

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Study Session / Special Meeting February 13, 2007

Mayor Mark Cross called the special meeting/study session of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

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

Councilmember Barry arrived at 6:45 pm. He was meeting with the Fire Board.

**Staff present:** City Manager Ben Yazici, Deputy City Manager Pete Butkus, Public Works Director John Cunningham, Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and Deputy City Clerk Stacy Herman.

### Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Chamber of Commerce President Joe Hochman led the pledge.

### Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

### Public Comment:

Joe Hochman – President of Sammamish Chamber of Commerce. He encouraged attendance at monthly chamber luncheon meetings. They occur the third Thursday of every month at Plateau Club, beginning at 11:30 a.m... John Valis will attend the next luncheon and will speak about growth and development on the eastside. There is an additional meeting on March 15th.

David Paul 2718 204<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE: He represents several neighbors requesting a walkway on SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street. He would like an update on the request for a walkway in his neighborhood.

### New Business

#### **Ordinance: Bond Levy/Operation & Maintenance Levy:**

City Manager Ben Yazici gave the staff report. This is the first reading of the ordinance. Foster Pepper law firm is legal bond counsel. Staff is recommending reducing the bond amount from \$35 million to \$24 million until there is a final partnership with YMCA.

Councilmember Huckabay understands that we are not ready to proceed with a partnership, but feels we should go forward with the \$35 million dollar proposal with or without the partnership.

Mayor Cross has concerns with the bond as proposed if we don't have the strength of partnerships with the YMCA or others.

Councilmember Whitten has concerns about rushing to the voters in May, costs of a special election and would like additional time to go to the voters. She would like more time to firm up a partnership with the YMCA.

Councilmember Felling is in favor of the package. He has concerns about how to describe what you are getting for your money. His suggestions included reducing the size of the package or taking additional time.

Councilmember Barry would like additional time. He would like to see more clarification between phase I and phase II, better verbiage explaining to the voters what they are getting, or dropping the word phasing altogether.

Councilmember Gerend has concerns with the additional \$11 million dollars and whether or not we have a partnership. He would like to see more research on aquatic centers. He prefers not to go to a May election.

Councilmember Whitten has concerns with the lack of time to educate the voters about the bond. She would like to see more opportunity for public input. She suggests going to the voters around the November election.

City Manager Yazici suggests moving forward with the \$24 million dollar package.

Councilmember Huckabay would rather delay the package as proposed, rather than lowering the amount of the bond. Facilities are a big part of the bond. She would like to go forward with options of partnering.

Councilmember Petitti would like to go forward with the full amount or suggests waiting. She suggests that the community at large is interested in having teen center/aquatic centers.

Mayor Cross suggests additional time to identify what type of aquatic center facility the City has interest in.

Parks and Recreation Chair Hank Klein suggested delaying the bond.

Tom Vance suggests delaying the bond.

Councilmember Felling would like additional time to market and define the bond. He suggests working on a partnership.

Councilmember Whitten moved to table the ordinance and bring it back for reconsideration in April. She withdrew her motion.

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MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to not move forward with an election in May.

AMENDMENT: Gerend suggests suspending action on the Parks Bond and gathering more information on partnerships and aquatic facilities.

City Manager Ben Yazici, Library and YMCA are meeting this Friday to discuss land sites. City Manager Yazici is in favor of tabling the item.

MAIN MOTION: To suspend action on the parks bond, not move forward with an election in May in an attempt to gather more information on potential partnerships and aquatic facilities.

All pending motions were withdrawn. City Council directed staff to continue pursuing partnerships and work on a timeline for discussion at the next regular meeting in March.

MOTION: to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

**Open Study Session:**

City Council discussed the following items:

- ❖ Update: Level of Service Survey Results
- ❖ Selection: Non-Motorized Projects
- ❖ Street Lighting Standards

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Stacy Herman, Deputy City Clerk

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Mark Cross, Mayor