

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting March 6, 2007

Mayor Mark Cross called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

**Councilmembers present:** Mayor Mark Cross, Deputy Mayor Lee Felling, Councilmembers Jack Barry (arrived at 6:40 pm), Don Gerend, Kathleen Huckabay (arrived at 6:40 pm), Michele Petitti and Nancy Whitten.

**Staff present:** Deputy City Manager Pete Butkus, 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. Cub Scouts Troop 500 led the pledge.

MOTION: To excuse Councilmember Barry and Councilmember Huckabay. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Councilmember Huckabay and Barry were attending a Fire Board meeting and arrived at 6:40 pm.

### Public Comment

Glenn Langer 23107 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street: He commented on the Hari Krshna Temple project and had concerns of adequate on-site parking.

Marianne Wilkins 20917 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street: She has concerns with barbed wire fencing in Ebright Creek Park. She would also like to see fencing/private gate cordoning the park from her property. Photographs presented during public comment are available in the Clerk's office upon request.

Joe Hochman: President of the Sammamish Chamber of Commerce reminded the City of the month luncheons the third Thursday of every month, beginning at 11:30 am, at the Plateau Club. Former Senator and Gubernatorial candidate, Dino Rossi, will attend and speak at the March 15<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Chamber of Commerce is conducting and gathering survey results on retail space and will offer their comments to the Town Center Committee when it is completed.

Charles Iff 24528 SE 30<sup>th</sup> Street: Mr. Iff has concerns with speeding vehicles on SE 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ilene Stahl 21553 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Lane: Ms. Stahl commented on the presentations on city projects. She would like to see transparent films on City projects and a policy on honesty. If anyone has comments on this subject matter, she can be reached directly at 425-392-0556.

### **Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** To approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

### **Proclamations/Presentations**

Mayor Mark Cross presented the State of the City. He reported on 2006 goals and accomplishments.

### **Student Liaison Report**

#### **Skyline Student Liaisons (*Mik Kurian*):**

He reported on boys basketball, track and field events, March 7<sup>th</sup> girls basketball game at Key Arena at 10:00 am, and DECA conference this following week.

#### **Skyline Student Liaisons (*Jordan Graham*):**

She reported about principal interviews by staff, parents and students, Camp Casey for 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Whidbey Island. March 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> the drama club will present a spoof play based on Saturday Night Live.

### **Consent Agenda**

- Approval: Claims for period ending March 6, 2007 in the amount of \$1,370,591.11 For Check No.17481 through Check No. 17584
- Contract: Customer Service and Development Review/Management Partners
- Approval: February 6, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Approval: February 20, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Interlocal: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit

**MOTION:** To approve consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

### **New Business**

#### **Contract: Classification and Compensation Study**

Mike Sauerwein gave a staff report on the contract with HR Answers to conduct a compensation and classification study. The employee committee reviewed the consultants and chose HR Answers. They were the lowest bidders.

**MOTION:** To authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with HR Answers in an amount not to exceed \$29,566 and transfer \$5,000 from general contingency fund to Administrative Services Professional Services line item. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

#### **Resolution Of The City Of Sammamish City Council Directing The City Manager To Adjust The Compensation For Four Engineering Positions To The Average Of The Current Puget Sound Market**

Mike Sauerwein gave the staff report. This resolution would allow four engineering positions to be

compensated at the current Puget Sound market and advertise at a competitive rate. The engineering market is very competitive at this time. The City has been attempting to fill three vacant engineering positions since January of 2007. Bonuses, flex time, costs and budget were also discussed.

**MOTION:** To approve a Resolution Directing The City Manager to adjust the compensation for four engineering positions to the average of the current Puget Sound market, recruitment bonus of \$7,000 to new hires or promoted engineers after completing a six month probationary period and alternative work schedules for employees below the level of Deputy Director. Motion carried unanimously 7-0. (R2007-266)

**Resolution Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Granting Final Plat Approval To The Plat Of The Hall (Aka Laurel Hills) Subdivision**

Evan Maxim gave a staff report. The project is for an 8-lot subdivision, located on the southeast corner of the intersection of 225<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE and SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, on a property previously developed with a single family home. Required bonds have been posted for the remaining site improvements and mitigation fees paid. He recommends final plat approval.

