

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting May 17, 2005

Mayor Don Gerend called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:35 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Don Gerend, Deputy Mayor Michele Petitti, Councilmembers Mark Cross, Lee Felling, Kathleen Huckabay and Nancy Whitten

Councilmember Absent: Councilmember Jack Barry

MOTION: Councilmember Felling moved to excuse Councilmember Barry. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Public Works Director Delora Kerber, City Engineer Steve Hartwig, Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Associate Planner Evan Maxim, Director of Administrative Services Mike Sauerwein, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Watling, Finance Director Lyman Howard, City Attorney Peter Beckwith, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Councilmember Whitten led the pledge.

Boy Scout Troops 571 and 751 attended the meeting as part of their requirements for earning their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Presentations/Proclamations

➤ **Earth Hero/Tasha Kiemel and Students**

Mayor Gerend read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, we, the residents of the City of Sammamish greatly value the natural beauty and environmental health of our community, and

WHEREAS, it takes the commitment of every person, both large and small, to make sure future generations will enjoy the richness of our natural setting, and

WHEREAS, King County Executive Ron Sims has honored Discovery Elementary School teacher Tasha Kiemel as an Earth Hero at School, and

WHEREAS, Tasha Kiemel started a Green Team with her students in September 2004, and

WHEREAS, Her terrific students have contributed to a litter pickup project, a classroom worm bin, and an enhanced recycling program, among other things,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Don Gerend, Mayor of the City of Sammamish, do hereby proclaim profound gratitude, on behalf of everyone in our community, to Earth Hero Tasha Kiemel and her Earth Hero helpers, her students at Discovery Elementary.

AWARDED THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY, 2005 BY THE SAMMAMISH CITY COUNCIL

Students Alex Rembold, Emily Jones, Blythe Pennock and Teacher Tasha Kiemel, presented the Green Team Poster that listed the “earth friendly” projects the students worked on including milk carton bird feeders, homemade clipboards, recycling efforts, scrape paper box to use both sides of paper and worm bin to recycle trash. The students also made Mothers Day gifts out of recycled materials.

➤ **Public Works Week**

Mayor Gerend read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens’ everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, and solid waste collection; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people’s attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform,

Now, therefore, I, Don Gerend, Mayor and the City Council of the City of Sammamish, do hereby proclaim the week of May 15 through 21, 2005 as

“National Public Works Week”

in the City of Sammamish, and I call upon all citizens and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort, and quality of life.

Signed this 17th day of May, 2005

Public Comment

Judy LaCourse, 2020 SE 24th Street, She wants to subdivide her property. She is unhappy with the requirements for street frontage improvements. These improvements would cost around \$80,000. She was unaware that this would be a requirement. She does not feel that she should have to build these improvements.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

- *Public Safety Committee (Councilmember Huckabay):* Attended Eastside Fire & Rescue Board meeting.
- *Finance Committee (Councilmember Felling):* The committee studied the process the city goes through to award bids. They studied the Sammamish Commons bid award in some detail. Council will be an integral part in reducing change orders and extra costs in the project by not adding on or making changes to the building. The committee also studied other cost saving proposals, such as risk management and cell phone plans.
- *Community Development Committee (Councilmember Cross):* No Report.
- *Parks, Open Space and Natural Resources (Councilmember Whitten):* Suburban Cities Association (SCA) is looking to the cities for direction on what position SCA should advocate for the following issues: (1) Increase in assessment for King County conservation district. Council was supportive of this increase. (2) King County is proposing a link between high density dwellings and health into their countywide planning policies. The Council was not supportive of this proposal. (3) Policy to support regular reports on the monitoring of sewer hook up increases. Council was supportive of this. (4) Suburban Cities does not want their regional positions reduced Council was supportive of this. (5) The majority of tax revenues come from incorporated areas and most of the money is being spent in the unincorporated areas. This should stop. Council is in agreement. (6) Cities should be able to join together for court services. Council supports this. (7) Sales Tax Streamlining should not be stressed right now because it may force a split among the cities. Council does not support this issue a priority.
- *Public Works Committee (Councilmember Barry):* Councilmember Cross gave the report in Councilmember Barry’s absence. Topic discussed were: (1) bringing a draft of the Special Events process for the committee on June 21. (2) Thompson Hill Road

Signal bid will be advertised in June. (3) Committee should study intercity transportation circulation in 2006. (4) SE 24th Street Boardwalk will go to bid in early June. (5) Planning and Designs Charettes are planned for June 22 and 24 to develop ideas for the East Lake Sammamish Parkway project. (6) 244th improvement project will go into the SEPA process in June. (7) The five neighborhood traffic control projects are just about ready to be installed. They will then be monitored for effectiveness.

- *Legislative Committee (Deputy Mayor Petitti):* No Report
- *Mayor's Report (Mayor Gerend):* Mayor Gerend said that Sammamish's crime rate is well below the regional average. Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Growth Phasing ordinance. This public hearing has been continued to next Thursday. He attended the WRIA 8 meeting. He attended the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting.
- *Skyline High School Student Liaison (Reese Ishmael):* Donkey basketball game was cancelled due to conflict of interests. The play, *Oklahoma* will start tomorrow and run from Wednesday to Sunday. A blood drive is scheduled for early June. Prom is June 19. Graduation is June 20.
- *Eastlake High School Student Liaison (Spencer Salmon):* Last week was the Spring musical, *Grease*. Soccer team did very well and will be in the state playoffs. Honor Society will induct new members for this year. A concert will be held on May 24. Prom will be June 4. Graduation will be June 14.
- *Sammamish Youth Board Liaison (Robert Baxter):* No report.
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Council recessed from 7:35 pm to 7:40 pm.

