

COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting/Study Session December 11, 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, Councilmembers Jack Barry, Don Gerend, Kathleen Huckabay, Michele Petitti and Nancy Whitten.

Councilmembers absent: Deputy Mayor Lee Felling.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Deputy City Manager Pete Butkus, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Lyman Howard, Public Works Director John Cunningham, Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Senior Planner Evan Maxim, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Cub Scout Troop 545 led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Agenda was approved as presented.

Public Comment

Brian Keely, 23025 NE 29th Street, He requested Council consider prohibiting parking of recreational vehicles on neighborhood streets.

OPEN STUDY SESSION

Update: LID Techniques and Discussion with Expert Panel

Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol gave an overview of the process this ordinance has undergone. He then introduced a panel of experts on low impact development techniques. They were Gail Twelves, Kerry Ritland, Mick Matheson and Eric LaFrance. They briefly introduced themselves and explained their background relating to low impact development. They then answered questions relating to low impact development.

Public Comment

Ilene Stahl, She was disappointed with technical expertise of the panel.

Bob Keller, Planning Commissioner, He explained the recommendation that the Planning Commission presented to the Council. He said the Planning Commission was in unanimous support of the low impact development ordinance. He also emphasized that the Planning Commission was very supportive of making low impact development mandatory for the Town Center.

Scott Hamilton, Planning Commissioner, He feels that it is very important to be clear on the reasons for adopting these low impact development regulations. He also feels the regulations should be mandatory

Tom Harmon, 4269 433rd Avenue SE, Issaquah, He urged the Council not to adopt a city-wide criteria for low impact development.

Erica Tiliacos, Planning Commission, 1130 Lancaster Way SE, She was surprised when the Council directed the Planning Commission to develop regulations that were not city wide and not mandatory.

Bill Dunlap, Murray Franklin, He feels that developers will use low impact development techniques if it works and if it helps sell houses.

John Galvin, 432 228th Avenue SE, He encouraged the Council to continue to make the low impact development regulations mandatory.

Michael Rutt, 22823 SE 1st Street, He felt narrowing streets and applying low impact development regulations on a case by case basis and will be the most effective.

Council recessed from 8:20 to 8:30 pm.

Update: Development Services Review Report

Update: YMCA

Discussion: Policy Retreat Agenda Preparation

CLOSE STUDY SESSION - closed at 10:00 pm

Consent Calendar

Contract: Domestic Violence Advocate/Leyton

Contract: Janitorial Services/ABS

Amendment: Compensation/Classification Study/HR Answers

Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Ordinance: Amending The City Zoning Code, SMC Chapter 21a.55, To Adopt Temporary Interim Silting Hierarchy For Wireless Communication Facilities (WCF); Declaring An Emergency; And Scheduling A Public Hearing (10 minutes)

Mr. Gurol gave the staff report. The amending document is being presented as an emergency ordinance and will be in place for six months unless terminated sooner. Staff is recommending the City Council vote to suspend their rules and adopt this ordinance on the first reading. Upon adoption, the City Clerk will be directed to set a public hearing date to consider public input.

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to suspend Council rules and adopt the ordinance on the first reading. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 (O2007-223).

Council requested that staff be given some authority to make decisions on the placement of facilities if it makes sense. This additional language to the ordinance could be added at the time of the public hearing.

Executive Session – Potential Litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

Council retired to executive session at 10:15 and returned at 10:25 pm.

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to authorize an additional \$5,000 towards litigation expenses to oppose the requirements of the NPDES Phase II Permit. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Council Reports

Councilmember Barry attended the Eastside Fire & Rescue Budget meeting. They are requesting a 7.35% increase in their budget next year. Councilmember Barry said that, though Sammamish will approve the budget, we will be expecting benchmarks for next year and this will be an additional requirement into the Fire Chief's evaluation. The City of Sammamish finds this large of an increase to be unacceptable.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to cancel the study session on December 17, 2007. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

City Manager Report - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm

Melanie Anderson, City Clerk

Mark Cross, Mayor