

COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting June 19, 2006

Mayor Michele Petitti called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:35 pm.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Michele Petitti, Deputy Mayor Mark Cross, Councilmembers Jack Barry, Lee Felling, Don Gerend, Nancy Whitten and Kathleen Huckabay (Councilmember Huckabay arrived at 8:45 pm).

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus, Public Works Director Delora Kerber, Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Parks & Recreation Director Jeff Watling, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and Deputy City Clerk Stacy Herman.

Roll Call/Pledge

Roll was called. Councilmember Gerend led the pledge.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Consent Agenda

Approval: Claims for period ending June 20, 2006 in the amount of \$1,286,946.67 For Check No. 15536 through Check No. 15649

Resolution: Approving Public Benefit Rating System, Current Use Assessment for Fred and Gale Menath

Contract: Sidewalk Repair, Finishing Edge Curb and Sidewalk LLC

Contract: Special Inspection Services Skyline Sports Field, AMEC Environmental Earth and Environmental, Inc.

Amendment: Sammamish Commons/ARC

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The consent agenda was approved as presented.

Unfinished Business:

Public Hearing/First Reading: An Ordinance Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Amending Ordinance No. O2006-194 Relating To Land Use And Zoning, Declaring A Moratorium On The Filing Of Certain Applications For Development Permits And Building Permits Within The Town Center Area Of The City Of Sammamish (20 minutes)

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report. Staff is recommending extending the moratorium. Mr. Butkus explained that there may be three additional extensions before the completion of the project. Additional public meetings and a bus tour are additional items that were not included in the original project timeline. There was discussion of the public process.

Mayor Petitti announced that the public hearing on the moratorium will be continued to the July 11th meeting.

Ordinance: Second Reading Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Creating Beaver Lake Management District No. 1

MOTION: To approve Ordinance (O2006-197) creating Beaver Lake Management District #1. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

RESOLUTION: A Resolution Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Supporting King County Metro Transit's "Transit Now" Four Point Initiative

City Manager Yazici gave the staff report and explained the initiative.

MOTION: To approve Transit Now Resolution (R2006-241). Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

RESOLUTION: A Resolution Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Authorizing Application For Funding Assistance For A Washington Wildlife And Recreation Program (WWRP) Project To The Interagency Committee For Outdoor Recreation (IAC) As Provided In Chapter 79a.15 RCW, Acquisition Of Habitat Conservation And Outdoor Recreation Lands, For Beaver Lake Natural Area Preserve Phase 2 Acquisition

Parks Director Jeff Watling gave the staff report. Council support of the Resolution is a requirement of the grant funding. Staff has submitted a 2006 IAC grant application in the Urban Wildlife Habitat category for acquisition of an additional 17 acres adjoining the current Beaver Lake Preserve.

The grant request is for \$400,000 to assist in the acquisition of this property. This second phase of acquisition will connect and provide a wildlife corridor between the Beaver Lake Preserve and Soaring Eagle Park.

MOTION: To approve a Resolution (R2006-242) authorizing application for funding assistance for a Washington Wildlife and Recreation Project to the Interagency Committee (IAC) for outdoor recreation. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

City Manager Yazici acknowledged Rena Brady for her hard work on this grant proposal.

Update: Ebright Creek Water and Sewer

Parks Director Jeff Watling gave the staff report and updated the council on the fees associated with the developer extension agreement. The current agreement does not vest to current fees. The City will be submitting a letter to the District requesting that it be vested to the current fees.

MOTION: To authorize the City Manager to pay \$80,483.69 to the Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District for water service at Ebright Creek Park. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Mayor/Council/Committee Reports

- *Councilmember Whitten:* She attended the Suburban Cities Policy Issues Committee meeting.
- *Councilmember Huckabay:* No report.
- *Councilmember Felling:* He reported on the Town Center Bus Tour. He suggested design standards and a natural architectural style that would fit within the City of Sammamish. He reported on Eastside Fire and Rescue meeting. They discussed governance alternatives, cost changes, revised interlocal and levels of service.
- *Councilmember Gerend:* He met with National League of Cities Information Technology and Communication Steering Committee in Florida last week.
- *Councilmember Barry:* He attended the Issaquah School District Meeting. He acknowledged exceptional teachers in our City.
- *Deputy Mayor Cross:* No report.
- *Mayor Petitti:* She reported on Mountain to Sound meeting. Much of the recent activity on support of the Greenway has been to celebrate the 85th birthday of Jim Ellis, the individual largely credited for the cleanup of Lake Washington. She suggested donating \$1,000.00 to Mountain to Sound Greenway Legacy Fund for a trail project that would link the Soaring Eagle Park to the I-90 corridor.

City Manager Yazici will be bringing the resolution supporting the Mountain to Sound Greenway to the July 11th meeting.

City Manager Report :

City Manager Yazici gave the Council an update on the Sammamish Commons phase II. A legal public easement was obtained this afternoon. The access is located off SE 4th. This is a temporary access and parking location. There are two additional phases that will be discussed for future development of the park.

Assistant City Manager Pete Butkus gave a staff report on the Strategic Plan. Staff recommends working collaboratively with staff, rather than hiring a consultant. (Dee Endelmann handout available in Clerk's office)

Councilmember Felling spoke in favor of working together with staff to complete the Strategic Plan.

City Manager Yazici suggested Council email their comments to staff, so they may be forwarded over to the consultant.

Executive Session – Property Acquisition Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and Potential Litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

Council retired to executive session at 8:00 pm and returned at 8:15 pm.

MOTION: To authorize the City Manager to enter into a purchase and sale agreement to purchase the Kellman property in the amount of \$3.25 million net dollars, authorize Sanford Kellman to remain on the property for four months rent free. If he were to remain on the property longer, rent would be charged. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Future Revenue Options/Parks Capital Projects:

City Manager Yazici gave the introduction. Two options were discussed which include, collecting the second half of the Real Estate Excise Tax or proposing a Parks Bond. The funds would be used to complete Capital Improvement Projects. He suggests some guidance from the Council.

Councilmembers discussed imposing the second half of the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) and working with King County to collect the other half of sales tax (money that would be turned over to King County, a requirement when collecting the second half of REET), a public vote of funding options, revising parks bond survey questions, property tax increase vs. paying the tax at the time of the sale of your property, parks bond package options, revenue sources and public vote to the people.

Council directed staff to send out a survey and insert additional questions in the survey for the council to review prior to mailing. Forecast numbers will be sent to the Council.

City Manager Yazici suggested entering into discussions after the parks bond survey.

Councilmember Huckabay would like to get some numbers from collecting the sales tax from King County and how it would impact the budget.

City Manager Yazici suggested getting the numbers and emailing that information to the Council.

Executive Session – Personnel Matters Pursuant to 42.30.110 (1)(g)

Council retired to Executive Session at 10:05 pm and returned at 12:20 am. No action was taken.

MOTION: To adjourn carried unanimously 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:25 am.

Stacy Herman, Deputy City Clerk

Michele E. Petitti, Mayor