

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting October 5, 2004

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

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

**Councilmembers absent:** Councilmember Lee Felling.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Gerend moved to excuse Councilmember Felling. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**Staff present:** City Manager Ben Yazici, Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Public Works Director Delora Kerber, Senior Engineer Aaron Sundberg, Director of Administrative Services Mike Sauerwein, Interim Deputy Director Community Development Susan Cezar, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

### Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Boy Scout Troup 695 led the pledge.

### Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the agenda. Deputy Mayor Gerend seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

### Presentations/Proclamations

- *Presentation: Rotary Club Halloween Haunted House*  
A scary monster came to give information on the Sammamish Rotary/Sammamish Youth Board Haunted House. It will be held at Beaver Lake Park on October 28 through Halloween. Admission is \$6.00 or \$5.00 with a donation for the local food bank.
- *Presentation: Swedish Hospital*  
Heidi Alesworth, Project Manager for Development/Swedish Hospital gave the presentation. Swedish is an old, well established Hospital that is beginning to expand their services to the east side. In September construction began on an emergency services building in Issaquah. Imaging, clinical care and other specialists will be available at this location. Swedish is hoping to build a hospital in the Issaquah area in 2009. The growing population and traffic congestion make this hospital a necessity. Several sites are currently under consideration. Swedish has asked the Sammamish community to give their support for this hospital at a public hearing in December or via comment letters sent

to the Department of Health. For more information, there will be a town hall meeting at Pickering Barn on October 25.

- *Proclamation: Work to End Domestic Violence Month*  
Mayor Huckabay proclaimed October as National Work to End Domestic Violence month. During this month employers will work to increase awareness of domestic violence and provide support for their employees that are victims of domestic violence.
- *Recognition: Conner Homes*  
Mayor Huckabay presented representatives from Conner home with a certificate of recognition for their willingness to build a sidewalk to complete the link between the development of Meadow Creek Park and the rest of the sidewalk along Inglewood Hill Road. They were not required to do this but wanted to help increase connectivity within the city.
- *Reard Freed House*  
Paul Thomas is the grandson of the original owners of the Reard Freed house. He has many artifacts from the home. They include a vintage truck, pictures, and a clock. He is willing to donate these items to the City to be placed in the Reard Freed house if the City decides to keep the home for public property.
- *Community Surveys*  
Renee Huston of Sound Communication gave the final report on the results of the 2004 Community Opinion survey. The results were overwhelmingly positive. She described how the survey was conducted, findings and recommendations to the city regarding these findings. Approximately 1,700 residents were picked to be surveyed, equally representing all four quadrants of the city. 411 people actually responded to the survey. 69% of respondents said they would support both a park and a transportation bond. Recommendations were to continue to keep residents informed of city activities. Consulting and profiling the community will be important for planning purposes. Additional opportunities for the police to address residents could help alleviate their safety concerns. (The complete survey is available upon request of the City Clerk.)

### **Mayor/Council/Committee Reports**

- *Public Safety Committee (Councilmember Felling):*No Report
- *Finance Committee (Deputy Mayor Gerend):* No Finance Committee Report. The Regional Transit Committee is meeting tomorrow. Sammamish currently has two bus routes. The bus that leaves Sammamish in the morning and goes to Seattle via Issaquah is very popular. There is no evening bus service at all. Deputy Mayor Gerend will bring these issues to the attention of the committee. The other route in town is not a very direct route and is not heavily used. Metro's budget is not going to increase, so transit routes will not increase. However, there will be a report presented at tomorrow's meeting showing ridership on all routes. Councilmember Gerend will try to convince the committee to drop some of the routes with low ridership and add routes to Sammamish.

- *Community Development Committee (Councilmember Cross):* The committee will meet next week. The committee has been working on prioritizing the workload for the Community Development Department. Council will discuss these priorities tonight. There are many regulations that need to be in place before the moratorium is lifted.
- *Public Works Committee (Councilmember Petitti):* - No Report
- *Parks, Open Space and Natural Resources Committee (Councilmember Whitten):* The committee met Monday. They were updated on agreements with Issaquah School District and Lake Washington School District for joint facilities use, the progress towards developing ball fields at Eastlake High School, and spent most of the meeting discussing the concepts for Ebright Creek Park. It was decided that a blending of the two current concepts might be the best approach. The Council will study this issue next Tuesday at the joint meeting with the Planning Commission and the Parks & Recreation Commission
- *National Leadership Institute (Councilmember Barry):* He attended this training. The objective of training was to better understand the role of government and the services they provide to the citizens. They studied product methods of community participation and input. He was grateful for the opportunity to attend.
- *Legislative Committee (Mayor Huckabay):* - No Report
- *Mayor's Report (Mayor Huckabay):* The Council met with Redmond City Council last week. There are several new council members this year for Redmond. Discussions included such mutual projects as the improvements to SR 202 and SR520. They discussed ways to improve transportation, such as increased bus service. They also discussed the water front property Redmond owns that is adjacent to city property on Lake Sammamish. The Puget Sound Regional Committee Executive Board will be sponsoring an economic development summit on November 19. The Arts Commission is inviting everyone to meet the new Director of the Bellevue Art Museum tomorrow night at the King County Library offices in Issaquah.
- *Skyline High School Student Liaison (Liz Morgan):* Homecoming week is next week. As part of the festivities there will be a parade down 228<sup>th</sup>.
- *Eastlake High School Student Liaison (Spencer Salmon):* Homecoming was last week. There were many activities including spirit week, a football game and a dance. Honor Society is focusing on veterans this week and will also hold a blood drive. The fall music concert occurs this semester. A local author visited the school today.

Mayor Huckabay announced that next Tuesday's joint meeting with the Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission will begin at 7:30 pm instead of 6:30 pm.

**Public Comment – None**

**Consent Calendar**

**Approval: Claims for period ending October 5, 2004 in the amount of \$204,588.24 for Check No. 11154 through Check No. 11237**

**MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

**Unfinished Business - None**

**New Business**

**Contract: 43<sup>rd</sup> Way/Eastlake Sammamish Parkway Roundabout Analysis/Reid Middleton**

Public Works Director Delora Kerber gave the staff report. This project will directly impact the residents of Sammamish even though it is a City of Issaquah project. The City of Issaquah Project Manager Gary Costa helped answer questions. There are two alternatives for this intersection, a traffic signal or a roundabout.

The contract with Reid Middleton is to examine the feasibility of a roundabout at this intersection. If the roundabout is determined to be feasible, they would then perform an analysis to see if there would be enough gaps in traffic to allow cars to enter the road from their driveways along Eastlake Sammamish Parkway. The consultant would also sponsor several open houses to get public input as well as review and validate the final design of the roundabout. The \$17,514 is not currently budgeted for, but there are funds available. Issaquah's share of this part of the project is \$20,000. On November 8<sup>th</sup> the Issaquah Council is going to Olympia to view roundabouts and they invited any Sammamish Councilmember to go along.

**MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract with Reid Middleton in an amount not to exceed \$17,514. Deputy Mayor Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

Councilmember Petitti thinks this contract is important to ensure that Sammamish residents will not be negatively impacted by this project.

Councilmember Cross says this is an opportunity to negate some of the traffic problems along Eastlake Sammamish Parkway and facilitate getting on and off the plateau.

**Resolution: Final Plat Meadow Creek Subdivision** Interim Community Development Director Susan Cezar gave the staff report. The proposal is for 27 lots on 6.2 acres along Inglewood Hill Road. This is a King County vested project. The applicant has completed the majority of the improvements and has paid the traffic mitigation and administrative fees and 50% of the applicable school impact fees. All the conditions have been met or will be bonded for. As noted previously, the applicant is completing frontage improvements beyond the scope of their project.

