

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting November 20, 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, Kathleen Huckabay, Michele Petitti and Nancy Whitten.

Councilmembers Absent: Councilmember Gerend and Petitti

**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. Councilmember led the pledge.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Whitten made a motion to excuse Council members Gerend and Petitti. Councilmember Barry seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

### Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Councilmember Huckabay made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilmember Whitten seconded.

**AMENDMENT:** Councilmember Huckabay made a motion to amend the agenda by removing item NPDES and Parkway presentation to occur after presentations and proclamations. Deputy Mayor Felling seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

### Public Comment:

**Dave Paul 2718 204<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE:** He would like the City to build a general purpose walkway on SE 24<sup>th</sup>. He proposes the City effectively respond to general purpose walkway requests. They are generally cheaper to build.

**Natalie Bus 22421 NE 39<sup>th</sup> Way, Redmond:** She commented on the Evans Creek Preserve and related safety concerns taking a left turn from SR202 onto 224<sup>th</sup>.

**Patricia Chambers 21324 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Street:** She commented on Thompson Hill and zoning in her neighborhood. She has concerns about parcel #1117300080 parcel (Pacific Homes Builder) being developed.

Joan Outzs 23323 SE 47<sup>th</sup> Way: She is the president of the Uplands HOA. She has safety concerns with connectivity through her neighborhood. She also commented on the recent Klineburger decision issued by the Hearing Examiner and has issues with safety. She requests the City to uphold the Hearing Examiner's decision and not to continue the Superior Court appeal. She supports connectivity, but not forcing connectivity for connectivity sake.

Jim 4670 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE: He continued on with Joan Outz comments on the appeal and reconsideration of the Klineburger plat recently filed by the City.

Larry Hansen 23220 SE 47<sup>th</sup> Way: Requests the City dismiss the appeal and motion for reconsideration on the Klineburger plat and the City work with the Uplands neighborhood. (Mr. Hansen submitted handouts)

Lisa Loutz 23334 SE 47<sup>th</sup> Way: She has concerns with the connectivity through her neighborhood and safety issues with taking a left on Issaquah-Pine Lake Road from her development. Also encourages the City Council to dismiss the appeal and reconsideration recently filed on the Klineburger subdivision.

Jim Ryan 4675 SE 47<sup>th</sup> Way: He has concerns with the connectivity from the Klineburger plat through the Uplands.

Susie Sandstrom 3516 224<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE Redmond: She commented on entering the Evans Creek Preserve on 220<sup>th</sup> rather than 224<sup>th</sup>.

Ian Meikle 654 234<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE: He commented on safety concerns with a proposed connection from the preliminary plat of Klineburger. He requests the City Council work with the Uplands subdivision on this particular issue.

### **Student Liaison Report**

Kim Lammers - Skyline High School: She reported on the blood drive, food drive and the Football State Semi-Finals on Saturday at 9:00 am at the Tacoma Dome. She announced that Andy Taylor of the swim team took State Title.

### **Proclamations/Presentations**

- American Planning Association (Scott Greenburg) presented an award to the City of Sammamish (Shoreline Incentives).
- Rotary Club past president and Challenge Day Race Co-Chair/Councilmember Jack Barry presented the City with a plaque for the partnership and involvement in the Challenge Day Race.

## **New Business**

### **NPDES Appeal**

City Attorney Bruce Disend gave the staff report. This is a program consisting of stormwater permits. The clean water act has adopted guidelines that are very concerning to several cities and jurisdictions. The purpose of the appeal is to make sure that reasonable standards are adopted. Coalitions of Cities consisting of approximately 27 cities are appealing this permit requirement. It could possibly be additional \$600,000 to \$700,000 costs to the City every year if this NPDES permit goes through.

City Manager Yazici and Public Works Director Cunningham and City Engineer Steve Hartwig also commented on the NPDES appeal.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Nancy Whitten moved to authorize the City Manager to expend \$20,000 for the NPDES appeal Councilmember Barry seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

### **Public Comment:**

Ilene Stahl 21553 SE 28<sup>th</sup> Lane: She commented on the NPDES appeal. She does not want the City to appeal the permit.

MaryAnn Wilkins: She does not want the City to authorize money for the NPDES permit appeal.

### **Resolution: Adopting The Design Report For The Proposed Improvements To East Lake Sammamish Parkway NE Project – Inglewood Hill Road To 187th Avenue NE (R2007-293)**

Public Works Director John Cunningham made a staff report and presentation. He is requesting the City Council either pass or deny the resolution that would adopt preliminary design and proceed with final design on the proposed improvement project to the East Lake Sammamish Parkway (ELSP) Project.

### **Public Comment:**

Mary 20337 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Place: She commented on the ELSP. She has concerns with three lane proposal. She suggests the proposal does not address congestion and has concerns with the costs of this proposal.

Nan Gordon 22841 NE 8<sup>th</sup>: She has concerns with the ELSP proposal. She spoke in opposition of the project as proposed.

Stan Gunno 22212 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Place: He has concerns with the fees associated with the project and that capacity potentially would not be increased. He would like to see the City address the capacity issues.