Consent Calendar

Payroll for pay period ending April 30 for pay date May 5, 2005 in the amount of \$171,044.32

Approval: Claims for period ending May 17, 2005 in the amount of \$828,017.88 for Check No. 12693 through Check No. 12834

Approval: Minutes for April 19, 2005 Joint Study Session/Regular Meeting

Approval: Minutes for May 10, 2005 Special Meeting/Study Session

Approval: Telephone System Purchase

Amendment: Interlocal E-Gov Alliance

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the consent calendar. Deputy Mayor Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0 (Councilmember Cross was temporarily out of the Council Chamber).

Unfinished Business

Ordinance: Second Reading Amending Chapters 21A.15 And 21A.45 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code Pertaining To Temporary Political Signs, Community Banners, And Community Event Signs Including Sign Specifications, Location Restrictions, And Removal Requirements

City Manager Yazici said staff had researched the issue of a total prohibition of signs in the right of way. If Council wants to do this the ban must be subject-neutral and more public process would be required.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Petitti moved to adopt the ordinance amending Chapters 21A.15 and 21A.45 of the Sammamish Municipal Code. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember Whitten dissenting (2005-180).

Councilmember Huckabay said she thought placement of larger signs should require a permit and the total number of signs should be limited. Councilmember Felling concurred that the number of signs should be limited. Mr. Yazici explained that a limit on the number of signs would be impossible to enforce. Councilmember Whitten does not feel that this ordinance addresses the issue. The real issue is the number of signs, not necessarily the placement of the signs. She advocated for a fee per sign. She thinks the ordinance should be sent back to the Planning Commission. Associate Planner Evan Maxim explained that limiting how soon political signs could go up is difficult because it raises freedom of speech issues.

Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol said that substantial changes to this ordinance would require additional process.

Councilmember Felling said he thought the ordinance should be approved as presented but staff should be directed to consider the issues raised in tonight's discussion.

New Business

Hardship Exception Request: Hall

Mr. Gurol gave the staff report. This request is for an exception to the moratorium to process a subdivision on 2.4 acres into a maximum of nine lots.

Mr. Hall explained to Council the reason for his request. The hardship is based on health and financial reasons. He said that waiting until the moratorium is lifted will affect the value of his property because developers will be subject to higher costs.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Petitti moved to approve the hardship. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember Cross dissenting.

Councilmember Cross did not approve the hardship because he thinks all properties in the city should be subject to the same rules and regulations that are in place when the moratorium is lifted. Granting this hardship will give unfair advantage to Mr. Hall.

Hardship Exception Request: Haluptzok

Mr. Gurol gave the staff report. This request is for an exception to the moratorium to develop 6 acres at R-6 and 3 acres at R-4. Mr. Haluptzok explained the hardship is based on medical issues.

No motion was made to consider this request.

Resolution: Adopting the City Of Sammamish Inglewood Basin Plan

Public Works Director Delora Kerber gave the staff report. A revised resolution was presented to Council that added a section stating that this basin plan will be used as Best Available Science for the Critical Areas Ordinance and will be subject to further public process. There were two public meetings for the Plan. There is one capital project recommended and several regulatory programs. Mr. Yazici explained that adoption of this plan will allow the City to pursue grant money and move forward on the proposed capital project. New developments in the area will be funding this project through SEPA mitigation and impact fee assessments.

MOTION: Councilmember Felling moved to approve the resolution adopting the Inglewood Subbasin Plan. Deputy Mayor Petitti seconded. Motion carried 6-0 (R2005-197).

Contract: East Lake Sammamish Parkway & Louis Thompson Hill Road Signal/Entranco

Ms. Kerber gave the staff report. This contract with Entranco is for the design of the signal at the intersection of Louis Thompson Hill Road and East Lake Sammamish Parkway. There are two large developments beginning construction and will contribute to an increase in traffic at this intersection. Studies show that this intersection warrants a traffic signal.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Entranco for the signal design in an amount not to exceed \$49,000. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember Huckabay dissenting.

Councilmember Huckabay does not feel that a signal is warranted at this intersection and there are other projects that are much more important.

Amendment: Issaquah Pine Lake Road Roundabout/Harris

City Engineer Steve Hartwig gave the staff report. The roundabout project at Issaquah-Pine Lake Road and SE 32nd Street is nearly complete. However the contractor is requesting equitable adjustments which may ultimately turn into claims. Harris and Associates was the initial construction management firm and will best be able to work on the strategies for dealing with these requests. The work will be done on a task order basis and will require approval from the City Manager.

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to authorize the City Manager to amend the existing contract with Harris & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$15,280. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

City Manager Report

- **Approval: Eastside Transportation Choices Membership**

Transportation is a very important issue to the region as well as the City. Mr. Yazici thinks this organization is a grassroots effort that should be supported by outside dollars. He recommends joining this group for a \$750 membership fee.

MOTION: Councilmember Felling moved to authorize the City Manager to join the Eastside Transportation Choices at the \$750 level. Deputy Mayor Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

- **Ebright Creek Park Update**

Mr. Yazici reported that due to the sewer hook-up issue, this project will be delayed and will probably not be constructed this summer.

- **District Court**

Our temporary contract is expiring this year. The eastside negotiating team is working on a good solution for a future interlocal.

Mayor Gerend adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor