

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting June 17, 2014

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

### **Councilmembers present:**

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

### **Councilmembers excused:**

Councilmember Gerend

Motion: Deputy Mayor Huckabay moved to excuse Councilmember Gerend. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

### **Staff present:**

Ben Yazici, City Manager  
Lyman Howard, Deputy City Manager  
Laura Philpot, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works  
Beth Goldberg, Administrative Services Director  
Joe Guinasso, Finance and Technical Services Director  
Jesse Bon, Director of Parks and Recreation  
Jeff Brauns, City Engineer  
Mike Kenyon, City Attorney  
Lita Hachey, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk

### **Roll Call**

Roll was called

### **Flag Ceremony/Pledge of Allegiance**

Boy Scout Troop 751 led the flag ceremony and pledge.

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

Councilmember Odell moved to remove item # 8, 2014 Residential Pond Mowing/Plantscapes from the consent agenda and move it to Item # 13 on the agenda.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

### **Presentations/Proclamations**

East Lake Sammamish Trail/King County

Laura Philpot, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works introduced Monica Leers, King County Capital Planning Manager, who gave an update on the improvements to the East Lake Sammamish Trail Project (ELSTP) and showed a presentation (*available on the City website at [www.sammamish.us/events/Default.aspx?ID=2985](http://www.sammamish.us/events/Default.aspx?ID=2985)* )

### **Public Comment**

Ed Bronsdon, 6344 NE 74<sup>th</sup> Street, #102, Seattle, WA, Executive Director - Outdoors for All Foundation – Here to speak officially on position of the Outdoors for All Foundation. Too often individuals with disabilities lack access to recreation. Their position is very much in favor of a paved, multi-use trail. Urge continued support of the trail.

Mike Collins, 2841 E. Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE – (Submitted a list of signatures) the design plans are very difficult to read for the average person on the lake [placed full-sized plan set atop lectern]. This will be one of the most congested trails in the state. The amount of space between the trail and home is very limited. Parks have a real tough job. Read the [Danny Westneat article, [Seattle Times – 6/7/2014](#)] – who bought what and when. Also referenced another Seattle Times article about the current negotiation concerning the width of the trail in Ballard – a 10 foot trail vs. 18 feet. The environmental issues on Lake Sammamish are significant. 8 feet makes a difference. The City Council is the governing body for things like speed limits and width of the trail. Renton decreased the speed limit to 10 mph. In some places the Sammamish trail will be only 8’ wide – there’s at least one in this drawing. Some of the other laws have changed recently – heard about the lawsuit in Wyoming, protections that afforded for park owners have been lowered.

### **Questions:**

- 1. How are the plans going to be shared to make it easier for people to understand them?***
- 2. What specific location on the Sammamish trail will be only 8 feet wide? Can that be done on other portions of the trail?***
- 3. What is the current speed limit on the trail and would Sammamish consider a 10 MPH speed limit?***
- 4. What are the implications to the ELST project in light of recent judicial action/legislation (Wyoming lawsuit & protections to Park owners) Park owners or landowner?***

Shikha Minocha, 370 218<sup>th</sup> Place SE, spoke about the increase in traffic on SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street and requested a sidewalk be built. She submitted a petition from the local residences.

Karen Abel, 95 Front Street N, Issaquah, Executive Director of Art East, Issaquah, WA, spoke regarding the Art East programs and the Arts Outside Festival happening this summer. [www.ArtEast.org](http://www.ArtEast.org)

Gene Morel, 2933 E. Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE – (His grandfather bought their lot 70 years ago) Requested that the City Council fulfill their obligations to their local government entity and require King County to define their legal easement rights. He heard basically the same presentation from Parks employees. The County rep stated specifically that parcels in Section 7 the county doesn't have fee title to the parcels, nor do they have written easement agreements that define the easement width. As a result they filed a lawsuit and won a takings claim for the taking of their land for the trail. The US Federal Claims court has confirmed that they own the underlying fee title to the land. One of the complications of this result, specifically for Section 7, is that not only does the County not have fee title to the land, but no documents exist that document the exact width of the right of way. There are no documents that say that they can construct an 18 foot trail. At most they have a prescriptive easement of an unknown width. Back at that previous meeting – he has a transcript and a recording - the Parks representative stated that the County would work to get the necessary easement agreements before the Interim Trail planning continued. Nothing has happened. The City issued permits for the interim trail without proper documentation, specifically defining the County right to build on the ROW. He requested that the property ownership issue be resolved before the 60% plans are released.

***Question: How is the county asserting they have proper easements through the Section 7 area?***

Andrea Parrish, 3835 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway NE – (Grew up on East Lake Sammamish) they are not against the trail – but asking for help. There is a sense of helplessness for some give and take. Feels that the homeowners/citizens need to be heard and listened to. Expressed concerned about 30-year old redwood trees 1' from the trail being removed [she held up “protected” tree tags].

***Questions: How many significant trees were removed in phase 1? What do the tree tags signify?***

Jan Bird, 3310 221<sup>st</sup> Ave SE, Friends of the East Lake Sammamish Trail – Supports the trail. Very happy with the interim trail – a great amenity for the community. It makes no sense to leave the middle section unpaved. Acknowledged the need for an accessible trail. Hope that the County will only remove the trees that are absolutely necessary. The arborvitae that homeowners have planted next to the trail create a tunnel.

Jim Stenson, 2029 E. Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE – [He attempted to ask the audience to express support by holding flags] He is the “poster boy” for Stenson Et al. He is not here to affect the permit for the North Sammamish Section. His first meeting with King County parks was very negative – it was a presentation. He didn't hear anything from the County about making changes to accommodate any of the resident's concerns. What he took out of the meeting was “It's mine, I own it, so sue me”. Felt bullied. He heard about the permit being issued - he didn't receive the required legal notice. The legal process was the only tool to get the County to listen. As a result, he appealed the shoreline permit and eventually settled with King County. The legal process was unnecessary, but there was no alternative. Requested that the permit process be reviewed and expressed his concerns about the process to date.

***Questions:***

- 1. What process/public involvement improvements have been made to improve citizen interaction for the South Sammamish segments?***
- 2. How does King County ensure that all legal mailing notices are sent and that mailing lists are accurate?***

Tom Masterson, 2007 E. Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE - In favor of the trail improvements, but doesn't think the County is considering adjacent resident's needs. King County has this agenda that they are building a world class trail/road. The trail alignment is moving toward the lake – not equally to all. They did this with their own agenda – approved their own plans. Things need to be done legally and done right. The devastation is appalling. Their staff is very nice but they won't adjust the alignment. He lost very little, but wants privacy. He couldn't find anything on the plans that shows replanting – he can read plans. They are not doing anything. This is not Russia. Encouraged City Council to do the right thing and “Stand by Me” and his neighbors.

**Question: Is there a revised planting plan for the North Sammamish segment?**

Reid Brockway, 167 E. Lake Sammamish Shore Lane NE – King County is not in compliance with City code – 1) Title 25, shoreline requirements, 2) 21A.50, Environmentally Critical Areas, or 3) Title 13, Surface Water Management. The biggest issue is the gross understatement of the additional impervious areas. The SMP requires to minimize clearing and grading.

**Question: Verify Phase 1 is in compliance with Sammamish Codes: Titles 25, 21A.50, and Title 13**

Susan Brockway, 167 E. Lake Sammamish Shore Lane NE - [continuing from her husband's comments] The ECA calls for no impervious surfaces within the fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas. Concern for code compliance: surface water. Dog waste runoff is piped directly to the lake. Problems with Critical Areas Study. The design takes as a given that the trail would be 18 feet wide. King County's design should use pervious pavement.

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Dan Denton 835 E. Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE – He joins in the previous comments. He is not against the trail but is this much pavement really necessary? Eighteen feet is enough for two semis to pass. The County said that there would be no increase in the number of bicyclists riding on the trail. He was surprised when construction began on the trail. He was not informed. He feels that the final design decisions should be with the City of Sammamish.

**Questions: Provide information about the difference between forecast of bicycle riders on interim trail vs. master plan trail**

Jim Creevey, 1103 E. Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE, former CAG (Citizens Advisory Group) member - Lived through much controversy on this corridor; beginning with train whistles. I was the only CAG member who voted to not pave the trail. Concern for privacy, landscaping, impacts to private property. He would like King County to listen to the homeowners complaints.

**Question: What process/public involvement improvements have been made to improve citizen interaction for the South Sammamish segments?**

Ann Harrison, 1637 219<sup>th</sup> Place SE, spoke regarding site B in Big Rock Park. She is excited about the new park but concerned that they get the right amount of parking. Enough for park users but not so much that cars are spilling out into the neighborhood. She feels the gravel road should be paved for concerns about sound reduction.

