

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Special Meeting/Study Session

June 1, 2004

Deputy Mayor Gerend called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

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

**Councilmembers absent:** Mayor Kathleen Huckabay

**MOTION:** Councilmember Petitti moved to excuse Mayor Huckabay. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Deputy Mayor Gerend recognized Brock Allen, Eagle Scout, who is working on his merit badge.

**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, Communications Manager Tim Larson, M & O Manager Glenn Akramoff, City Attorney Stephen King and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

### **Roll Call/Pledge**

Roll was called. Councilmember Barry led the pledge.

### **Presentations/Proclamations**

#### ❖ King County: Library Bond

King County Library Director William Ptacek showed a five-minute video explaining the purpose of the proposed bond replacement measure that will be on the September ballot. He explained that the need to increase the Library in Sammamish is well known. The current library cannot expand enough to suit the needs of the community. This bond proposal will include a 20,000 square foot building on a new site. If the bond passes in September this will be the first project the Library system will undertake.

Councilmember Barry remarked how efficient and friendly the current library staff in Sammamish is.

Councilmember Cross said he hopes that the Library will work closely with City Staff to ensure that access to a new library will not be as dangerous as the current library access.

Mr. Ptacek explained that currently the library is collecting \$2.9 million. The current operating cost of the library is \$2.1 million. A new library will need about \$3 million in operational funds.

Councilmember Whitten asked if a new library would be built within the City limits. Mr. Ptacek said it would. City governments are easier to work with than the county. Councilmember Whitten inquired if there would be any public input for the style of the new library. Mr. Ptacek said residents will be part of the panel that selects the architect for the new building. There will be public meetings as well.

Mr. Ptacek explained that the King County libraries are open longer hours and purchase more supplies than most municipal libraries, which accounts for the increase in cost of service over some other independent libraries.

\$7 million will be set aside if the bond measure passes, primarily for land acquisition and buildings.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Whitten moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Cross seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

### **MAYOR/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- *Public Safety Committee (Councilmember Felling):* Councilmember Felling gave some background on the scope of the Public Safety Committee. The committee provides oversight for the Police and Fire Services contracts. These two contracts account for half of the city's annual budget.
- *Finance Committee (Deputy Mayor Gerend):* The Committee met last week. Their responsibility is to monitor the financial situation of the city, approve the bills and attend the annual audit meeting. The Real Estate Excise Tax collected so far this year is \$600,000 over the projection in the 2004 budget. Property and sales tax revenues are close to what was predicted. The Finance Committee is recommending that consideration be given to purchasing a hybrid vehicle in the future, if it seems reasonable.
- *Community Development Committee (Councilmember Cross):* Councilmember Cross explained the Community Development Committee is primarily focused on the Comprehensive Plan and development issues. They are working hard to get the proper ordinances in place in preparation for lifting the building moratorium. Tonight they discussed the Planning Commission's timeline and the sensitive area ordinances.
- *Public Works Committee (Councilmember Petitti):* Councilmember Petitti explained the work of the Public Works Committee. They focus on roads, sidewalks and other transportation issues. The last phase of the 228<sup>th</sup> Street improvement project is almost complete
- *Legislative Committee (Mayor Huckabay):* No Report.

- *Parks, Open Space & Natural Resources Committee (Councilmember Whitten):* Councilmember Whitten explained the nature of this committee. This committee is very busy as parks are an important part of the city. The committee is developing a park planning process. Another key priority is additional ball fields that will be sensitive to surrounding neighborhoods. She also reported on the King County Growth Management Board. She attended a meeting discussing target growth areas and benchmarks for areas such as streams and wetlands.
- *Council Round Table (Councilmember Barry):* He reported on the latest Roundtable. He felt that one of the questions was not very well written. The second question dealt with the Sammamish Commons and the third question was a report card on how the Council is doing. The responses will be tabulated at a later date. Areas for improvement are the permitting process and communications. Another area that Councilmember Barry reported on was Human Services grants. The city has committed \$60,000 for organizations providing services to Sammamish residents. The next grant cycle will begin in July.
- *Skyline High School Student Liaison:* No Report
- *Eastlake High School Student Liaison (Alexanne Madison):* The end of the year is close. Senior Prom was May 16.
- *Mayor Report:* No report.

Councilmember Petitti reported that she attended a luncheon for the Eastside Human Services group. All surrounding cities are part of this group and she suggested that the city might think about joining.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Michael Adam, 2809 257 Place SE, He requested the City Council take action on the ability of homeowners to remove trees from native growth buffers in Beaver Lake Park subdivision. He believes the restriction on homeowners from removing trees is redundant. They pay taxes on the total amount of property and should be able to remove trees if necessary.

