



STUDY SESSION NOTES

Study Session September 28, 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, and Mark Cross.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Director of Administrative Services Mike Sauerwein, Public Works Director Delora Kerber, City Engineer Steve Hartwig, MO Manager Glenn Akramoff, 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

2005/2006 Budget

Level of Service and Road Standards will be studied in the early part of 2005. Level of service standards can impact the deficit. Council must also study the impact fee issue. All these topics will be discussed at the Council retreat in January and at study sessions from January to September. Mayor Huckabay recommended these study sessions should be held jointly with the Planning Commission.

Councilmember Whitten would like the scope of the Planning Commission's responsibilities reviewed at the retreat.

City Manager Ben Yazici said 244th corridor, Eastlake Sammamish Parkway and 212th (Snake Hill) must remain on the transportation list, regardless of the level of service Council sets next year. These projects will not affect the six year plan.

City Engineer Steve Hartwig gave a list of sidewalk projects with associated costs as well as showing when these projects overlap with the projects in the Trail, Bikeways and Paths master plan.

Sidewalk Project prioritization:

Priority #1: NE 22nd Street: 236th Avenue NE to 238th Avenue (McAuliffe Elementary School). 1,350 linear feet of curb and sidewalk on the south side of the street. Cost: approximately \$170,000

Priority: #2 South Pine Lake Route (\$1.8 million)

Priority #3: 212th Avenue: NE 13th to NE 16th (\$330,000)

Priority #4: 228th Avenue NE: NE 12th to NE 14th Street. Curb, planter strip, and sidewalk on Westside (\$782,000) or 6 foot asphalt bath adjacent to existing roadway(\$197,000).

Priority #5: Beaver Lake Nature Preserve Trail (#238 & 234 from Trails, Bikeways and Path Plan): improve existing soft surface trail by widening to 6 feet and improving surface (\$350,000).

Priority #6: Nature Preserve Trail Head: Construct a new parking area at trailhead (\$300,000).

Priority 7#: Inglewood Hill Road: 222nd Avenue NE east to Meadow Creek Development. 200 linear feet of curb, planter strip, sidewalk, retaining wall and fence on south side of roadway. (This project is already being completed by developer of Meadow Creek Subdivision)

Some of the remaining budget should be reallocated to the sidewalk program

Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan

School districts and Home Owners Association should be involved in solving neighborhood traffic problems. Public Works Director Delora Kerber was instructed to implement five projects, which are currently in the Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, using an abbreviated process to install traffic calming measures. These projects would be a combination of striping, speed hump installation, and other methods that could be put in place rapidly and for a low cost. Council recommended the following projects:

- Pine Lake Estates – 230th Way SE.
- SE 32nd between 224th and 228th
- 205th Place near Blackwell Elementary
- SE 30th Street
- NE 14 Street for a raised crosswalk.

Staff will send letters to all residents that would be impacted by these projects explaining the purpose, the proposal and elicit feedback.

Council discussed the merits of adding additional buses to existing routes operating within the city. Due to budget constraints, Metro will not be adding any bus routes. Paying for one additional route morning and night would cost \$77,000 per year. Deputy Mayor Gerend said a letter should be sent from Council to the Puget Sound Regional Transit asking for more bus runs, before deciding to pay for them. If no other option works out, \$77,000 can be added as a budget adjustment.

Mr. Yazici recommended adding money for Pine Lake and Beaver Lake Monitoring in 2005, 2006. Council did not voice objection to this.

Mr. Yazici said that the city must begin to develop a strategic Plan to accomplish the vision and goals of the comprehensive plan. He suggested adding \$20,000 in budget for this purpose. Council asked for more information before deciding on this.

Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District (SPWS) wants to run sewer line across Beaver Lake Park. The City would give an easement for around \$85,000. The city has requested that both the lodge and the maintenance facility be hooked up. SPWS now says that will cost \$300,000.

Council directed that Human Services grants be increased to \$130,000 for each of the two years of the budget.

Deputy Mayor Gerend suggested a budget for the Arts Commission. He also suggested adding funds to the communication budget for video development, fund raising development and farmers market.

Surface Water Management

The purpose for the surface water management utility is to reduce flooding, erosion and sedimentation. Prevent and mitigate habitat loss. Enhance groundwater recharge and prevent water quality degradation. The Storm water fee charged each resident pays for these services. Enterprise utilities should be self sufficient. At the current rate of \$8.72 per month, the ending fund balance for the Surface Water Management Fund would be -\$1,029,000. A rate of \$12.50 would balance the fund through 2006. A rate of \$17.66 would balance the fund through 2010. Currently the General fund is supporting the Surface Water Management Fund. Rates in surrounding cities range from \$11.10 for Mercer Island to \$13.34 for Bellevue. The proposed rate of \$12.50 is in line with other neighboring cities.

- **Public Comment** - None

Study Session ended at 10:00 pm.