

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting November 4, 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
Susan Cezar, Deputy Director Community Development
Robin Proebsting, Associate Planner
Joe Guinnaso, Finance and Technical Services Director
Chris Gianini, Deputy Finance Director
Laura Philpot, Public Works Director
Kyle Endelman, Deputy Parks & Recreation Director
Beth Goldberg, Director of Administrative Services
Mike Kenyon, City Attorney
Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Deputy Mayor Huckabay led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Valderrama moved to approve the Agenda and the Consent Agenda.
Councilmember Keller seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Presentations/Proclamations

- 2014 American Planning Association – Washington State Chapter Barbara Grace Award Recipient Robin Proebsting. Joe Tovar, Fellow with the American Institute of Certified Planners, presented Ms. Proebsting with the award.

Public Comment

Shandy Frye, 22854 SE 21st St, Presented Council with a small packet of information regarding the fact that a large tree buffer between his house and the Kamp development has been removed.

Doug McDorman, 24525 SE 14st Street, Spoke regarding the extension of SE 14th Street. He does not agree with the description of the project history that is in the Council packet tonight. He believes their suggested improvements will make the road safer to use.

Christy Becker 18435 NE 98th, Redmond, Representing Hopelink, She spoke about the needs for human services funding in the area. She asked Council to fund the ARCH Trust Fund to help provide affordable housing at the level they requested or even more.

Kelly Rider, Policy Director for Housing Development of King County, Spoke regarding the budget Council is considering tonight and requested that the Council fully fund ARCH Housing Trust Fund.

Consent Agenda

Payroll for period ending October 15, 2014 for pay date October 20, 2014 in the amount of \$ 300,862.73

Approval: Claims for period ending November 4, 2014 in the amount of \$ 536,024.66 for Check No. 38882 through 38998

Resolution: Adopting The City Of Sammamish Employee Salary Schedule For Fiscal Year 2015

Resolution: Establishing Medical Insurance Premium Contribution Rates For Fiscal Year 2015

Approval: Property Sale/Parcels 182506-9029, 182506-9030

Approval: Settlement Agreement/Property Transfer SE 14th Street/ Amendment: SE 14th Street Extension Design/Blueline Group

Approval: Minutes for the October 7, 2014 Regular Meeting

Approval: Minutes for the October 14, 2014 Special Meeting/Study Session

Public Hearing

Community Development Director Jeff Thomas and Associate Planner Robin Proebsting, gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website at www.sammamish.wa).

Councilmember Whitten asked what other cities, as well as the County, require the payment of impact fees. Councilmember Odell questioned why the multi-family impact fee is so low. Councilmember Valderrama questioned why the single-family fee in Lake Washington School District is so much higher than the other districts and is this related to the failed bond measures? City Manager Ben Yazici explained that impact fees can only be used to offset impacts from new development and cannot be used to improve existing deficiencies.

Ordinance: First Reading Relating To School Impact Fees; Amending The City's Comprehensive Plan To Adopt The Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 Capital Facilities Plan; Adopting The Associated School Impact Fee Schedule; And, Establishing An Effective Date.

Public Hearing opened at 6:56 pm and closed at 6:57 pm with no comment

Ordinance: First Reading Relating To School Impact Fees; Amending The City's Comprehensive Plan To Adopt The Lake Washington School District No. 414 Capital Facilities Plan; Adopting The Associated School Impact Fee Schedule; And, Establishing An Effective Date.

Public Hearing opened at 7:57 pm.

Denise Stiffarm, 925 4th Avenue, Seattle, Legal Counsel for LWSD, She explained the reasoning behind the fees. The district has projects in all grade levels. She will also provide written remarks to Council before the next meeting.

Public Hearing closed at 8:00 pm

Ordinance: First Reading Relating To School Impact Fees; Amending The City's Comprehensive Plan To Adopt The Issaquah School District No. 411 Capital Facilities Plan; Adopting The Associated School Impact Fee Schedule; And, Establishing An Effective Date.

Public Hearing opened at 8:02 pm and closed at 8:02 pm with no public comment

Ordinance: First Reading Adopting The 2015-2016 Biennial Budget

Mr. Yazici gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website at www.sammamish.us).

Councilmember Gerend suggested sending a letter to the State Legislature encouraging them to restore the money that we are repaying on our Public Works Trust Fund loan to the Public Works Trust Fund rather than putting it into the general budget. He asked if the City had any investments in municipal bonds. Mr. Guinasso said we had some, but not that much is invested.

Councilmember Valderrama suggested it would be valuable to review our long-term debt analysis.

Councilmember Whitten has some concerns about the adopting the budget without first taking a comprehensive view of all the needs coming in the future.

Public Hearing opened at 7:36 pm was continued to November 17, 2014 with no public comment.

Ordinance: First Reading Relating To The Levying Of Regular Property Taxes And Establishing The Amount To Be Levied In 2015 On The Assessed Valuation Of The Property Within The City.

Finance Director Joe Guinasso gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website at www.sammamish.us).

Councilmember Odell requested a comparison of how much our taxes are compared to other cities in the area. He also pointed out that the City is not utilizing all the tax resources they could be using.

Public Hearing opened at 7:54 pm and closed at 7:54 pm with no public comment.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Ordinance: First Reading Amending Section 16.20.350, Building Permit Valuations, To Delete The Reference To The Outdated Table Published By The International Council Of Building Officials; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date.

Finance Director Joe Guinasso gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website at www.sammamish.us). This is the first reading of the ordinance. No action is recommended at this time.

Mr. Guinasso reported that Council will be informed of any fee increases.

Council Reports

Councilmember Gerend attended the Citizen for Sammamish meeting and the Sound Cities Association meeting. The Executive Committee met with County leaders.

Deputy Mayor Huckabay walked the East Lake Sammamish Trail looking at various issues related to the paving of the trail. She attended the Eastside Fire & Rescue Operations Committee.

Mayor Vance attended the North End Mayor's meeting and attended the Regional Transit meeting.

Councilmember Valderrama attend a Sammamish Homeowners meeting. He also attended the Citizen's for Sammamish meeting and the Skyline/Eastlake football game.

Councilmember Keller attended the Council Office Hour. He attended the Issaquah Drug Free Coalition meeting. He attended a leadership meeting for the Lake Washington School District to give input on how the district can communicate their needs to the community.

Councilmember Odell reported that the return of the Kokanee salmon is low this year.

Councilmember Whitten would like to have a Council discussion regarding clear and grade and tree retention requirements.

City Manager Report

Mr. Yazici reported on the ELST issues. Council agreed to cancel the December 15 and 16 council meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Thomas E. Vance, Mayor