Tim Barry, 2909 256<sup>th</sup> Court SE, Homeowner in Beaver Lake Park. He feels the same as the previous speaker.

Ryan Koetekaas, 2903 256<sup>th</sup> Court, His backyard is very small and the city informed him that no plants could be removed. He thinks this is unfair. He would like the councilmembers to reconsider this issue.

Koby Falco, 2918 257<sup>th</sup> Place SE, He too spoke on the tree restrictions in Beaver Lake Park. He brought some pictures that showed how neighboring homes have larger lots. If the restrictions were eliminated it would enhance their property values.

Michael Noring, 2802 257<sup>th</sup> Place, This is their first home. He felt that he made a mistake in listening to the builder. Their yards are tiny due the protected areas, which are basically just dead brush. His neighbor behind him has taken out many trees.

Biju John, 2804 257<sup>th</sup> Place SE, He had the same complaint as the previous speakers. He is also worried about a large tree in the protected area that looks like it might fall on his house. He doesn't understand why the neighbors can cut trees and he cannot.

Jifen Xu, 2801 257<sup>th</sup> Place SE, Voiced the same complaint as previous speakers.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Payroll for Pay Period Ending May 15, 2004 for Pay Date May 20, 2004, In The Amount Of \$175,044.88.

Claims for Period Ending June 1, 2004 In The Amount Of \$587,654.13 For Check No. 10225 Through Check No. 10313.

Approval: Minutes for The April 20, 2004 Special Meeting/Study Session.

Approval: Minutes for The May 4, 2004 Special Meeting/Study Session

Approval: Minutes for The May 18, 2004 Special Meeting/Study Session

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barry moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Fellingse seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

### **Unfinished Business - None**

### **New Business**

#### **Ordinance: First Reading Amending Sammamish Municipal Code Section 8.10.150 To Make The Discharge Of Certain Fireworks A Civil Infraction; And Repealing Sammamish Municipal Code Section 8.10.060**

Chief Richard Baranzini gave the staff report. This ordinance has two parts. The first part changes the use of illegal fireworks from a criminal offense to an infraction. This will be more equitable for the violators and less paperwork for the enforcement officers. The second part deletes the requirement of a report that is duplicative of other reports that are already being produced.

Councilmember Cross encouraged the staff to make sure that this change is communicated to the public and that Chief Baranzini provided Council with a report of the effectiveness of the changes after the Fourth of July.

Councilmember Whitten suggested the City sponsor a fireworks event to take the place of the private displays that were previously allowed. City Manager Ben Yazici said staff is working with Redmond and Issaquah to do a joint fireworks display over Lake Sammamish.

**Ordinance: First Reading of An Ordinance Amending Sammamish Municipal Code Section 22.10.030, Inattentive Driving, To Adopt The Penalties Set Forth In The Infraction Rules For Courts Of Limited Jurisdiction**

Chief Baranzini gave the staff report. This is basically a housekeeping measure to bring City ordinances in line with state requirements. No action is recommended at this time.

**Resolution: A Resolution Amending Resolution No. R2003-146, Resolution No. R2001-82 And Resolution No. R2002-131. (R2004-171)**

Mr. Yazici gave the staff report. Currently the Council meets for regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays and for study sessions on the second and fourth Tuesdays. This resolution will change the study session of the second Tuesday to the fourth Thursday. Moving the meetings to an earlier time will help to get the meetings over earlier. Staff is recommending 6:30 pm start time

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cross moved to approve the resolution with the starting time to begin at 6:30 pm and moving the second study session to the fourth Thursday as needed. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilmember Felling agreed with a 6:30 pm start time. Councilmember Cross would like to change the Community Development Committee meeting to another day of the week, other than meeting nights. He is agreeable to a 6:00 pm start.

**Contract: Ebright Creek Master Plan/Wiscomb Landscape**

Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Watling gave the staff report. Development of a park master planning process was one of Council's top goals for 2004. This contract is for consultant services for implementing the planning process. The SEPA study will be very early in the process. This consultant was chosen from twelve consulting services.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Whitten moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Wiscomb Landscape in an amount not to exceed \$41,127.50. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion passed unanimously 6-0.

Councilmember Cross asked if the scope of this project involves determining if development of the park would impact Ebright Creek.

Councilmember Whitten asked if there would be a complete Environmental Impact Statement for this project. Mr. Watling explained that there must be further determination of what the programming would be for the park before an EIS is called for. Mr. Yazici emphasized that it would be difficult to predict the results of any environmental process this far in advance of the public process.

