

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Regular Meeting May 18, 2010

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

**Councilmembers present:** Mayor Don Gerend, Deputy Mayor Nancy Whitten, Councilmembers Mark Cross, John Curley, John James, Tom Odell, and Michele Petitti.

**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. A redheaded member of the audience led the pledge.

### Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** Councilmember James moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

### Public Comment

Brooke Bachesta, 1207 212<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Spoke on behalf of changing the names of the streets that enter the three high schools, Eastlake, Skyline, and Eastside Catholic. City Engineer Laura Philpot explained that staff will be bringing a resolution to the next meeting renaming the streets.

Anne Lindsay, Pine Lake, She is working on a book called Redheads and More Redheads. On July 17, 2010 she is organizing an attempt to assemble the largest group of natural redheads in one spot to get into the Guinness Book of World Records. She invited Mayor Gerend to officiate the gathering. She would also like the City to proclaim July 17 as Redhead Day in the City.

### Consent Calendar

**Payroll for pay period ending April 30, 2010 for pay date May 5, 2010 in the amount of \$256,558.56**

**Approval: Claims for period ending May 18, 2010 in the amount of \$1,294,430.57 for Check No.26433 through No.26541**

**Contract: Parks Survey/Hebert**

**Contract: Evans Creek Preserve Phase 1 Design/LPD**

**Resolution: Appointing Members To The Sammamish Youth Board (R2010-415)**

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Whitten moved to approve consent calendar. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

**Unfinished Business - None**

**New Business**

**Ordinance: First Reading Modifying The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program**

City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director Laura Philpot gave a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city's website at [www.ci.sammamish.wa.us](http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)). The program is being modified to reduce the number of steps required to complete the program. This is the first reading of this ordinance. No action is recommended at this time.

**Council Reports**

Councilmember Petitti announced the Suburban Cities Association Dinner is tomorrow night and the guest speaker will be Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn.

Councilmember Odell reported on the meeting with Eastside Fire & Rescue (EF&R) last week. There was an animated discussion regarding the annexation of the Aldarra/Montaine neighborhood. He attended the EF & R Finance meeting tonight.

Councilmember Curley thanked all the volunteers who helped collect bikes for Africa last weekend.

Deputy Mayor Whitten reported on a meeting with Planning Commission Chair and Vice Chair.

Councilmember James toured the Newcastle YMCA facility with Councilmember Petitti. He also met with Chair and Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. He encouraged Sammamish residents to apply for Urban Backyard Habitat designations (for more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department).

Councilmember Cross brought attention to the fact that an invasive weed is growing in Sammamish. It is called Knotweed. He is asking for residents to notify the City if they see it growing anywhere (See <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/plants/weeds/aqua015.html> for more information)

Councilmember Cross wants to change the street light standard for the City from the 1890's version currently in use with something more modern. He does not want to go

through another building season requiring the old-fashioned lights. He explained the more modern lights are also less expensive.

**MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to have staff provide information regarding revising the city light standard to flat lens cobra head lights on a sign or double davit pole. This information should be brought back for Council consideration at the June 8 study session. Deputy Mayor Whitten seconded. Motion carried 7-0.**

Public Works Director John Cunningham explained that Council has two decisions to make regarding these poles. First, which fixture to use and second, which type of pole to use.

The Mayor attended the Sahalee media day for the Golf Tournament. Mayor and Deputy Mayor met with representatives of Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer. These meeting will continue. Most of the Councilmembers agreed to begin preliminary discussions on the pros and cons of assuming the district into the city.

### **City Manager Report**

#### **Executive Session – Property Acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)**

Executive session began at 8:10 pm. Council returned to open session at 8:35 pm and no action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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Donald J. Gerend, Mayor