

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting June 15, 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 (arrived 8:45 pm) John Curley, Tom Odell, and Michele Petitti.

Councilmembers absent: Councilmembers John James.

MOTION: Councilmember Curley moved to excuse Councilmember James. Councilmember Petitti 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. Councilmember Curley led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

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

Proclamations/Presentations

- **Mountains to Sound Greenway Days**
Mayor Gerend presented the proclamation to Cynthia Weltie, Executive Director for the Mountains to Sound Greenway organization. She explained the activities that will occur on June 19 and 20 for Greenway Days.
- **Eastside Catholic High School Girls Lacrosse State Champions**
Mayor Gerend presented the Eastside Catholic HS Girls LaCrosse team with an achievement award. Coach Colette Forman showed a clip of the championship game.
- **Permit Process Improvement**
Building Official Kurt Aldworth and Customer Service and Permit Center Manager Darci Donovan gave a demonstration on the new On-Line Building Inspection Request form.

Public Comment

Gongxing Cheng, 23006 SE 13th Place, He spoke against the amendment to the Interlocal agreement with Issaquah School District to extend the length of time the lights are on the athletic fields at Skyline. His wife goes to bed early and the lights will affect her rest.

Nilesh Ranjan, 22910 SE 13th, He expressed the same concern as the first speaker. He says the fields are noisy, and the players often kick balls into their yards. They don't want that happening at 10:00 pm. He explained that the fields are very close to the surrounding homes and when the fields were built, the Council assured residents the lights would not be intrusive. He would like the lights off at 9:00 pm.

Mary Moore, 7804 Issaquah-Pine Lake Road, She explained that BOLA, the architect the city originally hired to inspect the Freed House has produced a report on the structural integrity of the house. She offered to submit a copy of this report to the Council for their information.

Dipen Patel, 22917 SE 13th Place, President of the Redhawk Homeowners Association. He questioned why only the homeowners on the north side of the field were contacted regarding this lighting extension. He was in opposition to the extension of the lights on the field.

Zongmao Zhang, 23016 SE 13th Place, He expressed the same concern over the noise and the light pollution caused by the Skyline field lights.

Jack Mu, 22934 SE 13th Place, He also spoke in opposition of extending the time of the lights on the field.

AkihitoTanaka, 22902 SE 13th Place, He expressed the same concerns as the other speakers. His property is located adjacent to the fields. He already has people trespassing on his property.

Consent Calendar

Payroll for pay period ending May 31, 2010 for pay date June 4, 2010 in the amount of \$262,538.83

Approval: Claims for period ending June 15, 2010 in the amount of \$1,886,150.47 for Check No.26635 through No.26747

Ordinance: Amending Title 16, Buildings And Construction, Of The Sammamish Municipal Code By Amending Chapter 16.05, Construction Codes; 16.20, Construction Administrative Code; And 16.25, Sammamish Building And Property Maintenance Code (O2010-283)

Resolution: Accepting The Pine Lake Park Restroom Roof Replacement Project As Complete (R2010-418)

Resolution: Accepting The Sammamish Commons Park - Phase IIB Trail Improvements Project As Complete (R2010-419)

Resolution: Authorizing Application For Funding Assistance For A Washington Wildlife And Recreation Program (WWRP) Project To The Recreation And Conservation Office (RCO) As Provided In Chapter 79A.15 RCW, Acquisition Of Habitat Conservation And Outdoor Recreation Lands For Evans Creek Preserve - Upper Parking Lot And Meadow Trail System (R2010-420)

Interlocal: Animal Control Service/King County

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to approve the consent calendar. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Public Hearing

Ordinance: Second Reading. Replacing Title 19 (Subdivisions) Of The Sammamish Municipal Code With A Revised Title 19A (Land Division) (O2010-284)

Senior Planner Mona Davis gave the staff report and a short PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*)

Public Hearing

Public Hearing opened at 7:08 and closed with no public comment.

MOTION: Councilmember Pettit moved to approve the ordinance replacing SMC Title 19 with SMC 19A. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Resolution: Adopting An Updated Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan For 2011-2016 (R2010-421)

Senior Transportation Program Engineer Jeff Brauns gave a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*) and updated Council on changes that were made based on yesterday's Study Session discussion.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing opened at 7:19 pm and closed with no public comment

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

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Odell moved to remove Project #1 from the list. ELSP NE from NE 26th to 196th Avenue NE. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion failed 1-4 with Councilmember Odell voting in favor.

Councilmember Odell explained that he thinks the money could be better spent on improving Sahalee Way or 244th Avenue SE. Councilmember Whitten thinks it should be retained as a place holder until the level of service/concurrency work has been completed. She is supportive of removing the project if the numbers show this to be reasonable.

City Manager Yazici explained that there are no funds allocated for this project. There is no need to remove it until the other work has been completed.

Ordinance: Second Reading, Adopting The Town Center Development Regulations As Title 21B Of The Sammamish Municipal Code; Adopting Zoning Map Amendments For The Town Center Subarea; And Adopting The Town Center Infrastructure Plan

Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development Kamuron Gurol gave a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the city's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us*) and an update on the progress of the plan.

Public Comment

Public Hearing opened at 7:33 pm.

