

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting Excerpt March 16, 2010

Deputy Mayor Nancy Whitten called the regular meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:35 pm.

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Nancy Whitten, Councilmembers Mark Cross, John Curley, John James, Tom Odell (arrived 6:50 pm), and Michele Petitti.

Councilmembers absent: Mayor Don Gerend

MOTION: Councilmember James moved to excuse Mayor Gerend. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Deputy City Manager Pete Butkus, Public Works Director John Cunningham, Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Parks & Recreation Director Jessi Richardson, Administrative Services Director Mike Sauerwein, City Attorney Bruce Disend, and City Clerk Melonie Anderson.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. City Attorney Bruce Disend led the pledge.

Public Comment

Richard Kuprewicz, 4643 192nd Street NE, He passed out a report regarding the 42nd Street Barricade. (This report is available upon request).

Mike Collins, 2841 NE Lake Sammamish Parkway, He asked the Council if there are any plans to put the Planning Commission meetings on the website.

City Manager Ben Yazici said that staff is preparing cost estimates on what this would cost.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Student Liaison Report

Skyline Student Liaisons

ASB is planning their Spring Fling. They are collecting hygiene items for earthquake survivors in Chile. The Boys basketball team placed 8th in State. ASB elections for next year are taking place. The Invisible Children event is being planned. This event benefits children in Africa.

Proclamations/Presentations

Proclamation: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs (WCSAP) is committed to uniting agencies engaged in eliminating all forms of sexual violence through education, advocacy, victim services, and community action across the state; and

WHEREAS, WCSAP promotes healing services for survivors of sexual assault through Community Sexual Assault Programs and other providers; and

WHEREAS, WCSAP encourages every community to help put an end to sexual violence by working together to promote social change;

Now Therefore, I, Deputy Mayor Nancy Whitten, on behalf of the Sammamish City Council, Do Hereby Proclaim April 2010 To Be:

Sexual Assault Awareness in Action Month

in the City of Sammamish, and I urge all individuals and communities to join us in this special observance.

Consent Calendar

Payroll for pay period ending February 28, 2010 for pay date March 5, 2010 in the amount of \$246,234.79

Approval: Claims for period ending March 16, 2010 in the amount of \$1,030,311.81 for Check No. 25946 through No. 26075

Approval: Regular Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2010

Approval: Issaquah School District Joint Meeting/Study Session Notes for March 9, 2010

Amendment: Professional Services/Chaney

Contract: Construction Phase Services Maintenance & Operations Center/TCF Architects

Resolution: Accepting The Tree Farms Neighborhood Pavement Patching As Complete/Northwest Asphalt (R2010-206)

Resolution: Accepting the 2009 Pavement Preservation Program As Complete/Watson Asphalt Paving Company, Inc. (R2010-207

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti move to approve consent calendar. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Public Hearing

Ordinance: Public Hearing/Second Reading Annexing The Aldarra Estates And Montaine Subdivisions Effective July 10, 2010.

Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol gave the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us).

Public Hearing Opened at 6:58 pm.

Public Comment

Robert Nielsen, 2311 277th Avenue SE, He explained why he favored annexation into the City of Sammamish. He feels property taxes will be reduced and his home value will increase.

Elizabeth Martin, 2430 227th Avenue SE, She retracted some comments that she made earlier regarding the spacing of the two fire departments and the rates for homeowner insurance. She submitted a petition with 60 property owner signatures attached requesting the Council delay approving the ordinance for the annexation (petition available upon request).

David Martin, 2430 277th Avenue SE, He feels the process has been rushed. He has not had time to do proper research on the submitted petitions, although he feels there have been several problems found with the petitions. He feels the city should verify all the signatures before approving this annexation.

Eric Hollis, Fall City Fire Commission District 27, He explained that this annexation would remove a portion of their fire district. He wanted to ensure that the fire district would remain whole after the annexation. He said that his staff has been working closely with city staff to ensure the district is able to collect necessary taxes.

Tom Bartlett, 27561 SE 36th Place, He spoke of his concerns regarding the process that was used in the annexation request. He feels that all the residents of the Aldarra Montaine area are in favor of having the signatures verified. He also feels it is unfair to allow a developer to sign the annexation petition.

Gary Bendes, 2120 279th Drive SE, He spoke in favor of the annexation. He feels that a minority of the residents are trying to stop an annexation that most residents are in favor of.

Bo Smith, 27515 SE 29th Court, He spoke in favor of the annexation.

Steve Spaeth, 27550 SE 30th Street, Self Appointed Chairman of the Annexation Committee, he clarified that there were no pressure tactics. No signatures were submitted twice. They did not go door to door to solicit the signatures. It was all done via email. He is adamantly in favor of the annexation.

Chris Connor, Fire Chief, Fire District 27, He encouraged the Council to remain committed to ensuring the viability of the Fire District. They have meet with City Staff several times but he feels there are still some unresolved issues to be dealt with.

Moz Hussain, 2817 275th Avenue SE, He is offended by the allegations of misconduct. He does not feel that he was given any misinformation. He has known the annexation has been in process for over one year. He very much favors the annexation.

Dr. Norm Channing, He spoke in favor of the annexation.

Jennifer Simpleton, 2302 277th Avenue SE, She spoke in opposition to the annexation. She doesn't feel that the impacts to the remaining residents of Fall City have been considered.

Christine Bendes, former Sammamish resident, She spoke in favor of the annexation.

Carrie Ahlstrom, 2825 277th Avenue SE, Her signature is one of the undated signatures, but she is very supportive of the annexation.

Emery Hansen, 2139 277th Avenue SE, He spoke in favor of the annexation.

Public Hearing closed at 7:53.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the ordinance accepting the 60% petition to annex the Aldarra Estates and Montaine Subdivisions to the City of Sammamish subject to the conditions set forth in Section 2 of Ordinance O2010-280. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Approval of Excerpt of Minutes for Aldarra Montaine Annexation

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to approve the excerpt of the March 16, 2010 minutes, relating to the annexation of Aldarra/Montaine subdivisions. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

(Public Hearing Continued from March 2, 2010)

Ordinance: Public Hearing/Third Reading Relating To Siting Of Wireless Communication Facilities; Repealing And Re-Enacting Chapter 21A.55 SMC; Implementing Provisions Previously Enacted Pursuant To A Declaration Of Emergency; Amending And Adding New Definitions To Chapter 21A.15 SMC; Repealing Section 13.01.010 SMC Relating To

Undergrounding Of Wireless Communication Facilities Equipment; Providing For Severability; And Establishing An Effective Date

Mr. Gurol gave the staff report. He asked Council to reopen the public hearing, take any additional testimony and continue the public hearing to April 20, 2010 to allow staff more time to work on the proposed amendments. Councilmembers Curley and Cross have volunteered to work with staff. City Manager Ben Yazici explained that it would be important to schedule a study session with an expert in wireless regulations who would outline what can and can't be done under federal regulations. He also suggested a tour of the existing facilities in the city.

Public Hearing opened at 8:35 pm

Public Comment

Ron Meckler, 1701 121st Street, Everett, He is preparing to submit an application for a wireless facility for Clearwire in the City of Sammamish. He approves of the code changes that are being proposed. He explained that capping the height of the towers will have a negative impact on these facilities. The taller the tower, the more area a single tower can cover. Technology is improving and the facilities are getting small and smaller.

Mike Riklin, 25731 SE 34th Street, He is concerned about the height of the wireless facilities. He cited several other cities that have limited the height of cell towers. He asked Council to have a limit shorter than 120 feet.

Alex Torone, 3333 257th Court SE, He submitted written comments to the Council regarding changes that could be made to the current ordinance. He agreed that visiting the current cell sites would be a good exercise for the Council. He has no objections to the proposed changes in the ordinance, but feels the ordinance does not go far enough in limiting cell towers.

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to continue the Public Hearing to April 20, 2010. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Public Hearing was continued to April 20, 2010 at 8:53 pm.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Council Reports

Councilmember James attended the Sammi Awards. He and Councilmember Petitti attended a meeting for the Sammamish Heritage Society regarding the relocation of the Freed House. Councilmember James attended the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting with Councilmember Odell. He met with the Rotary and Chamber leaders.

Councilmember Odell reported on the Eastside Fire & Rescue budget cycle. He reported that the Fire Marshal and the CFO of the organization are retiring soon.

Councilmember Petitti reported on Council Office hours.
Deputy Mayor Whitten reported on the Suburban Cities PIC committee

City Manager Report – No Report

Adjournment 9:02 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Nancy Whitten, Deputy Mayor