

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Special Meeting

May 25, 2004

Mayor Kathleen Huckabay called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 pm. The meeting was held at Inglewood Junior High School, 24120 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Sammamish.

**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, Director of Administrative Services/Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Director of Community Development Ray Gilmore, Public Works Director Delora Kerber, Parks Planner Hope Gibson, Police Chief Richard Baranzini, Communications Manager Tim Larson, City Attorney Bruce Disend and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

### Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Councilmember Cross led the pledge.

### Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Gerend moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Petitti seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

### Presentation

King County: East Lake Sammamish Trail

Project Manager Mike Lozano of King County gave an update on the status of the East Lake Sammamish Trail. (A copy of the presentation is available upon request from the City Clerk). The items covered were:

- Street and driveway crossings
- Trailhead and significant access points
- Public Access Points
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Signage: Trail Safety and security
- Trail surface and edge treatment next to wetlands
- Fencing and Guardrail and gates
- Alignment Considerations: No new disturbances
- Use and Alternatives
- Bridgework

## **Public Comment**

Reid Brockway, 167 E Lake Sammamish Shore Lane NE, There is much more to the trail story than is being presented tonight. Security is not being addressed. The waste and dog waste bins are all along the trail, even though there are only four access points. He feels that it is not appropriate for these waste cans to be located at the entrance to his neighborhood.

Gene Morell, 2933 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, He says there is no explanation of how wide the trail will be in section 7. He asked Council not to grant any permits until the adverse possession width is adequately addressed. Adequate screening should be installed to prevent any direct sight into the houses along the trail.

Jim Creevey, 1103 E. Lake Sammamish NE, He is a member of the King County Advisory Council regarding the trail. His property is bisected by the trail. He started out in favor of the trail. He was originally told the trail would be only 10 feet wide with planting on either side. He feels the County has disregarded any wishes of the homeowners. He is tired of being called selfish because he does not want his property impacted by this trail. He asked Council to authorize a trail that will be acceptable to everyone.

Tom ? 1341 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway, He is concerned that the County will not be able to maintain the trail. Will the city ensure that the County will keep the trail clean?

Michael J. O'Connell, 436 226<sup>th</sup> Lane NE, The trail is an important resource to the whole community. He would like the trail to be built within the next year and it should remain on the railbed.

Steve Farrar, 1116 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, He does not think that high speed bicyclists will use the trail because there are too many road crossings. He thinks that if a trail can work on West Lake Sammamish, why not on East Lake Sammamish Parkway. If it is on the Parkway it will be able to handle the volume the trail will get. The Council should hold another city-wide meeting before issuing any more permits.

Mary O'Brien, 3931 202<sup>nd</sup> Place SE, She owns waterfront property that will be adjacent to the proposed trail. She supports going forward with the trail, while taking into consideration the concerns of the homeowners along the trail. She believes the trail will enhance her property. The trail will benefit everyone

Bente Pasco, 22109 NE 21<sup>st</sup> Way, She was hoping for more opportunity at this meeting for questions and answers from the both the City Council and King County staff.

Council took at 10 minutes break from 7:30 pm to 7:40 pm.

## **Unfinished Business – None**

## **New Business**

### **Contract: Berk & Associates/Special Study Area Consultant**

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report. Earlier in the day the City Manager, Deputy Mayor and Community Development Director Ray Gilmore met to select the consultant. Completion of the study is one of Council's top goals. At the last study session Council expressed some concern with the scope of this contract. Those items have been worked out.

Mr. Butkus said this study will not provide any suggestions or maps or other decisions on how the study area should be developed. The consultant will help with organizing public input and reviewing their ideas. They will develop a needs assessment and a timeline for accomplishing these goals. There are roles for the consultants, the staff and the Council. It is important that the Task Force be selected in the near future to stay on course with the timeline. In addition to the contract amount, the City will probably spend an additional \$4,000 on this project. The staff is recommending the Council authorize the City Manager to execute the contract in an amount not to exceed \$48,880.

Council asked questions regarding the time frame of the community meetings and when feedback will be provided to the Council. Mr. Butkus explained that this contract only covers the first phase of this project. Councilmember Whitten expressed concern that environmental issues will not be considered soon enough in the process. Councilmember Felling asked if the consultant was an excellent facilitator as this would be necessary when working with a group of people with diverse backgrounds and unfamiliarity with each other. He also expressed concern with trying to schedule meetings in August. Councilmember Cross said he hoped the contract would include providing the Task Force with aerial and topographical maps. Mr. Yazici explained that city staff would provide that information. Mr. Butkus emphasized that the scope of this contract was to facilitate public involvement.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Gerend moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Berk & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$48,880 with modification to the timeline. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

### **City Manager Report**

Mr. Yazici requested Council concur on the process for recruiting and selecting the members for the new Task Force.

Mr. Yazici said that some cities are planning to put a special levy on the ballot to offset loss of revenue if I 864 were to pass. He asked Council to consider if this is a direction they want to go.

He discussed the bulletin board by Starbuck's. He explained that the bulletin board does not belong to the city. He said that the city would no longer have any responsibility for putting items in or taking items out.

Mr. Butkus gave a short update on the Sammamish City Hall and Police Station LEED certification process. He handed out a worksheet listing which point-items could be done for very little cost and which ones would have a higher initial cost. The cost to achieve a

Certification, not necessarily silver, would be \$212,000 additional and could come from the contingency fund. If the decision were made soon, the changes would not delay the project. He did not ask for a decision tonight.

**Adjournment** – Mayor Huckabay adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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Kathleen Huckabay, Mayor