

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting October 7, 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 Don Gerend
Councilmember Bob Keller
Councilmember Tom Odell
Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama
Councilmember Nancy Whitten

Staff present:

Ben Yazici, City Manager
Lyman Howard, Deputy City Manager
Jeff Thomas, Community Development Director
Emily Arteche, Senior Planner
Joe Guinasso, Finance and Technical Services Director
Laura Philpot, Public Works Director
Beth Goldberg, Director of Administrative Services
Mike Kenyon, City Attorney
Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Councilmember Gerend led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Gerend moved to approve the agenda including the Consent Agenda. Deputy Mayor Huckabay seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Presentations/Proclamations

Public Comment

Kevin Hagwell, 4316 202nd Avenue SE, Spoke regarding the 42nd Street Opticom gate. He is against removing the barricade as he feels it will create unsafe conditions for children walking to school.

Deb Sogge, Farmer's Market/Chamber of Commerce, She managed the market this year. Next year they are going to try and attract more teenagers to the market. Attendance did increase over last year, around 1,300 each day. They also donated a large quantity of fresh produce to the Issaquah Food Bank.

Karen Able, Art East, 95 Front Street Issaquah, Representing Arts East, She spoke in support of the Sammamish Arts Fair. This event is unique from other art fairs in the area.

David Hoffman, Master Builders Assoc., Spoke regarding the proposed emergency tree retention ordinance that the Council will consider at the October 14 Special Meeting. The building community would like to provide input in the development of this ordinance.

Consent Agenda

- Payroll for period ending September 15, 2014 for pay date September 19, 2014 in the amount of \$ 301,122.19
- Payroll for period ending September 30, 2014 for pay date October 3, 2014 in the amount of \$ 301,642.33

Approval: Claims for period ending October 7, 2014 in the amount of \$ 1,000,522.18 for Check No. 38554 through 38744

Ordinance: Amending Attachment A To Ordinance O2014-373, Establishing Interim Development Regulations As Authorized By The Growth Management Act Relating To Surface Water Management; Providing For Severability; And Declaring An Emergency

Resolution: Accepting The Evans Creek Preserve Phase II: Sahalee Parking Lot Improvements Project As Complete

Contract: Hearing Examiner/Galt

Interlocal: 2014 Overlay Program/Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer District

Approval: Minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting on September 2, 2014

Approval: Notes for the City Council Study Session/Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission on September 9, 2014

Public Hearing

Ordinance: First Reading Amending The City Comprehensive Plan Figure III-2a To Designate Klahanie As A Potential Annexation Area (PAA)

Director of Community Development Jeff Thomas gave the staff report. Senior Planner Emily Arteche gave a PowerPoint presentation (available on the City's website at www.sammamish.us).

Mayor Vance opened the public hearing at 7:21 pm and closed with no public comment.

Ordinance: First Reading Amending The City Comprehensive Plan Land Use And Zoning Maps To Establish Contingent Land Use Designations And Zoning For The Klahanie Potential Annexation Area (PAA)

Mayor Vance opened the public hearing at 7:22 pm and closed with no public comment.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Resolution: Supporting Initiative 594, Concerning Requiring Criminal And Public Safety Background Checks For Firearm Sales And Transfers By Unlicensed Sellers

Initiative Measure 594 Ballot Title

An Act Relating to requiring criminal and public safety background checks for gun sales and transfers; amending RCW 9.41.010, 9.41.090, 9.41.122, 9.41.124, and 82.12.040; adding new sections to chapter 9.41 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 82.08 RCW; creating a new section; and prescribing penalties.

As required by state law, there was no staff presentation or recommendation either or against this ballot measure.

Public Comment

Pro:

Maria Bessonova, 1010 213th Place NE, She is a student in Sammamish and is very concerned about the dangers of guns. She was supportive of the initiative.

Carol Martin, 20313 NE 38th Street, She is not against gun ownership, but she does want to keep guns away from felons and those with mental illness.

Shelli Sanctis, 27730 SE 24th Way, These regulations will close the loophole in background checks.

Against:

Ray Carter, 1500 NE 10th Pl., Bellevue, Represent the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and Protect our Gun Rights-Washington, This initiative is opposed by two law enforcement groups. I-594 is bad legislation. It is an unlawful seizure of personal property. They oppose a bad law.

Doug Wang, 23720 SE 18th Street, The transfer of guns is the main problem with this initiative. To require background checks for each transfer is unreasonable. In states who have adopted these regulations, it has not proven to reduce crime.

Charles Patton, 23340 NE 29th Place, Supporting this initiative will make the Council look foolish. Second amendment rights are not negotiable.

Mike Carpenter, 21509 SE 23rd Street, This will only affect law abiding citizens and make it more difficult for them to get guns. He is also concerned about the transfer of guns requiring a background check. There is no provision for funding this.

Chris North, 25235 SE Klahanie Blvd, This initiative scares him. It will not stop crime. Criminals will not follow these regulations.

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to adopt the resolution supporting I-594. Deputy Mayor Huckabay seconded. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilmembers Gerend and Valderrama dissenting.

Councilmember Gerend is hesitant to take a position on this initiative due to lack of clarity in what is meant by a “transfer” of guns.

Councilmember Valderrama is also concerned about the definition of what is a transfer. Given the lack of clarity he does not feel qualified to offer an opinion on this initiative.

Council Reports

Deputy Mayor Huckabay attended the Master Builder’s brunch. She also attended the Eastside Fire & Rescue Operations meeting.

Councilmember Gerend chaired the Sound Cities Association Finance Committee meeting.

Councilmember Valderrama also attended the EF & R Operations meeting. He met last week with Citizen’s for Sammamish. They questioned if the City ever checks with Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer and NE Sammamish Sewer & Water about the quality of our water. He asked again when the 42nd Street Barricade will be placed on the Council agenda.

Councilmember Odell attended the Growth Management Planning Council meeting. He attended the Lake Washington Schools Foundation meeting. He attended the WRIA 8 meeting. Councilmembers Odell and Gerend are planning on attending the National League of Cities conference.

Councilmember Whitten said she has been hearing concerns about the costs of annexing Klahanie. She also feels we need to take action sooner rather than later regarding tree retention.

Councilmember Keller reported on the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) meeting with Redmond and Kirkland regarding school impact fees.

Mayor Vance has been invited by City of Redmond and City of Kirkland Mayors to a quarterly meeting with LWSD Superintendent Dr. Tracy Pierce.

City Manager Report

Mr. Yazici asked Council if they are supportive of bringing an emergency tree retention ordinance for consideration at the next council meeting. He suggests that Council raise the percentage of retained trees from 25% to 35% and eliminate the incentive for retaining trees in the critical areas. The new regulations would not apply to single-family homes. Councilmembers Gerend and Valderrama were not supportive of this.

Mr. Yazici reported that staff and Mayor Vance, in conjunction with City of Issaquah, are working to obtain federal funding for the Front Street interchange in Issaquah.

He met with residents along the East Lake Sammamish Trail and staff from King County. He felt the meeting was very productive.

Executive Session – - Property Acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and Property Sale pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

Council retired to Executive Session at 8:44 pm and returned 9:00pm. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Open Study Session

Topics

- **Department Budgets:**
 - Administrative Services - Legal Services
 - Community Development
 - Public Safety

Adjournment

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Thomas E. Vance, Mayor