

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting October 19, 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, Lee Felling (via cell phone), Michele Petitti and Nancy Whitten (6:35 pm).

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Interim Director Community Development Susan Cezar, Finance Director Lyman Howard, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Councilmember led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

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

Presentations/Proclamations

- **Audit Presentation: Brian Sonntag, State Auditor**

State Auditor Brian Sonntag presented the City with a certificate of achievement for 5 consecutive years audit without a finding. This is an exceptional accomplishment for a city as young as Sammamish. Finance Director Lyman Howard introduced the Finance staff: Aaron Antin, Financial Analyst, Jodee Bass Finance Specialist II, and Marlene Dunham Finance Specialist I and commended them for their hard work in making sure the city does well in its audits and in its daily operations as well.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

- *Public Safety Committee (Councilmember Felling):* No Report
- *Finance Committee (Deputy Mayor Gerend):* No Finance Committee Report. Mr. Gerend attended the Suburban Cities Association meeting last week. Association for Washington Cities (AWC) Director Jim Justin gave a report on the positions AWC will take on various legislation proposed for next year. The second forum held by the Special Study Area Task Force was held last week. This forum had better attendance than the first one and was very productive. Sammamish Symphony Board is working on plans for a youth concerto competition. They also may provide background music for videos about the city for Sammamish TV Channel 21. The Sammamish Arts

Commission is working on a digital photo workshop for youth and seniors. It will be held in November. Mr. Gerend attended the WRIA 8 meeting. Their main focus is working on plans to help restore Chinook salmon habitat.

- *Community Development Committee (Councilmember Cross)*: CDC did not meet this month. Councilmember Cross attended the Planning Commission public hearing on the trails and sensitive areas code amendments. There were many helpful recommendations made at the hearing. The recommendation from the Commission is forthcoming.
- *Public Works Committee (Councilmember Petitti)*: The committee met tonight. Topics discussed were (1) M & O Facility update. (2) Flyover and 202 widening update. Councilmember Petitti suggested having the whole council updated on this issue at the October 26 study session. She also requested that portion of the study session be taped for Channel 21. (3) 228th contractor is still working on punchlist items. They have taken so long to finish the work that city staff may finish the punchlist items and bill back to the contractor. (4) The roundabout on Issaquah/Pine Lake Road and SE 32nd is progressing on schedule. The bike lanes will be removed from the roundabout. The project should be substantially completed by the second week in November (5) Issaquah/Pine Lake Transit project is on schedule. It will go to bid in January. (6) The crosswalk at that location will be a topic at upcoming joint meeting with Issaquah School District (7) Traffic Management Program projects. Two are planned in the north end of the city, two in the south and one in the middle. Different traffic calming measures will be used. All the projects should be completed next year. (8) Discussed how local road standards will impact the proposed Trails plan. This will be discussed at Dec 7 council meeting. Councilmember Petitti said she received a refund check from the state for the illegal collection of a vehicle tax in 2002. She is going to sign her rebate check back to the state along with a letter to ask the state to proceed swiftly with the SR-202 flyover project. She encouraged others to do the same.
- *Legislative Committee (Mayor Huckabay)*: No Report
- *Mayor's Report (Mayor Huckabay)*: No Report
- *Skyline High School Student Liaison (Reese Ishmael)*: Homecoming is this week. There is been a big increase in the number of students involved in the activities. Tonight is movie night.
- *Eastlake High School Student Liaison (Spencer Salmon)*: The Talent Show was last Wednesday. Eastlake Senate met. Fall concert is tomorrow night. Fall Sports assembly will be held on Thursday. Girls Cross Country team came in first in State. PTSA Holiday Bazaar is in November. There is some concern regarding potential gang activity at the school and the administration is looking into it.

Public Comment

Vic Heller, 515 238th Avenue SE, He is part owner of culvert and he is interested in improving the culvert to facilitate fish moving freely through it but needs some financial help to do so. He is not in favor of a dog run at Ebright Creek Park. He wants the Freed house moved to a more appropriate location and Ebright Creek seems like the best alternative. He will help financially.

He thinks the city could get other groups to donate money to defray the cost of moving and maintenance.

Anagrite Heller, 1515 238th Avenue SE, She read letters from Paula Harper-Christensen and Linda Nickerson in support of moving the Freed House to Ebright Creek Park.

