

COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting December 14, 2004

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

Councilmembers present: Mayor Kathleen Huckabay (arrived 6:40 pm), Deputy Mayor Don Gerend, Councilmembers Jack Barry, Mark Cross, Michele Petitti and Nancy Whitten.

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Lee Felling

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to excuse Councilmember Felling and Mayor Kathleen Huckabay. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Public Works Director Delora Kerber, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Watling, Parks Maintenance Coordinator Kevin Husemann, Sammamish Commons Project Manager Sevda Baran, Web Developer Andrew Stringer, Communications Manager Tim Larson, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Councilmember Whitten led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the Agenda. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Presentation/Proclamation

❖ Eagle Scout Projects

As part of receiving the Eagle Scout award, a scout must complete a project benefiting the community, and providing an opportunity to demonstrate his leadership abilities. The City has many projects that need to be completed. To meet mutual needs, the City and the Scouts have partnered together and have completed many projects and are working on others. These projects range from constructing stairs and retaining walls at Evans Pond, installing warning tracks around the ball fields at East Sammamish Park, beautifying the Fire Stations, restoring the paths around Beaver Lake Park and from the Park to the ball field, removing ivy from Pine Lake Park and building a fence near the parking lot at Pine Lake. The Eagle Scouts that participated in these projects are:

Dave Breinig

Alex Bush

Bryce Moulton
Justin Maier
Brad Millet
Spencer Salmon

Shane Matthews
Nik Krohn
Talmage DeMeester
Jameson Ranck

❖ **King County Groundwater Protection Program**

Sarah Ogier gave an over view of this program. Their funding from King County will terminate this year. To keep the program going, they are looking to partnership with various cities via a three-year interlocal agreement. There are five groundwater management areas in King County. Sammamish is within the boundaries of two of them. The City's share would be \$15,000 per year. By entering into this interlocal, the City would be leveraging their funds. She then explained the work plan goals for next year. The City would have a representative to vote on making changes to the scope of work. She explained that this group is working closely with water districts and WRIA staff member to avoid duplication of work. She requested Council to enter into this interlocal.

Council agreed that there was a lot of information to cover and this decision should be delayed until after the Council Retreat.

Deputy Mayor Gerend moved committee reports to after public comment.

Public Comment - None

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

- *Public Safety Committee (Councilmember Felling)*: No Report.
- *Finance Committee (Deputy Mayor Gerend)*: Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP) met on Friday. State level funding for municipal projects will be their focus for next year. The Transportation Working Group has put together their agenda to take to the state and it also includes a gas tax for funding. The state will probably not fund any projects that do not demonstrate regional cooperation.
- *Community Development Committee (Councilmember Cross)*: He and Councilmember Felling will be meeting with Rotary and Kiwanis regarding starting a Farmers Market in Sammamish. They will be updating the Council on their progress sometime in early February.
- *Parks, Open Space and Natural Resources (Councilmember Whitten)*: No Report. She attended the WRIA 8 meeting. They have developed a plan and program and the program will be introduced at several public meetings.
- *Public Works Committee (Councilmember Petitti)*: Topics discussed were (1) The committee had a request for Council to examine the Road Impact Fees because it has been brought to the committee's attention by a resident that the new Mother-in-Law unit they just constructed would have fees of nearly \$8,000. She suggests Council look at the fees and perhaps come up with some exemptions. (2) SE 32nd Neighborhood improvement project will start next week with a neighborhood meeting. (3) Discussed a process for new projects. This topic should be scheduled for a study session.
- *Legislative Committee (Mayor Huckabay)*: No Report.

- *Mayor's Report (Mayor Huckabay):* She attended the Eastside Fire and Rescue meeting. Chief Murphy is going to bring information regarding the pros and cons of forming a Fire District Authority Board. EF & R's current Board Members would like the City to appoint next year's board members early to help avoid scheduling conflicts. The board will be discussing health care and harassment policies at the January meeting. The decision on funding for housing the ladder truck at Station 71 has been tabled. The Board is still working on the status of the exempt staff.

Councilmember Whitten was selected to serve as Sammamish's Representative to the Suburban Cities Policy Board and Councilmember Petitti was selected as an Alternate.

The Boundary Review Board is looking for nominations to serve on the Board. Nominations must be submitted before December 17, 2004.

- *Skyline High School Student Liaison (Liz Morgan, Reese Ishmael):* Blood Drive and Benefit concert were last week. Music concerts will be held tonight and tomorrow.
- *Eastlake High School Student Liaison (Spencer Salmon):* Not too much news since last week. The Tolo was a success. Financial Aid night is December 15.

Unfinished Business

Ordinance: Second Reading Relating To The Regulation Of Unmuffled Engine Compression Brakes, Adding A New Chapter, 46.12 To The Sammamish Municipal Code And Establishing An Effective Date.

Notice of passage of this ordinance will be sent out to all trucking companies.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to adopt the ordinance prohibiting the use of unmuffled compression brakes within the city limits of Sammamish. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (O2004-164)

Councilmember Cross explained that this ordinance came about due to an email from a resident. Going from suggestion to ordinance in just two months shows the responsiveness of the City Council.

Ordinance: Second Reading Amending Sammamish Municipal Code Section 16.05.130(24), International Fire Code

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Gerend moved to approve the ordinance amending Sammamish Municipal Code Section 16.05.130(24). Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (O2004-165)

An Ordinance Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Prohibiting The Use Of Weapons And Traps Within The Corporate Limits, Providing For Exceptions, And Adding A New Section 22.05.015 To The Sammamish Municipal Code

City Attorney Bruce Disend gave the staff report. This ordinance has changed since the first reading. The ordinance previously prohibited hunting in the City. Last week the City Attorney was contacted by State Fish and Wildlife who informed him that the City does not have jurisdiction over hunting and cannot prohibit hunting. Therefore the ordinance has been changed to remove all reference to the word hunting and substituting the prohibition of the use of weapons that could cause injury to wildlife. Several exemptions were added as well.

Scott Hamilton, 19727 SE 19th Street, He questioned whether there should be some protection for stray domestic animals.

Mr. Disend explained that stray animals are protected by cruelty to animal restrictions.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the ordinance prohibiting the use of weapons or traps within the city limits. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0. (O2004-166)

Council recessed from 8:15 pm to 8:30 pm

New Business

Contract: Ebright Creek Park Design/Wiscomb Landscaping

Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Watling gave the staff report. This project is a result of the new public process Council initiated this year. It meets both goals of protecting the sensitive areas while providing active recreation on the site. To meet the Council schedule of building the park next year, it is important to start the design process soon. Wiscomb Landscaping has been involved in this project from the beginning.

Councilmember Whitten asked if staff could use any of the drainage design items that have been suggested for the Sammamish Commons for this project.

Councilmember Cross expressed some concern with the design process getting too far ahead of the SEPA process.

MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Wiscomb Landscaping for the Ebright Creek design and construction documents. Deputy Mayor Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

City Manager Report

Parks Commission Vacancy Update

Mr. Yazici outlined the status of the various vacancies on the Commission. Two current members are resigning this year creating two three-year terms. There will be a 1-year term to

complete with the departure of another commission member. If so desired the Council may also appoint up to three alternate positions.

Councilmember Whitten thinks that Council should allow some non-residents to be appointed to the commission. She suggested leaving one position open for a non-resident.

Mr. Yazici explained that the original motivation for the residency requirement was that the decisions made by the commission should be made by the people who would also be paying for them.

Candidates will be scheduled for interviews at the joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Commission on January 11, 2004. This will allow the current commission members to give some input to the selection as well.

Update: City Hall

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report. He covered two topics. The first was the sanitary sewer hook-up. One option was to put the line through Mary Queen of Peace Church in exchange for a mutual parking lot. The other two options were so much more expensive that they were not really considered. The City Manager has directed staff to move forward with putting the line over Mary Queen of Peace property.

The second issue was the surface water run off containment. Tom Holtz was contracted to prepare a report that was primarily brainstorming without any constraints of cost or practicality. Mr. Butkus explained that level three storm control is what the design calls for currently. He then touched on several ideas presented that go beyond the level three.(The entire report is available upon request of the City Clerk)

A study session will be devoted to these issues. Tom Holtz will be invited as well as the Sammamish Commons engineering design team.

Deputy Mayor Gerend suggested having the Planning Commission develop a “low impact” development ordinance.

Mayor Huckabay adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Kathleen Huckabay, Mayor