Deb Grasso, 1700 220<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, spoke about Big Rock Park, Site B. After several meetings last year it was revealed that this would be natural, passive, park with limited parking of 8 – 10 spaces, including ADA parking. There would be no community garden and a medium size picnic shelter. The plans are now continually changing and expanding. She suggested making the minimal changes that were agreed upon, while still making a beautiful park for the community.

Elizabeth Holt, 21926 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Place, spoke about Big Rock Park, Site B. She feels like the community is not being heard.

Janet Wilson, 1653 219<sup>th</sup> Place SE, spoke regarding Big Rock Park.

Sean Smith, 1605 218<sup>th</sup> Court SE, spoke regarding Big Rock Park.

Peter Goldman, 615 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave # 360, Seattle, WA - Thank you for making the trail a reality. King County needs to be a good neighbor and I urge King County to listen to neighbors' concerns. The master plan trail should be designed safely. Perhaps the trail could be narrowed in select locations to save trees. Consider installing electronic system to alert cars of trail crossings.

**Question: Share the safety features of the new intersection design.**

Matt Cohen, 1531 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Seattle, WA, Friends of the East Lake Sammamish Trail – The amount of litigation and administrative process on this project is appalling. King County is almost done. The project is a huge success and jewel for our community. Need to finish the trail and protect the rights & minimize impacts to neighbors.

Vicki Beres, 2305 E. Lake Sammamish Place SE – (Resident since 1975) the trail splits many properties in half. The plan calls for inserting a public park through their property. The lack of concern frightens her. We're having this done to us. Several of the people in support of the project are from the Land Conservancy -- they doubled their money by selling to King County. They stand to make money. I'm not trying to stop the trail, but want it done with consideration.

Fred Wilson, 1547 211<sup>th</sup> Ave NE - (20-year resident) Supports the trail project and would like to see it completed as soon as possible. The vast majority of residents in Sammamish support the trail. This is a long time coming. Continue forward. The trail is a wonderful asset

Lee Donahue, 1909 234<sup>th</sup> Court NE, (12-year resident) supports the trail and is a frequent bike commuter and regional trail user. Many people commute by bike on the trail. I hope you can tell by looking at me that I'm not a fast cyclist. Several recommendations to make the City more bike friendly: provide a bicycle map, landmarks, bike lanes, commuter routes. Fixing potholes on the downhill routes is critical for safety purposes. He would like to see multi-use trail connections. He suggested creating an Advisory committee for commuters, bikers and pedestrians.

**Question: City staff to follow up requesting locations of potholes.**

Samuel Rodabough, 10900 NE 4<sup>th</sup> St. suite 2300, Bellevue, WA, Legal Counsel for SHO Group - Legal counsel speaking on behalf of shoreline property owners. They reached a settlement with King County during the recent appeal process. The spirit of the settlement - They asked for greater transparency, robust public process, and safety improvements. He has seen positive signs from King County but there is much to be done. The measuring stick is not about the quantity of public meetings and mailings but the responsiveness of the County and City. One issue off limits is the trail alignment, but it is most

important to residents. He is asking for the County to find some way to be flexible. Vegetation, landscaping and privacy are also important issues. The property owners must apply to the County to plant on their own property. The County owns fee interest through the conditional use permit process. Urge the Council to consider speed limits reductions.

**Questions:**

- 1. What process/public involvement improvements have been made to improve citizen interaction for the South Sammamish segments?**
- 2. What is the planting plan for the North Sammamish segment? Is there a more robust plan being developed?**
- 3. What is the current speed limit on the trail and would Sammamish consider a 10 MPH speed limit?**

Lance Kilgore, 1731 E. Lake Sammamish Place SE - King County is walking all over the residents and the City. Why are trees being removed clearly marked by Sammamish to be preserved? They're cutting down old growth trees and removing natural habitat; replacing trees with low growing shrubs. What about the lake? Concern for water quality. King County needs to show more respect. The trail runs within feet of homes. This is illegal and unconstitutional. We own this property. Supports the trail but not an 18 foot eyesore.

**Questions: How many significant trees were removed in the North Sammamish segment? What are the tree tags signifying? What is the new planting plan?**

Ray Spencer, 133 E. Lake Sammamish Place NE, President of Citizens for Safe and Legal Trails - (resident since 1992) He is on the opposite side of Peter Goldman. He is the lead plaintiff in the US court case. He has found the County to be pros at pushing their own agenda. They provide little information and it is very confusing. King County ripped out structures on private property during the construction of the interim trail.