Consent Calendar

- **Payroll for pay period ending September 30 2004, for pay date October 5, 2004 in the amount of \$150,665.54**
- **Approval: Claims for period ending October 19, 2004 in the amount of \$921,925.86 for Check No. 11238 through Check No. 11328.**
- **Approval: Notes for September 28, 2004 Study Session**
- **Approval: Minutes for October 5, 2004 Regular Meeting**

MOTION: Councilmember Barry moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilmember Pettiti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Hardship Request/Loveland (21250 NE 4th Street)

Interim Community Development Director Susan Cezar gave the staff report. The request is for a four lot short plat on 3.62 acres is zoned R-4. The hardship is financial.

Mr. Shawn Loveland, 1212 SE 4th Street, He needs money to finance his PhD. Time is critical. He has wedding expenses coming up next summer. He can't wait for the moratorium to expire. This property is not in a land slide area. The lots will be .9 acres in size. Mr. Loveland feels this development is in character with the surrounding area.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Gerend moved to approve. Councilmember Cross seconded. 5-2 with Councilmembers Barry and Felling (because he could not hear the discussion) abstaining.

Deputy Mayor Gerend pointed out the water certificates are not expiring. Mr. Loveland could do a two lot short plat. Mr. Loveland said it wouldn't be economical to bring sewer down for just one additional lot. Councilmember Cross wondered why there would be only three lots on nearly four acres. Ms. Cezar said that there are no minimum density requirements for this parcel.

Councilmember Cross feels that code amendments need to be considered and in place before the moratorium is lifted. He is not going to approve this request because Mr. Loveland is not in danger of losing his water certificates and the moratorium will be lifted soon. He does not think the technical aspects of the plat are important. What is important is to get the codes in place so all applicants will be treated the same.

Councilmember Whitten concurs with Councilmember Cross. Granting this exemption will put this request at the head of the development line and that is not appropriate unless there is an exceptional hardship.

Deputy Mayor Gerend is against the request. There will be many applicants after the moratorium is lifted and it would not be fair to move this application to the front of the line.

Councilmember Petitti does not feel this financial hardship is enough to grant the request.

Councilmember Barry does feel this is a hardship. He is also concerned that the duration of the moratorium has impacted many landowners who have been waiting to develop. He will abstain.

Approval: 2005 Human Services Grants

City Clerk Melonie Anderson gave the staff report. This is the third year the City Council has awarded Human Services Grants. Each year the dollar amount appropriated and the number of requests has increased. The Human Services Committee reviewed all of the applications. Using the criteria that each organization is providing a direct service to Sammamish residents, that no service is duplicated and that no grant exceeded \$10,000 the committee made the following recommendations:

Assistance League of the Eastside	\$4,560.00	\$4,560.00
Athletes for Kids	\$10,000.00	\$2,000.00
Child Care Resources	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
Dollars For Scholars	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Eastside Baby Corner	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Eastside Domestic Violence Program	\$10,500.00	\$10,000.00
Eastside Legal Assistance Program*	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Elder and Adult Day Services	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Faith in Action/Providence Marianwood	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Harborview Children's Response Center	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Issaquah Schools Foundation	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Kindering Center	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00
King County Sexual Assault Resource Center	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Network Services of Puget Sound	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00
Northwest Mentoring & Educational Center	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Sammamish Citizen Corps Council	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Sammamish Symphony Orchestra Association	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
Skyline High School	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00

St. Vincent DePaul/Mary, Queen of Peace \$5,000.00 \$5,000.00

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to approve the above grants. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried 6-0-1 with Councilmember Fellingine abstaining because he could not hear all of the discussion.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to approve the following human services grants. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried 6-0 with Councilmember Cross recusing himself.

Hopelink/Eastside Literacy	\$5,095.00	\$5,095.00
Friends of Youth	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Youth Eastside Services	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Gerend moved to approve the following grant. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried 5-0-2 with Councilmembers Cross and Barry recusing themselves.

Family Resource Center	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
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MOTION: Mayor Huckabay moved to authorize a separate line item in the amount of \$10,000 for the Sammamish Citizen Corp. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to add a new line item entitled Arts/Cultural/Community Services to include Arts Commission/Sammi Awards/Sammamish Symphony to fund these types of grants and Symphony grant request would come out of that line item. Deputy Mayor Gerend seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

City Manager Report

Reported on International City Managers Association Conference

Mr. Yazici attended this conference with Councilmember Fellingine. It was very informative and he will give the Council a full report at the January Council/Staff retreat.

Special Area Task Force Meeting Update

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report. He handed out the agenda packet material from the last meeting. The October 28 meeting will be moved to November 9th. Handouts of this presentation are available upon request.

Mayor Huckabay adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Melanie Anderson, City Clerk

Kathleen Huckabay, Mayor