Councilmember Barry suggested that putting as much information about this process and the status of the project on the City website.

### **Public Comment**

Maryanne Wilkins, She likes the idea of additional information about this project being added to the website, but she criticized the city for not putting information about the June 7 meeting on the website.

### **Contract Amendment: Plan Review/Eagle Eye Consultants**

Community Development Director Ray Gilmore gave the staff report. The original contract was entered into to help staff with the overload of plan review. This consultant has reached the maximum limit of the contract. They have agreed to reduce their fee for additional work. Staff is requesting the Council authorize the City manager to amend the contract in an amount not to exceed \$24,000. The level of plan review services is expected to decline after July. The Council has already approved the total amount to be expended. This is not an additional request for funds.

**MOTION: Councilmember Fellingge moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 for plan review services. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0**

### **City Manager Report**

#### **Long Range Planning Calendar**

Mr. Yazici explained that the planning calendar has been updated with most of the issues that will be brought before the Council through the end of the year. This will help Council know when items will be coming before them and will provide a road map for achieving Council goals.

#### **Ebright Creek Survey Results**

Mr. Watling gave the staff report. A survey was sent to all residents in the service area of the park. 700 responses were returned, which is an excellent return rate. He feels the city now has a good idea of what the residents want. It will assist the city in developing this plan. Most responses favored development that preserves the environment. This input will be used to develop options to be presented at the June 7 meeting.

#### **LEED Certification of Sammamish Commons City Hall Project**

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report. Council has been considering if they want to expend additional funds to achieve the silver level of LEED certification for the City Hall building. It would help the project to remain on track if Council could reach a consensus today. The basic level certification would cost \$120,000(check with Pete). The Silver level of certification would be approximately \$212,800.

Councilmember Fellingge thinks obtaining the LEED certification will be a great opportunity to make a statement to the community regarding conservation of resources, especially energy. He is fearful of project cost increases. He suggested reducing other capital expenditures so that the overall city budget is not increased.

Councilmember Petitti also supports the certification. She doesn't feel the need to reduce other capital expenditures.

Councilmember Whitten believes the issue should be studied more carefully before committing to this.

Councilmember Barry is also concerned that the city is spending too much money too fast. Council does not have enough information on what the future budgeting needs will be. He does favor the certification, but the city must take a good look at their spending.

Councilmember Cross is concerned about the overhead costs of getting the certification. He is in agreement with the goals of the certification but he is more interested in spending money to make the building environmentally friendly and not spending money just for the certification.

Deputy Mayor Gerend believes the certification process will ensure that there are no punchlist items after the building is completed. He does agree with holding down expenditures.

Mr. Yazici said that the contingency fund for this project is close to being depleted. If Council wishes to pursue the certification they will have to allocate more money to the project.

Councilmembers Whitten, Barry, Petitti, Felling and Deputy Mayor Gerend are in favor of pursuing the silver certification. Councilmember Cross asked how the council would justify this expenditure to the public after the project is completed. He feels the building is being built to meet most of the requirements of the certification and that some of the certification requirements are not necessary.

Stan Bumb 2312 228<sup>th</sup> Street, He suggested that the items necessary to reach the certification should be put into the construction project specifications. Just getting the certification doesn't seem worth the money.

**MOTION: Councilmember Felling moved to approve the incremental cost to achieve silver certification with the provision of capturing the cost from other capital projects contingency funds. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

Councilmembers Barry, Gerend and Petitti will be named the voting members to AWC.

**Adjournment – Deputy Mayor Gerend adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.**

## **Open Study Session**

**9:35 pm**

### **A) Public Works Maintenance & Operations Business Plan**

Glenn Akramoff, Kevin Husemann and Kyle Endelman gave the staff presentation along with a Power Point presentation (presentation available upon request of the City Clerk).

#### **Year 2000 Business Plan Goals:**

- Shared Equipment
- Shared Facilities
- Flexibility of Staff
- Lower Capital Outlay

**Year 2004 Business Plan Goals**

- Emergency Response
- Flexibility
- Productivity
- Support of Community Events
- Sign Maintenance
- Support of other Departments

**Plan Needs**

- Develop a proactive, preventative long term approach
- Improve customer service level

**B) Public Works Maintenance Facility Update**

- Cost and square footage breakdown
- Efficiency in hours of new facility
- Rental vs. Ownership of facility
- On going negotiation with Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District

**Close Study Session**

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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Kathleen Huckabay, Mayor