis is the Officer of the Year. This honor is particularly meaningful because the winner is picked by fellow police officers.

MAYOR/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Public Safety Committee (Councilmember Felling):* No Report
- *Finance Committee (Councilmember Gerend):* He attended three Eastside Transportation Partnership Meetings. He asked for approval from fellow Councilmembers to attend the next Sound Transit meeting to express Sammamish's

desires for specific road improvement projects. It is unclear if the Eastside Transportation Partnership has the authority to spend all the money allocated because there are not enough voter-approved projects on the list. The Deputy Mayor would testify that Sammamish would support Sound Transit and RTID merging together if enough money is allocated for the various projects needed in Sammamish. Council approved his proposal. Deputy Mayor Gerend sat in on the interview for a consultant to work on the special study area.

- *Community Development Committee (Councilmember Cross):*No report
- *Public Works Committee (Councilmember Petitti):* No Report. Public works did not meet tonight because the Council meeting started at 6:00 pm. The committee will meet next Tuesday April 27, 2004 at 5:30 pm
- *Legislative Committee (Mayor Huckabay):* No report
- *Parks, Open Space & Natural Resources Committee (Councilmember Whitten):* Councilmember Whitten and Deputy Mayor Gerend attended the Water Resource Inventory Area (W.R.I.A.) meeting last week. The meeting was six hours long and there is much to study. A representative of WRIA has offered to come to a future study session to enlighten the Council on issues relating to Kokanee salmon.
- *Skyline High School Student Liaison:* No Report
- *Eastlake High School Student Liaison:* No Report
- *Mayor Report:* Suburban Cities has chosen an interim director and a permanent director will be chosen soon.

Public Comment

Scott Hamilton, 19727 NE 19th Street, The Eastside Transportation Consortium met last week. They believe Sound Transit will not have enough design work completed on any of the transportation projects currently being recommended to be sent to a vote of the public. They do not think any of the projects should be voted on in 2004.

Bob Hamilton 3931 Eastlake Sammamish Parkway NE, Speaking on behalf of his neighbors. He is here to report on the City's undeveloped lakefront park. He believes it is an attractive nuisance. He asked the Council make the clean up of this park a priority for the staff and would like the area cleaned up before the end of May. He handed out copies of photographs of the property to Council.

Consent Calendar

Claims for period ending March 16 in the amount of \$898,320.69 for Check No. 9946 through Check No. 10038

MOTION: Councilmember Felling moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance: Second Reading Repealing Sammamish Municipal Code Chapter 2.25, Compensation Plan

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Gerend moved to approve the ordinance repealing Chapter 2.25 of the Sammamish Municipal Code. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

New Business

Ordinance: First Reading Amending Sammamish Municipal Code Section 2.50.010(1)(i) To Authorize The City Manager To Declare Certain Property To Be Surplus And Authorizing The City Manager To Dispose Of The Same; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date

Finance Director Lyman Howard gave the staff report. This ordinance has the effect of authorizing the City Manager to surplus certain real property that no longer serves a useful purpose for the City as long as the cumulative value is not greater the \$10,000. Currently the ordinance requires that the Council approve all items to be surplus. No action is recommended at this time as this is the first reading. Mr. Lyman showed pictures of some of the equipment that would be surplus. The City is very limited on space and there is no room to store these items there.

Councilmember Whitten said that since City Hall space is so limited, it might be a good idea to vote on this item tonight so the equipment could be surplus sooner.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on the first reading. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Felling moved to approve the ordinance on the first reading. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0(O2004-145).

Contract: East Sammamish/244th Avenue Corridor Study project

Public Works Director Delora Kerber gave the staff report. She showed a graphic of the proposed corridor for East Sammamish/244th Corridor. This is an amendment to an existing contract with HW Lochner. Three firms were interviewed to conduct the preliminary study. Lochner was chosen. There will be two alternatives as well as a “no-build” alternative developed. There will be at least three public meetings before the final design is proposed. This project can be terminated or changed at any step of the process if Council so desires. The amount of the contract is for an additional sum not to exceed \$1,254,174 as well as up to \$9,400 for additional public process.

Mr. Yazici emphasized that no design on the final alternative will take place until the public input process is complete.

Sharon Styvis, 24933 SE 14th Street, After reviewing the design alternatives posted on the website and she would like the city to consider adding a soft surface equestrian trail on both the north and south end of the corridor.

Councilmember Felling asked why two alternatives are being considered. Ms. Kerber explained that the Environmental Impact Statement (E.I.S.) requires two viable alternatives. Ms. Kerber also said that equestrian trails are already being considered. Mr. Yazici said the staff will review the requirements to see if the E.I.S. does in fact require two alternatives. Staff will bring more information regarding this to the Council at a later meeting.

Councilmember Whitten asked if this road would be built to the current road standards or could the road be built to new standards that might be adopted later this year.

Mayor Huckabay asked that non-residents who would be affected by the location of the roadway be notified of the public process.

Councilmember Cross would like several points in the process where the Council will be updated via a study session on the progress of the project. He is in agreement with Councilmember Fellingge that two alternatives should not be developed unless absolutely necessary.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with HW Lochner in an amount not to exceed \$1,245,17. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti move to authorize up \$9,500 for additional mailing and meeting expenses. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Acceptance: SE 24th Street Sidewalk Project

Mr. Yazici explained that this approval is an administrative process that allows the City to complete closing out the project.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to accept the SE 24th Street Sidewalk Project as complete. Councilmember Fellingge seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Acceptance: 228th Avenue SE Improvement Project Phase 1B

MOTION: Councilmember Fellingge moved to accept the 228th Avenue SE Improvement Project Phase 1B as complete. Deputy Mayor Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Approval: Temporary Staffing Needs

Community Development Director Ray Gilmore gave the staff report. The additional staffing is necessary to improve customer service, especially in the Building Department. The City is not at the point of hiring permanent staff but the next several months are expected to have an unprecedented number of building applications due to adoption of the Uniform Building Code which will change the requirements. Permitting in general is up 78% from last year. Last week there were 52 applications. This high level of activity is projected to continue through the summer months. There is no impact to the General Fund because all work hours are billed back to the customer.

Councilmember Cross pointed out that this additional staff will also help prevent “burn-out” of the permanent staff. He also asked to see the monthly building permit report in the Council packets.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to approve the temporary staffing needs. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

City Manager Report

SE 43rd Way Roundabout

Ms. Kerber gave an update on the roundabout being proposed for SE 43rd Way. Two new developments on that street will require the developers to substantially improve the intersection and the City of Issaquah has asked the developers to partner with them. Staff would coordinate any improvements to Eastlake Sammamish Parkway with the City of Issaquah.

228th Street Design

Ms. Kerber addressed the design of 228th Avenue between NE 8th and NE 4th Street which eliminates left hand turns out and restricts left turn in to the Sammamish Plateau shopping center. This design was chosen to help alleviate the large number of accidents that occur in that area. She explained that there are always trade-offs when designing roads.

Special Study Area

Mr. Gilmore will be meeting with a consultant to begin the Special Study Area study. He asked Council how they want to form their proposed Blue Ribbon Task Force. Mayor Huckabay said that Council will appoint up to six organizing members and then those members will select the rest of the members. Council is looking for advice from the consultant on how the selection should take place.

Councilmember Whitten said that she feels under-informed on the Special Study Area. She is not sure the Council is ready to give the consultant or task force clear parameters for the study. She is also afraid that the public process might develop concepts that are not in line with Council goals.

Deputy Mayor Gerend said the goal of this process is to get public input at the beginning of the process rather than having decisions made by Council and then presenting them to the public. The hope is that the task force will be sufficiently large enough to be representative of the community.

Councilmember Cross thinks it would be a good idea to address minimum requirements from the committee before they begin their work. This would prevent the committee from coming up with alternatives that are completely unacceptable.

City Hall Update

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus gave an update on the City Hall project. He clarified that the project was not being built to LEED standards due to cost. It is not too late to pursue this certification. Plans are being made to use water efficient toilets. No water re-use is being planned. The project will be efficient in use of electricity. No plans are being made to use solar energy for electricity. It could be cost-effective for hot water. The heating and ventilation system is being designed to Uniform Building Code requirements. Most furniture purchased will be used. Council directed Mr. Butkus to research if renewable resource materials could be used and alternatives will be discussed at the May 11 Study Session.

Ebright Creek Park Survey

Director of Parks & Recreation Jeff Watling explained the public process that will occur for the Ebright Creek Park. The process includes a survey, public meetings and final designs will be determined based on public input.

Pine Lake Park

The park will not be open for fishing on opening day, which is this weekend. Beaver Lake Park will be more heavily stocked than usual to help off set this. There is still some work

that needs to be done on the park improvements. Hopefully this will occur soon. Barricades will be placed visibly in the entrance to the park.

Laughing Jacobs Trail

Mr. Watling reported on a meeting with representatives from the City of Issaquah and Providence Point.

Greg Allan, 530 254th Avenue NE, Inherited growth has been responsible for causing the local schools to be overcapacity in this city. He believes that the new concurrency ordinance will help to limit the number of new students and he hopes that the City Council will enforce it properly.

Executive Session - Potential Litigation pursuant to RCW42.30.110(1)(i)

Mayor Huckabay announced that the Study Session for tonight has been cancelled. Council took a five minute break.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at and returned at 8:40 pm

Adjournment – Mayor Huckabay adjourned the meeting at 9:50 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Kathleen Huckabay, Mayor