Lisa Frostadt 20230 NE 18<sup>th</sup> Place: She is generally in favor of this design.

Paul Oostmeyer 207<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE: He spoke in opposition of the current parkway design.

John Stiltz: He spoke in opposition of the Parkway Project. He urged the Council not to adopt the plan.

Jerry Hammersburg 200 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway: He spoke in opposition of the ELSP project. He would like to see alternative projects that would address traffic congestion.

Carl Burg 829 209<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE: He spoke in opposition of parkway project as proposed.

Romero Valderama: He is opposed to the ELSP project. He would like to revisit this after the flyover ramp is completed in Redmond.

Sherry Valderama: She is opposed to the parkway design.

Elizabeth Seacrest: She is opposed to the parkway design as proposed.

Elaine 2008 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway NE: She is opposed to the parkway design as proposed.

Reid 20037 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Place: He suggests that the Council look at alternatives.

Renata Bloom: She spoke in opposition of the Parkway design as currently designed. She encouraged public transportation.

Councilmembers Huckabay and Whitten suggest delaying making a decision on the East Lake Sammamish Parkway project.

Councilmember Barry is in favor of making a vote on this either for or against as soon as possible, rather than delaying it further. This has been discussed for the last 7 years. He also understands that it may be better to make the decision when Councilmember Gerend and Petitti are available.

**MOTION:** Motion to delay action on the East Lake Sammamish Parkway Resolution adopting the Design Report for the East Lake Sammamish Parkway Project until December 18<sup>th</sup> or at another regular meeting scheduled in January. Councilmember Barry seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

**Ordinance: Amending The City Zoning Code, SMC Chapter 21a.75, To Adopt Temporary Interim Zoning Controls To Eliminate The Residential Density Incentives In R-4 And R-6 Zones; Declaring An Emergency; And Scheduling A Public Hearing**

Community Director Kamuron Gurol updated the Council on this ordinance. This ordinance is necessary to accommodate an interpretation made by the Hearing Examiner to this chapter of the

code. This will be adopted on an emergency basis and a public hearing will be scheduled within the next 60 days. Approximately 80% of the zoning in Sammamish is zoned R-4 and R-6.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the emergency ordinance adopting temporary interim zoning controls (21A.75) to eliminate residential density incentives in R-4 and R-6 zones. It declares an emergency and a hearing will be scheduled within the next sixty days. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0. (O2007-219)

**Ordinance: Modifying the Terms of the Members of the City Planning Commission to Promote Continuity of Service**

City Manager Yazici made the staff report. The proposed ordinance suggests a staggered 2-2-2-1 staggered terms to promote continuity.

Council requested that a 2-2-1-2 proposal be brought back to the Council at the next regular meeting.

**Ordinance: First Reading Relating To The Levying Of Taxes And Establishing The Amount To Be Raised In 2008 On The Assessed Valuation Of The Property Within The City.**

Finance Director Lyman Howard presented a staff report and PowerPoint Presentation (Handouts available upon request in the City Clerk's office) to the City Council regarding 2008 assessed valuation of property and proposed 2007-2008 biennial budget.

The Tax Levy Ordinance sets the 2008 property tax levy amount. The final rate will be adjusted based on the final assessed valuation of property within Sammamish. The proposed levy amount would decrease the levy rate from \$2.47 to \$2.24 per 1,000 of assessed valuation.

**Ordinance: First Reading Amending Ordinance No. O2006-210, The 2007-2008 City Budget, For The Purpose Of Revising The 2007-2008 Biennial Budget.**

Finance Director reported on 2007-2008 anticipated revenues and expenditures, unexpended appropriations made in 2006 that were to be carried forward from 2006 to 2007 and the narrative that explains the amendments to the budget. (Handouts available in Clerk's Office upon request)

This is the first reading of both ordinances. There was no public comment.

Administrative Services Mike Sauerwein reported on the employee compensation study recently completed by consultants HR Answers and additional changes to the personnel policy including, orthodontia coverage, sick leave, cap on vacation, tuition reimbursement, 401a deferred compensation benefit and the 2008 salary schedule.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**Council Reports:** None.

**City Manager Report** –

City Manager requested that the Council appoint a voting Suburban Cities Association Representative.

**MOTION: Councilmember Whitten moves to nominate Councilmember Petitti and Mayor Cross as an alternate (if Petitti is not available) to be a voting member at SCA. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

**Consent Calendar**

- Payroll for pay period ending October for pay date November 5, 2007 in the amount of \$207,517.78
- Approval: Claims for period ending November 20, 2007 for Check No. 19475 through Check No. 19577 in the amount of \$908,406.88
- Contract: On-Call Drainage Engineering and Review/Pertect
- Agreement: Wrobel Short Plat
- Resolution: Granting Final Plat Approval To The Plat Of The Beaudette Subdivision (R2007-292)

**MOTION: to approve consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

Mayor Cross would like to schedule a study session to discuss Councilmembers emails.

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Felling made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 pm.

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Stacy Herman, Deputy City Clerk

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Mark Cross, Mayor