**Question: What process/public involvement improvements have been made to improve citizen interaction for the South Sammamish segments?**

Mark Cross, 247 208<sup>th</sup> Ave SE – (28-year resident) He hopes that the City can go forward with a native planting plan. Planting arborvitae to provide privacy and block public views from the public lake is not appropriate, he suggested that the City consider allocating \$5M for flexibility in design, preserving public views, and planting.

**Question: What is the new planting plan?**

Mike Parrott, 2311 E. Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE – The trail bisects his property – it is one of the reasons why they moved to this property. The issue is with the width – flexibility is needed. He is all for paving the trail and accessibility, but is concerned about the width. He uses the trail daily and the width is a real issue. King County is knocking out fences and walls.

Chuck Meyer, 2121 E. Lake Sammamish Place SE – (resident along corridor since 1969) He wanted to provide perspective for emotions and frustrations. In 1974 King County chose 7 areas to convert to public parks. They would have condemned homes. Over 450 residents attended a public meeting in Redmond. It feels like we've been fighting against this project for 40 years. He's not opposed to the trail but is opposed to the juggernaut that runs over citizens without common decency. Not respecting

property rights and a lack of respect. He asked to please understand how they feel. He is looking forward to the Council protecting their interests.

***Question: What process/public involvement improvements have been made to improve citizen interaction for the South Sammamish segments?***

Scott Bergevin, 3811 E. Lake Sammamish Pkwy NE – He doesn't think anyone plans on listening to us tonight. He has been told over and over, but nothing happens. He had the right to appeal the plans. He paid his \$250 but his appeal application was refused by the City. They threw out his appeal and said his interests would be represented by the other appellants. They lost the appeal. A drain shown on the plans that he installed is being claimed by the County. He has extensive experience in design and construction and there's no way he could get away with how King County is addressing impervious surface – it's insane. His main complaint is the wetland impacts. If the public has a right to enjoy their views they should pay a part of their property taxes.

**Questions:**

- 1. What process/public involvement improvements have been made to improve phase 2 citizen interaction?***
- 2. What are the surface water codes and regulations that are relevant and how is the County meeting them?***

**Ben Yazici, City Manager** - He suggested going through the transcripts to create a list of questions to review. The City Council will then review and also add their questions.

- 1.** Are there sections of the North Sammamish segment that are only 8' wide? (Mike Collins statement)

**KC Response:** Does not know of any areas in the North Sammamish segment to be 8 feet. There are some narrower sections along the Sammamish River trail, 10 or 12 feet but not 8 feet. Will need to check. The County wants to be a good neighbor. They meet with the City every 2 weeks. Please work with the City attorney to address homeowners concerns regarding ownership of the trail corridor.

**KC Response:** Regarding legal ownership – the County Prosecuting Attorney to follow up. Regarding settlements with property owners – this is at a Federal level and are using federal funds. King County does not have a hand in the settlements. No King County funds are going to the settlements.

- 2.** Several individuals commented that King County is not complying with City Code. Could you address this comment? The trail is moving towards the lake rather than to the east

**KC Response:** With regards to the Environmental issues and the trail alignment: There are many constraints to avoid and minimize impacts. King County will have their wetland biologist work with homeowners, step by step. Ben offered support of City staff for sensitive area reviews.

- 3.** Mr. Goldman has suggested the Surface water management and clearing & grading permits were not properly obtained. – Ben to follow up on this

**Councilmember Bob Keller** - He attended the last open houses and thought that they went well.

- 1.** Why has it taken so long for King County to respond to the citizen questions?

**KC Response:** There have been 140 questions total and most have had a response now. The response was carefully processed, facts obtained and put together and released as soon as they were complete.

**Deputy Mayor Kathy Huckabay** –Expressed concern about safety issues when vehicles cross over the trail. There are some sight distance issues and they can be dangerous.

1. How is King County improving intersections? Sight distance is critical. Could you install a mirror system?

**KC Response:** the crossings are designed with concrete to contrast with the pavement and alert the bikers and pedestrians. There will be bollards, mirrors and signage installed when needed.

**Councilmember Nancy Whitten** – She’s listened to trail neighbor’s concerns for years and decided the trail is for the greater good of the community. It is a wonderful regional facility. We can work together on landscaping. Providing safe sightlines is the highest priority.

1. Concerning the alignment of the trail, are there other choices? Can we make other plans, moving alignments? Can you be more flexible in the trail alignment?
2. Trail width – Are there areas where there can be flexibility on the width?

**KC Response:** Absolutely want to be flexible. There are safety and environmental standards to comply with. She pledged to work with people in good faith.

3. Advance negotiations for the future sections. Providing more advance notice and discussions and willingness to work with the homeowners.

**Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama** - The Trail is a great amenity. I am concerned about the amount of time it’s taken to receive a project update. He would have expected more timely responses to the 140 questions from the homeowners.

1. How many citizens are still awaiting responses from King county.

**KC Response:** There are 6 more to go that remain open.

2. Trees. There are a number of trees tagged and taken down. How many significant trees will be removed?

**KC Response:** All the trees have been removed in the north end. An arborist will come in and review the remaining tags. Monica will get back to him.

3. The SMP [Shoreline Master Program] and protection of the lake. Why are we going closer to the lake?

**KC Response:** The trail is for non-motorized use and trails are exempt from this. The move to the lake and not the wetlands is due to the regulations and are being followed according to the standards.

4. Code compliance is being followed but we need to be sensitive and responsive to the citizen needs.

5. What is the cost of the maintenance and operations moving forward? There is a lot of the money needed to maintain them. What if the County no longer can afford the costs? Would they be transferred back to the City?

**KC Response:** The trails would not be transferred to local cities in the event of KC not having funds to maintain them. Levy lid lifts has been providing dedicated funding. This are been renewed with a 6 years levy. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> parks levy that has been approved by voters.

6. [Question was asked to Staff after Councilmember Odell was finished] Did the wetland review go to the US Army Corps of Engineers?

**Councilmember Tom Odell** - Stated he has heard no one who was opposed to the trail. But many homeowners are frustrated and their concerns are well taken. He thinks there is an opportunity for common sense.

1. What is the total cost of the Sammamish portion?

**KC Response:** North section is \$6 million. Section A - \$2.5 million & Section B - \$ 5-6 million. Approximately half of that funding has come through grants.

2. Of the requests for change, what percentage has been resolved? Even partially satisfactorily?

**KC Response:** Ms. Leers will get back to him with the numbers.

3. During construction, what accommodations are being made to homeowners to provide full access to their properties?

**KC Response:** Access will always be maintained. She will follow up with this.

4. Has King County considered using pervious pavement?

**KC Response:** They have been able to meet their mitigation requirements in other ways. They've looked at pervious pavement. It has a higher cost and more maintenance and doesn't last as long. For users, there is not a consistent feel to the surface, it is also a rougher surface.

5. Restroom facilities: Would the County be interested in sharing the cost of a restroom at Sammamish Landing Park?

**KC Response:** Ms. Leers will look into the matter and the current locations planned for restrooms.

### **Consent Agenda**

Payroll for the period ending May 31, 2014 for pay date June 5, 2014 in the amount of \$311,398.78

**Approval:** Claims for period ending June 17, 2014 in the amount of \$ 1,878,149.01 for Check No. 37691 through 37837

**Ordinance (O2014-370):** Second Reading Imposing A Moratorium On The Establishment Of Certain Marijuana-Related Facilities; Defining Said Certain Marijuana-Related Facilities; Entering Legislative Findings; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date

**Ordinance (O2014-371):** Second Reading Prohibiting The Establishment, Location, Operation, Licensing, Maintenance Or Continuation Of Medical Marijuana Collective Gardens; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date

**Resolution (R2014-588):** Appointing One Member to the Beaver Lake Management District Advisory Board

**Contract:** 212<sup>th</sup> Way SE Preliminary Design/Gray & Osborne, Inc.

**Contract:** Sammamish Community & Aquatic Center Building Commissioning Services/Engineering Economics, Inc.

**Contract:** Sammamish Community & Aquatic Center Construction Materials Testing/Kleinfelder

**Contract:** 2014 Residential Pond Mowing/Plantscapes

**Amendment:** Evans Creek Preserve Trails/Washington Trails Association

**Approval:** May 13, 2014 Study Session Notes

## **Public Hearing**

**Resolution (R2014-589):** Adopting An Updated Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan For 2015-2020

Jeff Brauns, City Engineer and Laura Philpot, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works gave a staff report and a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at [www.sammamish.us](http://www.sammamish.us)*)

## **Public Comments**

Public Hearing opened and closed at 9:43 pm with no comments.

Councilmember Whitten expressed concerns about Item # 2, Issaquah-Pine Lake Rd – Klahanie Blvd to SE 32<sup>nd</sup>, the left-hand turn lanes at the Montessori school and that it is not in the 6 year plan. She would like to see sidewalks and biking lanes in Item # 2. This should be brought up to a higher priority for the safety concerns. City Manager Ben Yazici suggested that preliminary design funds will be set aside for 2016 in the Budget and brought back to Council for final action.

Councilmember Valderrama had a question about Item # 7 Issaquah-Fall City Rd – SE 48<sup>th</sup> Street to Klahanie Dr. SE – This project will be done in phases. This is the only project that is affecting Klahanie at this time.

Deputy Mayor Huckabay – Do traffic counts take into effect that Bellevue College is coming to Sammamish? The Issaquah Highlands complete build out has already been included in our traffic model. Also, the extension of the southbound lane of 228<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, is that going beyond SE 32<sup>nd</sup> St so that it matches up with the left turn lane into the middle school. Jeff Brauns stated that the intent is to provide additional capacity southbound through the intersection up until SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and merge back into a single southbound lane.

Deputy Mayor Huckabay reiterated the comments about bike lanes being too narrow, stated that we don't clean them and that many have potholes. She suggested more maintenance is needed. She requested signs for direction to the Lower Commons Park from SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street for both directions.

Councilmember Keller stated that 212<sup>th</sup> Ave SE (Snake Hill) needs to be addressed. Ben Yazici confirmed that that is a separate issue and has been approved for design.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Huckabay moved to approve the resolution (R2014-589) adopting the 2015-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**Ordinance:** SE 7<sup>th</sup> Street Vacation

Laura Philpot, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works gave the staff update.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Valderrama moved to cancel the public hearing set by Resolution 2014-584. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**Contract: 2014 Residential Pond Mowing/Plantscapes**

Councilmember Odell would like to see the mowing of retention ponds as a summer employment opportunity for the Sammamish youth. Director of Public Works, Laura Philpot stated that they can look into it for next year but we must move forward at this time with the mowing schedules.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Odell moved to approve the contract with Plantscapes. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**Unfinished Business - None**

**New Business - None**

**Council Reports**

**Deputy Mayor Huckabay** attended an awards luncheon, in early June with Mayor Vance, for Health and Human Service organizations. They met a Sammamish resident, Alana Blythe, who works on the teen crisis lines. On Friday they attended ETP (Eastside Transportation Projects).

**Councilmember Keller** attended Public Issues Committee with Sound Cities Association last week.

**Councilmember Whitten** addressed the comments concerning the process at Big Rock Park. They feel that their comments have been lost in the process. Make changes to our parks recommendations process in the future.

**Councilmember Valderrama** commented about the Big Rock Park issue and the citizen comments. Also regarding the Eastlake Sammamish Trail issue and fences being removed. This is allowing youth are going down to the waterfront for parties. He commented on the emission standards and the cost associated with this when moving forward.

**Councilmember Odell** spoke regarding the Citizen's issues with the ELST and property ownership. He would like to be briefed on the status of the law regarding this issue, possible during a future study session. Staff will get back to him on this topic.

**Mayor Vance** attended Mayor's round-table on climate change and will share with Council in the near future. The EF&R Operations Committee to look at efficiencies in the budget.

**City Manager Report**

- Direction: Marijuana Prohibition

Deputy City Manager, Lyman Howard gave a staff report and showed a brief presentation. This is regarding consent item # 2, A Moratorium On The Establishment Of Certain Marijuana-Related Facilities; Defining Said Certain Marijuana-Related Facilities; Entering Legislative Findings; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date. Staff is requesting policy guidance to the Planning Commission from the City Council regarding recreational marijuana – Producers, Processors and Retailers. There are two possible avenues to take:

1. Outright ban.
2. Develop regulations .

Councilmember Whitten would prefer to ban all three.

Mayor Vance, Deputy Mayor Huckabay and Councilmembers Whitten and Odell voted to ban all three elements. Councilmember Valderrama and Councilmember Keller did not vote.

Ben Yazici informed the City Council that there is a need to add additional staff. Work load has increased dramatically and we need more staff to help with the burden. He will return as early as July 1, 2014, the next Regular City Council meeting, with staffing requests.

**Executive Session - None**

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm

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Lita Hachey, Administrative Assistant  
to the City Clerk

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Thomas E. Vance, Mayor