

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Special Meeting/Study Session January 14, 2014

Mayor Tom Vance called the special meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

### **Councilmembers present:**

Mayor Tom Vance  
Deputy Mayor Kathy Huckabay  
Councilmember Don Gerend,  
Councilmember Bob Keller  
Councilmember Tom Odell  
Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama  
Councilmember Nancy Whitten

### **Staff present:**

Ben Yazici, City Manager  
Kamuron Gurol, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director  
Nate Elledge, Sammamish Police Chief  
Tim Larson, Communications Manager  
Laura Philpot, Public Works Director  
Kari Sand, City Attorney  
Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

### **Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**

Roll was called. Alan Gothelf, North Bend Board Member to Eastside Fire & Rescue (EF & R) led the pledge.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Deputy Mayor Huckabay moved to change the agenda order by having the Executive Session come before public comment. Councilmember Odell seconded Agenda was approved as amended 7-0.

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

Council recessed at 6:40 pm and returned at 6:50 pm. No action was taken

### **Public Comment**

Kristina Pribbernow, 2518 233<sup>rd</sup> Place NE, She asked Council to prohibit temporary shelters of all kind in the City. She feels there are other ways to address homelessness

Anna Low, Sharewheel Tent City 4, She thanked the City Council, staff, Mary Queen of Peace, Sammamish Police, and EF & R for allowing them to stay in Sammamish for three months.

Alan Gothelf, North Bend Board Member EF & R He said was available to answer questions of the Council regarding the EF & R resolution.

CJ Kahler, He spoke regarding the proposed moratorium ordinance being presented tonight. He does not understand the nature of the emergency and urgency of passing this ordinance.

Elizabeth Maupan, Eastside Interfaith Coalition, She spoke regarding the need for encampments in King County. Housing costs are high and affordable housing is minimal.

## **New Business**

Ordinance: Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, adopting a six month moratorium on the acceptance, processing, and/or approval of temporary use permits or other approvals for temporary homeless encampments; providing for severability; declaring an emergency and establishing an immediate effective date

Sammamish Police Chief Nate Elledge gave a report on the criminal activity happening at Tent City 4. They have responded to 30 calls for service. This includes medical issues, controlled or banned substances, disturbances, thefts, trespass and a narcotics investigation that resulted in two arrests.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report and gave a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at [www.sammamish.us](http://www.sammamish.us)*).

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilmembers Valderrama and Whitten dissenting.

Councilmember Valderrama expressed concern that the Council may be overreaching their authority by the emergency nature of the ordinance.

## **Topics**

- Commission Applicant Interviews  
Council interviewed the following candidates:

### *Parks & Recreation Commission:*

- Ann Precup
- Steve Wright
- Doug Eglington

*Planning Commission:*

- Frank Blau
- Cynthia C. Krass
- Katherine R. Low
- Thomas Mudayankavil
- Melinda Hall Wieder

➤ Fire Services Discussion

Deputy City Manager Lyman Howard and Eastside Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief of Planning, Wes Collins gave the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation (available at [www.sammamish.us](http://www.sammamish.us)).

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 pm if necessary. Councilmember Keller seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to extend the meeting to 11:00 pm if necessary. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

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

Council retired to Executive at 10:38 pm and returned at 10:50 pm. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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Thomas E. Vance, Mayor