



STUDY SESSION NOTES

Study Session April 11, 2006

Mayor Michele Petitti opened the study session of the Sammamish City Council at 6:35 pm.

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

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Public Works Director Delora Kerber, Parks Director Jeff Watling, Senior Transportation Engineer Jeff Brauns, Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, Financial Analyst Aaron Antin, and Deputy City Clerk Stacy Herman.

Public Comment:

James Reynolds 810 200th Avenue SE: He has concerns with status of the allocation and the new critical areas ordinance. He requests council figure out a fair way for the people who did not make it in the lottery be allowed to vest to standards in place before the lottery.

Mark Hooper: He is the owner of Hooper Construction and owns five acres in Deerfield. He may lose three developable lots because of the new critical areas ordinance. Because of time lost due to the growth phasing ordinance and moratorium, he was unable to submit an application to vest to older standards.

Topics:

Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan/Capital Facility Plan

City Manager Ben Yazici gave the introduction to the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan. He discussed the additional Capital Projects including, library options, Soaring Eagle Park (section 36), Parks/Maintenance & Operations Shop, Issaquah-Fall City Road and full time staffing needs to complete the projects on the capital plan.

Victor Salemann explained the traffic modeling process and assumptions with the expected new growth numbers, higher density and traffic trips, impact fees and how the numbers are calculated.

Councilmember Whitten would like the city to have input on the aesthetics of the new library and add a building/right to purchase clause in the contract with the library.

City Manager Yazici presented the council with a draft 2007-2012 Capital Improvement Projects List. He also explained the relationship between stretching out projects over the next eighteen years, capital projects, and the impacts and needs for additional full time employees.

Councilmember Felling expressed his thoughts about completing capital projects, but also making sure there is necessary staff.

Councilmember Huckabay has concerns about additional fire stations and other costs associated with possible annexations areas.

Councilmember Gerend spoke in favor of collecting up to an additional .05% of the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET).

Councilmember Whitten recommended 100% cost recovery from traffic impact fees. She wants to discuss this item later.

Discovery School Wetlands

Jed Ireland, Senior Project Engineer, gave an update of the March 29th meeting with Discovery Elementary and the environmental committee. There is another meeting scheduled for April 26th. The committee and the city looked at mitigation options. The committee would like the monitoring data to be a learning tool the children can work with. This phase of the project is expected to begin in June.

Mayor Petitti would like staff to bring back any issues that would require any changes or additional costs to the discovery wetlands project.

Sammamish Commons

Parks Director Jeff Watling discussed relocation of the Freed House to the commons property and would like some direction from council. Space functionality and parking issues were also discussed. Any public use of the houses already located on the commons property will require compliance with current building/planning codes, which means additional money to upgrade those buildings.

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus updated council with the additional costs associated with finishing out the second half of the second floor in the New City Hall.

Shoreline Master Program

Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol updated the council on the background and process of implementing the Shoreline Master Program. The deadline to complete the master plan is December 1, 2009. The City has received grant funding from Department of Ecology. He will be requesting the Council's approval to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Department of Ecology at the April 18, 2006 regular meeting of the City Council.

Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness

Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol gave a staff report and explained the ten year plan to end homelessness.

There was general concern that there would be a shift in areas of homeless. Homeless person(s) would migrate toward the areas that offer better services.

Community Development Plat Time Line Review

Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report on type 3 permit time line reviews. He explained to the Council that he has the authority to send out a 90-day expiration letter and doesn't find it necessary to enact an ordinance or changing the code.

Mayor/Council Reports:

Councilmember Whitten: She attended a meeting Suburban Cities meeting on Wednesday of this week.

Deputy Mayor Cross: He would like to have a city map available at the City Council meetings. Councilmember Gerend, Mayor Petitti and Deputy Mayor Cross attended the Planning Commission meeting last Thursday. There were concerns of the schematics of the Town Center that were all high density. He would like to see medium to low density schematics presented to the planning commission.

Community Development Director Gurol reiterated that the sketches presented at the Planning Commission, were pictures to get people thinking and start generating some ideas.

Councilmember Huckabay: She attended Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting last week.

Councilmember Gerend: He attended the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting last week.

Mayor Petitti: She discussed dates for the open house at the new city hall and an essay contest.

City Manager Report

City Manager Yazici announced to the council, that he will be executing a contract in an amount under \$15,000.00 with consultant Lee Haro. Mr. Haro will be working on requests for grant money.

Executive Session—*None*

Close Study Session closed at 10:30 pm.