**MOTION:** To approve a Resolution granting final plat to Laurel Hills (aka Hall) Subdivision. Motion carried 7-0.

**Ordinance: First Reading of An Ordinance Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Establishing Interest And Penalties To Be Imposed On Delinquent Annual Special Assessments For Beaver Lake Management District No. 1**

Evan Maxim gave the staff report. This is the first reading of the ordinance and the last step in the formation of the district. It is a requirement to collect the fees and allow King County Department of Assessments to impose liens and penalties.

**MOTION:** to suspend rules and adopt ordinance on the first reading.

Councilmember Petitti withdrew the pending motion. A second reading will be presented at the March 20, 2007 Regular Meeting of the City Council.

**Council Reports:**

**Councilmember Huckabay:** Reported on Regional Transit Committee meeting, bus service and traffic cameras.

**Councilmember Petitti:** Reported on the Suburban Cities dinner. City Seattle Light and Puget Sound Energy also attended and spoke about the recent storms. She attended the Tri Awareness meeting.

**Councilmember Whitten:** Attended Suburban Cities Meeting, PSRC meeting to work on the 20/20 vision update. She commented on transportation issues related to the Town Center plan. She would like to see additional information on the Town Center before a preferred alternative is presented. She suggests looking at the AM peak trip counts.

**Councilmember Gerend:** He met with the Technology Committee. They are looking at sponsoring an AM radio station for emergency purposes. He reported on the architect selection for the new library building. Councilmember Gerend attended the meeting with Mr. Birdsall and suggests additional

transportation information on the Town Center.

Councilmember Felling: He reported on streamline sales tax initiative. An additional \$600,000 - \$1,000,000 could be collected for the City of Sammamish over the next few years without a tax increase to the Citizens.

Mayor Cross: He met with the Mayor of Kirkland and discussed a funding model and Town Center plan.

Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol announced that there will be a Developers Forum on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 4:30 pm, at City Hall to discuss the Town Center.

### **City Manager Report**

City Manager Yazici proposed providing space to the Sammamish Rotary to sponsor a white elephant sale on the Kellman property, which will contribute to a charity (Leo) that builds homes for mentally challenged persons. The club has offered to clean out the house.

**MOTION:** To authorize the City Manager to work with the Sammamish Rotary to hold a garage sale in the Kellman house for a two week period. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Antennae**

City Manager Yazici updated the council on antennae placement. During an emergency there is AM frequency that is available to hear announcements during the time of an emergency. A test will need to be conducted at a cost of \$2500. Council was in agreement with the test. Hamm operator system was also discussed.

Parks Director Jessi Richardson updated the City Council on the progress of Ebright Creek Park.

- *Ebright Creek Report and Video (20 minutes) video and tour of the park. (Copies of the video is available and inquires can be made with the City Clerk.)*

City Manager Yazici updated council on the construction of the fencing through the wetland at Ebright Creek Park. Staff is currently looking at requirements of the fencing and come back with a recommendation.

City Manager Ben Yazici indicated that there is progress being made between the City, YMCA and Library Partnership. A memorandum of understanding is being drafted.

Councilmember Felling, Mayor Cross and City Manager Ben Yazici will be working on a Parks Bond timeline that will be discussed at a future Council meeting.

Mayor Cross requested that Councilmembers bring some ideas on emergency response and preparedness to the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and then it would come back on April 10<sup>th</sup> for discussion.

A joint meeting with Issaquah City Council is currently scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>. A future joint meeting with Redmond City Council will be scheduled in the near future.

**Executive Session**— Contract Negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (d)

Council retired to Executive Session at 8:50 pm. Council returned at 10:07 pm. No action was taken.

**MOTION: To adjourn. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

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Stacy Herman, Deputy City Clerk

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Mark Cross, Mayor