

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting July 6, 2010

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

Councilmembers present: Mayor Don Gerend, Councilmembers Mark Cross, John James (arrived 6:40 pm), Tom Odell, and Michele Petitti.

Councilmembers absent: Deputy Mayor Nancy Whitten and Councilmember John Curley.

MOTION: Councilmember Cross moved to excuse Deputy Mayor Whitten and Councilmember Curley. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Staff present: City Manager Ben Yazici, Deputy City Manager Pete Butkus, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Lyman Howard, Deputy Finance Director Aaron Antin, Public Works Director John Cunningham, Assistant City Manager/Community Development Director Kamuron Gurol, Town Center Project Manager Michael Matthias, 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 Cross led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to approve the agenda. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.

Proclamations/Presentations

➤ **Red Head Day**

Mayor Gerend read the proclamation. More information regarding the July 17, 2010 gathering is available at info@redheadsandmoreredheads.com

WHEREAS, less than 4% of the world population has naturally red hair, and only 2% are American's; and

WHEREAS, there have been many famous redheads throughout the ages: Galileo, Vincent Van Gogh, Lucille Ball, Ginger Rogers just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Cultural reactions have varied from ridicule to admiration; many common stereotypes exist regarding redheads and they are often portrayed as the "fiery-tempered redhead", and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, July 17, 2010, the first annual " Largest gathering of people with natural red hair" will happen in Sammamish, Washington at the Skyline High School Stadium

Now therefore, on behalf of the Sammamish City council I now proclaim July 17, 2010 As Redhead Day in Sammamish

➤ **Financial Update**

Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Lyman Howard showed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the City's financial status (available on the City's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us)

Public Comment

Claire Petersky, Representing Faith in Action, She explained the services her organization provides to seniors in the Sammamish community. The services provide the means for the elderly to remain independent and living in their homes. She thanked the City for previous Human Service Grants.

Erica Tiliacos, Representing the Friends of Pine Lake. We believe that undertaking an Ordinary High Water Mark study during the current fiscal crisis is not responsible. The actual cost of the study is likely to be more than double that predicted when staff time is added in. The Bellevue study was well done and should suffice for the needs of the city. Lakes are dynamic and respond to changes: runoff has increased so it is not reasonable to conclude that the lake high water mark could be lower than it has been in the past. If the study is undertaken, the elevation could come back higher - what will happen if the outcome is different from that which is desired by those asking for the study? The Bellevue study is acceptable to city staff, our consultants, and the Department of Ecology - it should be accepted by the city.

Consent Calendar

Payroll for pay period ending June 15, 2010 for pay date June 18, 2010 in the amount of \$266,065.96

Approval: Claims for period ending July 6, 2010 in the amount of \$1,834,571.37 for Check No.26748 through No.26897

Resolution: Authorizing The City Manager, Manager's Designee, Or The Administering Agency For Arch To Execute All Documents Necessary To Enter Into Agreements For The Funding Of Affordable Housing Projects, As Recommended By The Arch Executive Board, Utilizing Budget Funds Designated For Affordable Housing

Bid Award: 2010 Chipseal Program in Tree Farm Neighborhood/Doolittle Construction

Contract: 2010 Pavement Projects Testing Services/HWA

Approval: Minutes for the May 4, 2010 Regular Meeting

Approval: Notes for June 8, 2010 Study Session

Approval: Notes for June 14, 2010 Regular Meeting

Approval: Minutes for June 15, 2010 Regular Meeting

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

Public Hearing

Ordinance: Third 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 the staff report and a short PowerPoint presentation (available on the City's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us).

Public Hearing opened at 7:35 pm.

Public Comment

John Galvin 432 228th Avenue SE, He submitted a letter this afternoon to Town Center Project Manager Michael Mathias stating that the status of these deliberations are quasi-judicial in nature and are subject to standards that avoid favoritism etc. Kamuron Gurol has suggested that the Unified Zone Development Plan (UZDP) may need some revisions - I would like to see these changes before the close of the public hearing. The entire B zone is dependent on Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program as is much of the A zone - we need to see, at a minimum, an outline of the TDR program. The change of the 240 units to be used by the city may disrupt the market and does not show relevance to the intent of TDR which is to preserve rural areas. We need to think through the sale of TDRs within the Town Center - this action could be problematic to the A zone. Possible city belt-tightening indicates a lack of money necessary to Town Center for infrastructure. I believe that some landowners are being ill-advised regarding the development potential of their properties which are impacted by wetlands. I ask that the council stop, look and listen before adopting this plan.

Scott Hamilton, 19727 SE 19th Street, He believes that returning the 240 units, as has been proposed by council, could be a mistake and contrary to the will of the Planning Commission. The 240 units should be proportionally allocated to the A and B zones, and possibly the C zone. Self allocation is not the wisest policy and I urge the City Council to re-think their previous stand on this issue

Public Hearing was continued to July 13, 2010 at 7:43 pm.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Council Reports

Councilmember Petitti reported on the Association of Washington Cities conference that she and several other Councilmembers attended in Vancouver.

Mayor Gerend attended the National League of Cities Information and Technology Committee. He also met with our Senators and Representative in Washington DC.

He reported that last month, the city's representatives on the Eastside Fire & Rescue Board made a proposal that Sammamish would pay EF & R \$48,000 for two and half years. EF & R would then use that money to contract with Fire District 27 (Fall City) to provide fire services to the Aldarra/Montaine subdivisions after the annexation. This was in an effort to offset the losses to Fire District 27 caused by the annexation. EF & R Board members voted this option down. They then submitted 8 alternative actions the board could take instead. Mayor Gerend was asking for direction from the Council as to which, if any, of these alternatives they would be supportive of.

MOTION: Councilmember Petitti moved to have Sammamish recommend Option #6 (The Agency could do nothing as the shortfall was not created by EF & R) at the next EF & R Board meeting. Councilmember Odell seconded.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember James moved to amend the motion by stating that Sammamish is still supporting their original recommendation to pass funds through EF & R to Fire District 27 with Option #6 as a fallback. Councilmember Cross seconded. Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

City Manager Report

City Manager Ben Yazici reported that Mayor Gerend has been selected as Secretary of the Association of Washington Cities. He will eventually be the president.

Mr. Yazici asked Parks and Recreation Director Jessi Richardson to explain the access issues that have come to light regarding the Sammamish Landing Park (available on the City's website at www.ci.sammamish.wa.us).

Executive Session – Personnel pursuant to RCW42.30.110(1)(g)

Council retired to Executive Session at 8:30 pm. They returned to open session at 9:00 pm. Not action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor