



STUDY SESSION NOTES

Study Session September 14, 2004

- **Study Session opened at 6:35 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, Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Director of Administrative Services Mike Saurwein, Public Works Director Delora Kerber, Interim Community Development Director Susan Cezar, Finance Director Lyman Howard, Director of Parks and Recreation Jeff Watling, Financial Analyst Aaron Antin and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Topics

43rd Street Roundabout Update/City of Issaquah

Gary Costas, Transportation Planner City of Issaquah, gave the presentation. Issaquah is asking Sammamish to contribute some funds to this project since so many city residents travel this intersection. The installation of a roundabout at this intersection will provide an adequate level of service for the next 20 years. Sammamish's contribution would be about \$12,500 for a feasibility study. If the study shows that a roundabout is feasible, the City of Issaquah will host an Open House for Sammamish residents around October or November. Design will probably be complete and the Issaquah City Council will review the project at the end of January.

Tom Grant Brian Nylan, Peregrine Point residents, They expressed concern that the roundabout would not create enough gaps in the traffic to allow for right hand turns out of their developments to Eastlake Sammamish Parkway.

Community Survey Update

Communications Director Tim Larson gave a brief overview of the community survey that was conducted recently. This is the second time this survey has been conducted. The overall response is very positive in all areas of the city.

A more complete report will be presented at the next regular meeting.

2005/2006 Budget

This is the second study session devoted to studying this budget. In addition to the study sessions, each Councilmember met with the City Manager and Finance Director.

City Manager Ben Yazici gave a brief overall of the budget situation. (A complete handout of this presentation is available upon request.)

Council discussed various methods for increasing revenue to offset the impending \$34 million deficit. Some ideas discussed were park mitigation fees and partnering with other organizations to provide support for new sports facility. Council was supportive the City Manager developing a proposal for a park bond.

Public Works Director Delora Kerber gave an overview of the Public Works department budget.

Council requested that a complete list of projects be developed. At a future study session they will try to prioritize them after considering all the options. Ms. Kerber will also get a cost estimate for a path and two bike lanes along SE 20th Street.

- **Public Comment** - None

Study Session ended at 9:35 pm.