



STUDY SESSION NOTES

Study Session September 12, 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, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Watling, Public Works Director John Cunningham, City Engineer Steve Hartwig, Senior Project Engineer Jed Ireland, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, Fire Chief Lee Soptich, Police Chief Brad Thompson, City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Public Comment (10 minutes)

Dr. Brett Van Norman, 22737 SE 29th Street, He spoke to the Council about Kids Day America and asked them to read a proclamation regarding this day at their next regular meeting. Kids Day will be September 16, 2006.

Topics

Police Quarterly Report

Chief Brad Thompson gave the report. (Written copy of the report is available upon request)

Fire Quarterly Report

Fire Chief Lee Soptich and Volunteer Program Manager David Misakian updated the Council on the activities of Eastside Fire & Rescue. (Written copy of the report is available upon request)

Parks Survey

Parks Commissioner Hank Klein reported on the findings of the survey and presented the Parks Commission's recommendation to the City Council. They proposed four recommendations:

1. City Council should develop a range of three packages of potential capital projects in the \$20 to \$40 million range.
2. Place a Parks Bond Measure before voters in early 2007 rather than the Real Estate Excise Tax option. The recommend an Operations levy be presented at the same time

3. They recommend that Receptions Facilities (i.e. Aquatics Center, Community Center and Teen Center) be given strong consideration when creating the package of capital projects.
4. Parks and Recreation Facilities should be given the highest priority over the acquisition of additional park properties.

Next steps include developing the three different packages which will include programming and costs. After the packages are developed, more public input will be gathered. This would help define what would be included in each package.

The general consensus of the Council was to pursue the bond/levy option. The REET option would be kept as a fallback in the event that the bond levy would fail. Council will make an official decision on this at a later meeting.

Council recessed from 8:30 pm to 8:40 pm.

Update: 244th Street

Public Works Director John Cunningham, City Engineer Steve Hartwig and Project Manager Jed Ireland gave an update and outlined the next steps in the project.

The bridge option for this project is more cost effective, more popular with the public and preferred by the Army Corp of Engineers rather than filling the wetlands.

Other Topics

Council will add a special meeting on September 26, 2006. The Arts Commission will be making a presentation and recommendation to Council for the Sculpture Selection for the Sammamish Commons at that meeting.

Close Study Session

9:30 pm