Aaron Sundburg, Senior Project Engineer explained that there are two lots that will infiltrate the surface water. John Skochdopole, applicant, explained that the soil in the other lots does not allow for infiltration and other methods have been used to disperse the surface water.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Gerend moved to adopt the resolution granting final plat approval to the development of Meadow Creek. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 (R2004-183).**

**Amendments: Sammamish Commons Project**

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report. These are a series of contract amendments that will allow the Sammamish Commons to go forward. The first contract is relating to changes necessary to achieve the Silver Level of LEED certification as opposed to the original Bronze level as directed by Council. There are some council directed modifications to the outside of the building that require additional funds. Staff-initiated changes include additional first floor changes and casework changes, additional service to room 214 and north office changes. The cost of these amendments breaks down as follows:

Council Directed Changes	\$80,634
Staff Directed Changes	\$30,288
SEPA/CUP Changes	\$6,880
Future Needs	\$20,000
Total:	\$137,802

There will be some additional amendments due to the inability to reach a mutual agreement with an adjacent property owner. There is also some additional redesign necessary to be able to build a trail. To obtain federal emergency funding, some modifications must be made to the building.

**MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the amendments in an amount not to exceed \$137,802. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Councilmember Barry abstaining.**

In answer to Councilmember Whitten’s question, Mr. Butkus explained that after these amendments are approved, the SEPA process will begin in about 7 weeks.

Councilmember Gerend suggested that if the proposed trail is going to be considered impervious, perhaps it should be asphalt. Mr. Butkus said that the city code does not allow hard-surface trails on steep slopes.

Councilmember Barry pointed out that this contract is within \$60,000 of doubling the original contract amount.

Councilmember Cross is concerned that, even though the project seems to be in final design stage, we have been unable to issue the SEPA Threshold Determination. Waiting an additional seven weeks could severely delay this project. He does not feel that further public input on the exterior of the building would affect the SEPA determination and feels staff should move forward on issuing it.

Mr. Butkus said that they will encourage the contractors to accelerate those parts of the project that would affect SEPA.

## City Manager Report

### **Community Development Department Work Load Priorities**

City Manager Ben Yazici gave the staff report. The Community Development Committee has been reviewing the priorities originally set by Council. Due to changing circumstance, the committee is suggesting revising the priorities.

Original list of priorities:

1. Trails/sensitive area code amendment
- 2/3. Setbacks on lakes/critical areas code update
4. Net density code revision
5. Revise structure definition in development code
- 5b. Setbacks for park structures
6. Tree retention (in the landscape code)
7. Telecommunications ordinance

Proposed Reorder of priorities

1. Net density code revision
2. Telecommunications code revisions
3. Growth metering system/ordinance
4. Landscape/tree retention (expand to include additional landscaping for detention facilities and street frontage)
5. Trails/sensitive area code amendment (November Council Hearing)
6. Comprehensive Plan amendments, Parks (2004), Transportation (2005)
7. Setbacks and structure definition for parks
8. Utility yards (2004)
9. Critical areas code update (2004/2005)\

Hard work is being done to get regulations in place in time to lift the moratorium, but they might not all be ready by February. For example, growth metering will require extensive public process and Planning Commission review.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cross moved to approve the new priorities as proposed by the Community Development Committee. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilmember Cross emphasized how important it will be to have growth and concurrency regulations in place before the moratorium is lifted in February.

Mr. Yazici asked if the Council would like to continue to support the Sammi awards by adding a line item in the 2005/2006 in the amount of \$3,500.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Barry moved to authorize the City Manager to add \$3,500 to the 2005/2006 budget for the Sammi Awards. Deputy Mayor Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**Trail Survey**

Mr. Yazici passed out all the surveys that were sent to the residents living along the proposed East Lake Sammamish Park.

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Watling gave an update on the status of the Ebright Creek Park project. Staff is compiling the public comments received regarding the park concepts. This includes emails, letters and comments from the several public meetings. These concepts will be discussed in detail at the next study session.

Council took a break from 8:35 pm until 8:40 pm.

**Executive Session – Potential Litigation Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

Council retired to Executive Session at 8:40 pm. They returned at 9:30 pm and no action was taken

Mayor Huckabay adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

---

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

---

Kathleen Huckabay, Mayor