



STUDY SESSION NOTES

Study Session July 17, 2006

Mayor Michele Petitti opened the study session of the Sammamish City Council at 6:30 pm.

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

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Finance Director Lyman Howard, Public Works Director Delora Kerber, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Watling, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson

Public Comment- None

Topics

2007 July 4th Celebration

Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein gave the staff report. Bold Hat Productions is working with a citizen group to produce a Fourth of July Celebration in 2007. The official name of the celebration will be Fourth of July on the Plateau. The committee will suggest policies for vendors at the event and will bring these policies to Council for approval. If any sponsorships are obtained for next year, Council will discuss how the sponsorship money will be spent.

Pine Lake Water Quality Study

Drainage Engineer Eric LaFrance gave the staff report. The study is based on a year of data analysis. Mr. LaFrance said that Pine Lake is one of the more studied lakes in the state. Initial reports show that the water quality in the lake is dramatically improving. Maintaining the current wind patterns will be important in keeping the phosphorus down in the lower levels of the lake. The study presents four different models for future development around the lake. The report also recommends establishing a lake management district to continue monitoring the lake.

Staff has only been able to perform an initial review of the study. More analysis of the study will be done and the study will be officially presented to the City Council at a later date.

Water Quality Review Issues

Public Works Director Delora Kerber gave the staff report. The city is currently monitoring Beaver Lake, is studying Pine Lake, Louis Thompson subbasin, will begin to study Inglewood subbasin, inspects and maintains 400 retention/detention facilities, monitors Lake Sammamish in conjunction with Issaquah and Redmond, and monitors Ebright Creek Park, and Wetland 61. The city will be creating a maintenance and operations account for Ebright Creek Park and wetland

17 after the Crossings @ Pine Lake is completed. Councilmember Cross suggested that all of the surface water issues need to be considered in totality by a single source or group. He suggested either the Planning Commission take on these issues or a citizen group be formed. Councilmember Whitten asked staff to research getting an ombudsman from King County to help with these issues.

Suspended License/DUI towing charges

Police Chief Brad Thompson gave the staff report. He said that all of the towing companies that the County uses charge the same towing fee.

Finance Committee Reinstatement during Budget Process

Councilmember Gerend feels that all Councilmembers should be considering and making decisions on all budget items. Councilmember Huckabay feels the committee should be reestablished so there is an opportunity to get more detailed information. The consensus was that the City Manager would meet with Councilmembers in groups of two or three to get their input on the budget.

Other Topics

City Manager Ben Yazici reported that Eastside Fire & Rescue (EF&R) is developing a new interlocal that would include the option of a single entity for fire services. Mr. Yazici said this is not in the best interest of the residents. He said staff will be bringing a resolution to tomorrow's meeting directing Sammamish's EF & R Board representatives to vote against including this option in the interlocal.

Councilmember Whitten suggested the following topics be added to Council calendar for further discussion:

East Lake Sammamish Parkway; should build out be higher than currently planned.

Quarterly Department Updates

Circulation to bring residents to the city center

Policy for measuring the safety of road projects

Policy for volunteers

Workload vs Budget

Public Comment

Ilene Stahl: She doesn't think that the fireworks should be held near wetland 61 because the noise will disturb animals. She supported restarting the committee meetings because she liked attending them. She favored getting another basin steward. She was concerned that the Pine Lake Study doesn't include any land use recommendations.

Close Study Session 9:55 pm