

*COUNCIL*  *MINUTES*

**Special Meeting**  
**January 21, 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 (arrived at 6:44 pm.)  
Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama  
Councilmember Nancy Whitten

**Staff present:**

Ben Yazici, City Manager  
Lyman Howard, Deputy City Manager  
Kamuron Gurol, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director  
Joe Guinasso, Finance and Technical Services Director  
Laura Philpot, Public Works Director  
Mike Kenyon, City Attorney  
Melonie Anderson, City Clerk  
Lita Hachey, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk

**Roll Call**

Roll was called.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Boy Scout Troop 225 from Creekside Elementary performed the Flag Ceremony and led the Pledge.

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION: Deputy Mayor Huckabay moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.**

**Presentations/Proclamations**

## Student Liaison Reports

Skyline High School – Hamilton Wasnick – Finals start tomorrow. Next years' ASB executive board elections are next week. Second semester also begins next week.

## Public Comment

John James, 21603 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, He congratulated the newly elected councilmembers and Mayor and Deputy Mayor. He is here tonight regarding the resolution for the adoption of fire services interlocal agreement. He encouraged the current council to support the vote to continue the interlocal agreement.

Jon Wiseman, 7329 410 Avenue SE, Snoqualmie, spoke regarding the EF & R Interlocal. Spoke on behalf of the EF & R Fire fighters and the vote on the resolution that will take place later tonight.

Paul Stickney, 504 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, spoke regarding the SE quadrant 2014 Docket item and on behalf of the following homeowners, Richard Birgh, John Hansen & Doug Ramsey. *(Submitted written comments available upon request from the City Clerk, Melonie Anderson)*

Melissa Grimaldi, 4333 201<sup>st</sup> Place NE, spoke regarding the meeting of the HOA in the Timberline Park neighborhood on October 16, 2013 and voted for the retention of the NE 42<sup>nd</sup> Street barricade. (omnicon gate).

Jill Loveland, 25710 SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Place, requested that Council approve the resolution and the EF & R Interlocal agreement tonight.

## Consent Agenda

- Payroll for the period ending December 31, 2013 for pay date January 3, 2014 in the amount of \$263,881.50
- Payroll for the period ending January 15, 2014 for pay date January 17, 2014 in the amount of \$262,243.35
- 1. **Approval:** Claims for period ending January 21, 2014 in the amount of \$ 1,998,747.52 for Check No. 36544 through 36723
- 2. **Resolution:** Granting Final Plat Approval To The Plat Of Trossachs Division 16
- 3. **Resolution:** Granting Final Plat Approval To The Plat Of Ashford Chase (Aka Benham Ridge)
- 4. **Approval:** December 10, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Councilmember Gerend moved to approve consent calendar. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**Public Hearing** - None

## Unfinished Business

**Executive Session:** Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant and Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) Potential litigation. Council retired to executive session at 6:50 pm and returned at 7:35 pm and took the following action regarding appointments to boards and commissions.

City Clerk Melonie Anderson assisted with the Council voting, results as follows.

5. **Resolution:** Appointing two members to the Planning Commission

**MOTION:** Councilmember Odell moved to approve appointing Frank Blau and Cynthia Krass to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

6. **Resolution:** Appointing two members to the Parks Commission

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Huckabay moved to approve appointing Ann Precup and Doug Eglington to the Parks Commission. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

7. **Resolution:** Appointing five members to the Arts Commission

**MOTION:** Councilmember Valderrama moved to approve appointing Barbara Jirsa (Position 3), Priti Joshi (Position 6), Ramu Iyer (Position 7), Margaret Rosenow (Position 4), Steve Wright (Position 8) and Kelli Ron (Position 9) to the Arts Commission. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Vance recommended a recess @ 7:48 pm returning at 8 pm.

8. **Resolution:** Regarding Fire Services And Adopting The Eastside Fire & Rescue Interlocal Agreement

Deputy City Manager Lyman Howard gave a staff report/recommendation and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city website at [www.sammamish.us](http://www.sammamish.us)*).

**MOTION:** Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the resolution regarding Fire services and adopting the Eastside Fire & Rescue Interlocal Agreement. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilmember Odell and Deputy Mayor Huckabay dissenting.

Councilmember Valderrama - recommended that Council move forward with the fire services agreement. He outlined the steps taken to get to this point and commends all the partners for the work they have done. The Citizens of Sammamish are receiving tremendous savings with this resolution. He feels we should reconsider the language in the last clause of the resolution.

Councilmember Don Gerend – feels that the process has been long but the Ad hock Committees have worked well together and moving forward we will have a good partnership. He feels that adaptive management should be considered in the next 7 years. He is optimistic about the continuation of the partnership.

Councilmember Nancy Whitten- plans to support staying with the EF & R. She was always hopeful that there was a positive future with them unless an equitable funding formula could

not be attained. Thanked the fire fighters, the Fire Fighters Union and Mr. Wiseman. Staff has been dedicated and helpful and she thanked them all. Thanks to the FCS Group consultants and Technical Advisory Board members. Thank you to the Partners. She has three concerns, the seven year term, with no right of withdrawal, the ability to compel a budget decision that they might not be comfortable with in the next seven years. She would like to see further discussion on these items at some point in time.

Deputy Mayor Kathy Huckabay – Thanked Staff and Chief Wes Collins. It has been 2 years since the former Council came together to discuss their options. She gave a brief description of the process and fire services. The contract still concerns her and she would like to see more items tweaked, to improve the details. She questioned who owns property and equipment. Costs have risen over the last few years and hopes that the agreement can be adjusted. She feels there should be a better termination agreement. Dilution of control needs to be improved. She would like the City of have their own Fire Chief. She feels that the trust has been broken in the Sammamish community and it needs to be reestablished. Deputy Mayor Kathy Huckabay voted against the agreement for these reasons.

Councilmember Tom Odell – Thanked Staff, the City Manager, Ben Yazici, Deputy City Manager Howard, former staff member Mike Sauerwein, Eastside fire board members, Councilmember Don Gerend, Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama and Mayor Tom Vance. He would especially like to thank our partners in North Bend. We would not have gotten this far without them. The process has taken two years and he feels that this agreement is financially sound but not the best agreement that could have been gotten. The fire fighters who serve Sammamish are exceptional. He will encourage the new board to be a little more proactive. He will vote against this decision.

Councilmember Bob Keller – He has been watching the council meetings since last April and he feels ready to make the decision tonight. He commends all the members of the council with their desire to negotiate for a fair outcome. He thanked the EF & R board, the Ad-hock committee, the time commitments of staff and council and appreciates the efforts of the Consultants and the TAB. He will vote to support the new interlocal agreement.

Mayor Tom Vance – He respects everyone’s points of view and considers them legitimate and honorable.

**New Business** - None

### **Council Reports**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Keller moved that our representatives show support from the Sammamish City Council in favor of the Transportation package, 60/40 split, from King County. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilmember Keller: attended the recent Sound Cities Association policy meeting in place of Councilmember Odell. They discussed the transportation package that King County is looking at. The SCA is looking for support from Council for a 60/40 split. 60% of funds collected from the County would go to Metro and 40% to counties and cities, based on population, for other transportation needs including local roads, sidewalks, bike paths etc. as determined by the particular needs of the local jurisdiction. The

Council will need to make a recommendation on this package. City Manager Yazici is in full support of this recommendation and feels this is the best deal that the City will get.

Councilmember Tom Odell – voted in favor of this motion of the 60/40 split.

Deputy Mayor Kathy Huckabay – Art events happening in downtown Issaquah (Arts East) and Beaver Lake, throughout January and in February. Children will use art to express themselves with self-portraits.

Councilmember Nancy Whitten – has concerns about the ILA and would like to direct staff to schedule a time in this coming year, possibly during a study session. If the non-profit becomes an issue, Council will need to renegotiate provisions in the ILA. All concerns would need to be re-adopted in the ILA, by all of Council and all the partners. City Attorney Michael Kenyon confirmed this.

City Manager, Ben Yazici recommended that Council take a little time to let this issue settle and move on to other issues and come back to the ILA at a later date in time.

Councilmember Don Gerend- last Wednesday he attended a reception at the Governor's Mansion and the Governor appointed a new executive director to the Puget Sound Partnership. This is the umbrella organization over all the organizations trying to clean up the waters of the Puget Sound, including the salmon recovery WRIA program. He is back to Olympia next Thursday and testifying at the House Transportation Committee and Senate Transportation Committee on behalf of the Road Usage Charge Steering Committee.

Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama- following up on the comments made by Councilmembers Whitten, Deputy Mayor Huckabay and the City Manager, on an EF & R Operating Committee with regards to the non-profits and the ILA. This committee will help address the problems and issues. Tomorrow the ballots for the Levies and the Klahanie vote come out. He suggested that the next Sammamish newsletter contain information on resolutions passed for Klahanie and related issues.

Mayor Tom Vance – Council agreed that the Mayor send a letter to the National League of Cities, to try to encourage the decision to our Legislative Committee. He distributed a list of topics for the retreat that the Council can review. He suggested that Council send in their suggested topics to the City Manager in the next few days, hopefully before Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Mayor Vance suggested Council meet early at the retreat, possibly 5 pm, to discuss how Council functions, do business and work together.

Deputy Mayor Kathy Huckabay suggested sending out R2011- 448 - Council Rules of Procedure, from the New Councilmember orientation package, to all councilmember as a reminder.

#### **Cancellation of special meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.**

**MOTION: Councilmember Valderrama moved to cancel the special meeting on February 18, 2014. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilmember Whitten dissenting.**

Councilmember Whitten believes that Council needs to continue to work hard.

Councilmember Whitten will not be available for the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. She was excused.

**City Manager Report**

Director of Parks and Recreation, Jessi Bon showed a presentation on the demolition of the Kellman house to make room for the Community and Aquatic Center (available on the City website at [www.sammamish.us](http://www.sammamish.us)).

**Amendment: Kellman House Demolition/Imperial Demolition**

**Option 1:** Complete the work up to the original amount authorized by council. Remaining demolition work will be included in scope of work for the Community Center construction project.

**Option 2:** Authorize the City Manager to negotiate a change order for completion of the work, not to exceed \$13,500.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Gerend moved to authorize the City Manager to consider both options 1 & 2 as an amendment to the contract for the Kellman House Demolition. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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Lita Hachey, Administrative Assistant  
to the City Clerk

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Thomas E. Vance, Mayor