

COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting/Study Session May 4, 2004

Mayor Kathleen Huckabay called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 7:00 pm.

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

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, Police Chief Richard Baranzini, City Attorney Bruce Disend and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Councilmember Petitti led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Felling moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Executive Session –Potential Litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:05 pm. Session resumed at 7:40 pm

MAYOR/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Public Safety Committee (Councilmember Felling)* The committee met last week. They will be recommending a new ordinance that will reduce fire works violation from criminal misdemeanor to a civil infraction. This will lessen the paper work the police must do, thereby encouraging more efficient use of their time. The second ordinance will be relating to inattentive driving to bring it more in line with the state ordinance. The committee is going to develop a process to determine the response level of the fire department, understanding that quicker response time may require increased funding.
- *Finance Committee (Councilmember Gerend):* Councilmembers Gerend and Whitten attended a WRIA 8 Steering committee meeting. The topic was Salmon recovery. Alternative funding for the project may be found. Finance committee met on April 27. Everything is fine. Deputy Mayor Gerend toured Lakewood's City Hall today. He is researching the possibility of housing a community college on the second floor of Sammamish's city hall.

- *Community Development Committee (Councilmember Cross):* Community Development Committee met tonight. They discussed the critical areas ordinance and related court cases were reviewed. The goal is to increase public participation and protect the environment when deciding on recommending changes.
- *Public Works Committee (Councilmember Petitti):* Public works committee discussed the final work on 228th Avenue NE. The manhole covers will be made flush with the pavement. Phase 1b of the 228th Street project was weeded last week. There are major concerns about the 25 mile an hour speed limit along the street. A speed study will be conducted to determine what the speed should be. Until then, the 25 mph will remain. Permanent speed signs may be installed by the city. The banner capability may be resumed on 228th after the construction is completed. A policy will need to be developed regarding who may place the banner and how often. The 2004 overlay program will be changed to delete SE 24th Street until next summer so a sidewalk could be installed there at the same time. The staff will be looking into an anti-litter program in the city. The committee reviewed the Transportation Improvement Project list for 2004. Funds this year will be split 75% to roads and 25% to parks. Greg Reynolds gave a presentation to the committee on new information regarding the northend barricades.
- *Legislative Committee (Mayor Huckabay):* None
- *Parks, Open Space & Natural Resources Committee (Councilmember Whitten):* The committee met on Monday. They discussed Ebright Creek Park. Surveys have been sent out. There will be two “park walks” for the public to get a sense of the park and what might be appropriate there. The dates are May 8 and May 10. They discussed a potential interlocal with Issaquah School District regarding shared use of school ball fields. The committee discussed re-prioritization of parks projects. The committee will defer to the Council on making these decisions. The Marshal house must be purchased by early June. There may not be enough time for the city to purchase the property. The committee requested staff to develop a project timeline
- *Skyline High School Student Liaison:* No Report
- *Eastlake High School Student Liaison:* WASAL testing is complete. Senior projects are due this week. SAT tests are being administered. Eastside Fire & Rescue will put on a mock DUI program. She also reported on the Sammamish Youth Board, their programs, goals and members. They have been busy sponsoring Bingo night, cake walks, Teen Feeds, Adopt a Road, Relay for Life Team, Drug and Alcohol Awareness programs, a cell phone drive in both school districts and many other community events to raise money for worthy causes. The City Council was invited to attend the Leadership Meeting on May 13.
- *Mayor Report:* Mayor Huckabay and Councilmember Petitti attended a Chamber conference in Denver. It is similar to Sammamish in population, income. Denver has a model transit program due to cooperation between the city and other areas in the region. She will attend Mayors meeting with Jennifer Dunn on May 10, King County Mayors on May 11 and Deputy Mayor Gerend will attend King County Councilmember David Irons mayors meeting on May 24. She also attended the eastside mayors meeting. The group will meet at Beaver Lake Lodge in July. She attended a Sammamish little league meeting. The group is very concerned with lack of ball fields. Closing of Pine Lake has been very problematic. They recommended

the City work closely with Issaquah School District to improve local elementary school ball fields. Council is planning a "Meet the Council" sometime soon at Pine Lake Shopping Center. She will announce the date later.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Greg Reynolds, 4329 210th Place NE, Even though he has asked many times, he was not notified of the meeting when the decision was made to install the Opticom barricades. He has been very active in asking Council to remove the barricade. He entered a study outlining why the barricades should be removed into the record and gave a handout to Council. He asked Council to reconsider their decision not to remove the barricades.

Kerry Frost, 4318 210th Place NE, Removing the barricades will increase community access and reduce the length of trips, thereby reducing noise and air pollution. It is not practical to wait until the improvements to SR 202 are made before removing them. He was unhappy with the process the Council followed in deciding to install the Opticom gates.

Earl Buchman, 21014 NE 44th Place, He believes the barricades should be removed because that was a condition of the original plat. He asked Council to consider the public good and not be intimidated by people who threaten litigation

Scott Hamilton, 19727 SE 19th Place, He was reviewing the Council goals and feels that there is not enough programs to involve the public in decisions regarding issues in the city. He advocated involving volunteers to help clean the streets and increase the pick up of road kill. He also thinks volunteers could be used to monitor various environmental issues. Hikers should be encouraged to develop trails in the area. This would require changes to the administrative code that is more reasonable.

Ray Spencer, 133 Eastlake Sammamish Parkway SE, He encouraged Council to consider widening 228th past NE 14th down to SR 202 instead of spending so much money to widen Eastlake Sammamish Parkway. Though it may help with concurrency problems, it will not help move traffic off the plateau.

Paul Lathrom, 20735 SE 3rd Way, He would like to see active recreation at Ebright Creek Park. He was disappointed to hear that the process is starting from the beginning again. Active recreation is very much needed along the 212th Avenue corridor. Athletic opportunities are very important for youth.

Shannon Colman, 21019 SE 2nd Place, She supports ball field development in the city. She does not want to see the large empty space at Ebright Creek remain unused. While it does not necessarily have to be developed as a ball park, a multi-use field would be great. She is also unhappy with the Library entrance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Payroll for pay period ending April 15, 2004 for pay date April 20, 2004 in the amount of \$144,903.04.

Claims for period ending May 6, 2004 in the amount of \$188,959.18 for Check No. 10039 through Check No. 10123.

MOTION: Councilmember Felling moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Interlocal: King County District Court Services

City Manager Ben Yazici gave the staff report. Sixteen cities contract with King County for Court Services. In 2002 the county gave notice that they would no longer be able to provide this service for cities under the current interlocal. After many hours of meetings between the cities and King County, a new interlocal agreement was developed. It is important for the city to be a part of this interlocal because the city does not generate enough cases to justify having their own court system. It is not possible to join with other cities for court services, since local courts must be located in the city they serve.

This contract will be in effect through December 2006. The county will retain 86% of the revenues generated by the court system. This will reduce Sammamish's share but it will not cost the city any additional funds. The local jurisdictions have retained the ability to appoint their local judge. Staff is recommending the council authorize the City Manager to enter into this interlocal agreement.

MOTION: Councilmember Felling moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with King County for District Court services. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Contract: Issaquah-Pine Lake Road Roundabout Tree Removal/Goodnight Construction, Inc.

Public Works Director Delora Kerber gave the staff report. The Issaquah Pine Lake Road/SE 32nd Street Roundabout project is ready to go to construction bid for construction this year. To accommodate the school and general traffic, the staff is recommending building a temporary by-pass road around the construction site. This will allow traffic to move through the construction area and minimize impact to the contractor. To build this road, it will be necessary to remove some trees in the area the by-pass road will be constructed. There are high power polls in the vicinity. Four bids were obtained and Goodnight Construction was the lowest bid. Staff is recommending authorizing the City manager to enter into a contract not to exceed \$16,000.

Contract: Issaquah-Pine Lake Road Temporary By-Pass/Mid-Mountain Construction, Inc.

Ms. Kerber explained that this contract is to actually build the by pass road. Three bids were solicited and Mid Mountain Construction was the low bidder. Staff is recommending authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Mid Mountain.

Contract: Issaquah-Pine Lake Road Construction Management/Harris & Associates

This contract is for construction management of the roundabout project.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve all three of the above contracts. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion passed 6-0 with Councilmember Whitten recusing herself.

Councilmember Barry expressed concern about hiring Mid Mountain again since they had problems with the construction work on 228th Avenue Phase 1b. Mr. Yazici explained that there are usually always issues with contractors.

Councilmember Whitten removed herself from the discussion and vote because she has a claim against Mid-Mountain.

City Manager Report

- **Work Load Issues** – After discussing work load priorities with the Council at the last meeting, Mr. Yazici met with the staff to discuss recommendations about reducing the work load. Their recommendation is to delay the 244th Project until 2005. Some projects have been added; wireless agreements, franchise agreements and placement of wireless facilities. The recommendation is to hire a part time person in Public Works. Beaver lake Park master plan will be delayed. The East Sammamish park fields upgrade will be delayed. Staff recommended that staff should not be required to attend the WRIA meetings although staff support could still be provided, if necessary. They would also like a Special Projects Manager for Planning. Mr. Yazici will come back to Council for approval of the part time positions.

Councilmember Whitten requested a part time person be hired to deal specifically with SEPA requirements on various projects.

- **Waterfront Park Issue** – A resident has been very concerned with illegal teenage activity that is taking place on a waterfront park near his home. To help alleviate this problem the city will post “No Trespassing” signs on the Sammamish Parkway side and the lake side of the property. Maintenance of the area will be increased. Police patrolling will be increased. There are some large structures that will require contracting to have them removed.
- **Fish Stocking of Pine Lake Park** – Park & Recreation Director Jeff Watling said that the Department of Fish & Wildlife is acclimatizing the fish to be stocked in the lake and are sure they will survive. The lake should be stocked next week.

- **Issaquah School District Interlocal** – There is a draft agreement but it is very different from the interlocal the city has with Lake Washington School District. The Council has directed staff to try to make both interlocals uniform. Mr. Watling will be meeting with Issaquah School District next week.
- **Special Study Area** – Ray Gilmore, Community Development Director said there will be a meeting Friday morning to discuss the scope of the contract with the consultant for the Special Study Area project. The consultant will be available for questions at the next Council meeting.
- **Search & Rescue** - Police Chief Baranzini talked about water rescue on Lake Sammamish. King County Marine patrol is under contract with the city to provide this service. During the winter months, no Marine control officers are assigned to the lake. They respond on an on-call basis. The city could try to contract for additional months of service for an additional cost.

Adjournment – Mayor Huckabay adjourned the meeting at 10:30 pm.

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Kathleen Huckabay, Mayor