Denise Stiffarm, Attorney for K & L Gates representing the LakeWashington School District: We have concerns regarding impacts on possible future construction decisions on school district property. We appreciate the A2 zoning that Council adopted for this property. We compliment the staff for being professional and courteous. We are submitting a copy of the details of our concerns for clarification. 1) We are concerned that the proposed regulations don't appear to recognize that square footage associated with school facilities is to be considered separate from commercial square footage. We think this could lead to varying future interpretations. We would like an amendment to make this clear and consistent with the adopted plan. 2) The proposed regulations only permit public school development in the A2 zone. We ask that public schools be allowed throughout the town center.

Radim Blazej, 900 N 34th Street Seattle, We are interested in developing a sports facility in the Town Center and have concerns regarding the proposed Town Center Plan. We are submitting a paper copy of the details of our concerns and ask that they be addressed

John Potter, Consultant and advisor to the Liu family. We have concerns regarding the coordination of land assemblage in regard to possible changes addressing taxes on land in the Town Center. Property owner goals need to be incorporated into the structure of the plan. As written, we believe the Unified Zone Development (UZD) process allows property owners who have tax issues to transfer the development rights to other property owners in the area. If this occurs, the developer can potentially assign those development rights back to the property owner in the future when they choose to develop. We have no issues in respect to the UZD process. Our compliments to staff, Makers and the Council. We feel the plan will be useable and executable

John Galvin, 432 228th Avenue SE, He thinks educational uses should be permitted in all A zones and perhaps even B zones. It makes sense to promote education and it is not always clear what constitutes an educational use. We should also allow all non-profit organizations in the

space. Thanks to Kamuron Gurol for clarification regarding the UZDP. The Town Center Plan will impact all property owners including those who have not been involved in the process and may not be planning to be involved in this process. I continue to be concerned that the critical mass that supports walkability and structured parking is not necessarily present in all the areas of Town Center.

Tom Grainer, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity, We will have concerns if there is a reduction of the 10% affordable housing requirement. This is not a large amount - only 10% of 80% of median income. The hardworking families that qualify for this housing are valuable to our community and should have the opportunity to live in this community. This is likely the only way this type of housing will be available to Sammamish. I encourage the Council to use this process to provide the balance that will make this housing possible.

Scott Hamilton 19727 SE 19th Street, He has several items to note: 1) he is surprised about the tax information given by Lloyd Harra's (King County Assessor) office. Earlier we were told there was nothing that could be done. If this has changed it is very encouraging. 2) He believes the city should provide financial support for infrastructure such as parking and stormwater management (with the city's money being the last money in) within the A and possibly the B zones. 3) Prior comment submissions include concerns regarding the 50 ft setbacks and whether tree growth might uproot the sidewalk. Looking at this photo, you can see that mature trees with enough space are possible additions to streetscapes.

Public Hearing was continued to July 6, 2010 at 7:55 pm.

Councilmember Curley requested staff look into the concerns from the school district representative.

Councilmember Whitten question whether the Council will receive summaries of the comments we've been getting? Preferably, she would like a list of compiled amendments for July 6 hearing so that we can start reviewing them as early as possible. Council members will need an opportunity to submit their comments and amendments addressing public concerns.

Mr. Gurol explained that all comments and amendments will be carefully reviewed. Specific comments and all amendments will be compiled for council review. Additionally, council is encouraged to submit their concerns.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Resolution: Providing For Temporary Speed Limit Changes And Parking Restrictions To Enhance Public Safety During The 2010 USGA Senior Open Golf Tournament (R2010-422)

Deputy City Manager Pete Butkus gave the staff report.

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

Resolution: Recognizing The Importance Of The Freed House To The City Of Sammamish (R2010-424)

Mr. Gurol gave the staff report. He reported the Freed House probably would qualify as a Community Landmark. Mr. Gurol explained that there are no future restrictions that would be placed on the house by designating it a Community Landmark. There is no commitment for funding any future improvements to the house.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilmember Odell is supportive of this resolution so long as it does not require any significant financial commitment from the City and Councilmember Whitten agreed.

Resolution: Authorizing the City Manager to Appoint One Special Member To The Sammamish Landmark Commission (R2010-423)

Ella Moore. She explained the 4Culture group is very flexible in accepting applications for grants. She feels there would be a window of time for the application. She was not sure how much the grants amounts were.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Curley seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Council recessed from 8:55 to 9:05 pm

Amendment: Interlocal Agreement for Joint Use of Sports Fields/Issaquah School District

Parks and Recreation Director Jessi Richardson gave the staff report. The modification of the sports lights would be for six months of the year. The school district is proposing this change to accommodate approximately 300 additional youth athletes.

Jake Cooper CFO for Issaquah School District, He explained that Skyline HS was built prior to the surrounding home development. The extended lighted practice time will accommodate the additional students.

Council had much discussion regarding increasing the lighted field time. They were not supportive of increasing the length of time the lights were on to 10 pm and offered the compromise of reducing the city time by ½ hour and increasing the school time by ½ hour. The lights would be turned off at 9:00 pm.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the interlocal agreement with the amendment that the school district time would be increased to 5:30 pm and the lights would turn off at 9:00 pm. Councilmember Petitti seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

Council Reports

Councilmember Cross asked Council to consider not scheduling back to back study session/regular meeting schedule. He would like to see more time between meetings.

Councilmember Whitten reported on the meeting with King County Assessor's Office. Councilmembers asked if there would be a possibility of delaying any tax increase for up-zoned property in the Town Center area. She said that staff will research to see if it will be possible to delay any tax increase until an application for a particular piece of property is submitted.

City Manager Report - No report

Executive Session – Potential Property Acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(B)

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 10:02 pm and returned at 10:45 pm. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor