

COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting March 1, 2016

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

Councilmembers present:

Councilmember Don Gerend
Councilmember Tom Hornish (left at 10:45)
Councilmember Kathy Huckabay
Councilmember Bob Keller
Councilmember Christie Malchow
Councilmember Tom Odell
Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama

Staff present:

Lyman Howard, City Manager
Jeff Thomas, Community Development Director
David Pyle, Deputy Community Development Director
Evan Maxim, Senior Planner
Joe Guinasso, Finance and Technical Services Director
John Cunningham, Interim Public Works Director
Jessi Bon, Parks & Recreation Director
Mike Kenyon, City Attorney
Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

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

Council retired to Executive Session at 5:31 pm and returned at 6:30 pm. No action was taken.

Mayor Gerend announced that Lyman Howard was now the official City Manager for the City of Sammamish.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. City Manager Howard led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to approve the agenda including the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Student Liaison Report

Katy Hunter – Eastlake High School ASB Secretary- The annual talent show was last week. Spring sports started this week. Wolf Strong Week is next week.

Presentations/Proclamations

- Issaquah School District (ISD) Bond Measure
Ron Thiele, ISD Superintendent & Suzanne Weaver, Issaquah School Board President made the presentation. They reported that Sammamish comprises the largest segment of the Issaquah School District. The District is increasing by 500 students per year. As well, there is increasing pressure to lower class size. To meet these needs, this bond proposal is necessary to ensure the District continues to provide quality educational opportunities.

Public Comment

Frank Blau, 24724 SE 28th Place, He spoke in support of the A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH). While he feels the City could be spending more on affordable housing, he is appreciative of what the City is funding.

Mary Wictor, 408 208th Avenue NE, Gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding rain gage information provided by Sammamish Plateau Water for the last five years (*Presentation available upon request of the City Clerk*).

Loretta Lopez, Representing Bridle Trails HOA, She spoke regarding the proposed Puget Sound Energy's Energize the Eastside project. She was unhappy that the Sammamish Council was going to sign a letter of support and that this information was not part of the packet material. She submitted for the record a study regarding the project. She requested Council have a presentation from her group before deciding to support the project.

Michael Schneider, 22130 NE 13th Place, Representing Imagine Housing, He spoke in support of the ARCH request that is on the agenda tonight.

Nancy Anderson, 26657 SE 31, Representing the Eastside Youth Forum, She thanked the Council for their support of this organization and presented each Councilmember with a certificate of appreciation.

Sean Smith, 1605 218th Court SE, Spoke regarding the website update contract and improved communications on the part of the City.

Consent Agenda

Payroll for period ending February 15, 2016 for pay date February 19, 2016 in the amount of \$321,400.96

Approval: Claims For Period Ending March 1, 2016 In The Amount Of \$464,961.11 For Check No. 42779 Through 42869

Resolution: To Form Lake Management District No. 1 In The Beaver Lake Watershed (R2016-669)

Contract: 2016 Website Redesign/Crabtree

Approval: Minutes for February 16, 2016 Regular Meeting

Public Hearing

Ordinance: First Reading Adopting Provisions Related To Land Use Compatibility In The Residential Zones And Resulting In Changes To Chapters 5 And 15 Of Title 20 And Chapters 30 And 40 Of Title 21A Of The Sammamish Municipal Code

Jeff Thomas, Director of Community Development and Evan Maxim, Senior Planner gave the staff report and PowerPoint presentation (*available on the City's website at www.sammamish.wa*). On March 15, 2016, for the second reading, typographical errors and substantive issues will be highlighted.

Public Hearing opened at 7:42 pm.

Jim Stanton, 22533 SE 47th Place, He encouraged Council to look at these regulations in a more comprehensive and holistic manner. He also encouraged regulations which would encourage compatibility between new developments and existing.

Public Hearing was continued to March 15, 2016 at 7:45 pm.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Housing 101 – A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH)

Arthur Sullivan, ARCH Program Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining what ARCH is and what it does (*presentation is available on the City's website at www.sammamish.wa*).

Mr. Sullivan explained that the reason for the increase in administrative fees for the program was because they have not received an increase for five years. Councilmember Hornish requested the per capita comparison for how much each city pays. Mr. Sullivan will provide that information.

Resolution: Approving The 2016 Budget And Work Program For A Regional Coalition For Housing (R2016-670)

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to approve the resolution. Councilmember Malchow seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Resolution: Authorizing The Duly-Appointed 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 Funds From The City's Housing Trust Fund

MOTION: Councilmember Hornish moved to adopt the resolution. Councilmember Keller seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0 (R2016-671).

Council Reports and Council Committee Reports

Councilmember Huckabay attended the Rainier Club's Global Initiatives presentation.

Councilmember Keller reported on the Eastside Fire & Rescue Finance & Admin Committee meeting. Ron Pedee is the Chair and Marylou Pauly is the vice chair. Sammamish needs to appoint an official alternate to this committee. He attended the Nourishing Network meeting. He announced that the Hope Festival last weekend was very successful.

Deputy Mayor Valderrama attended the Regional Law Justice and Safety meeting. The Public Safety Committee will add Emergency Preparedness to their agenda as well as how the City works with Issaquah and King County police. The committee will also be considering a part-time or full-time position.

Councilmember Malchow reported that Chief Elledge will be bringing new traffic regulations to Council. Administrative Services Director Beth Goldberg will give the committee an update on Court Services at the next Public Safety meeting. She reported on the activities of the Communications Committee. They will be concentrating on updating the website as well as developing more social media opportunities.

Mayor Gerend attended the North end Mayors meeting. Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board meeting. He announced that the light rail to University Station will open soon.

City Manager Report

- **Mars Hill Property Update** – Mayor Gerend, Deputy Mayor Valderrama and Councilmember Odell have been working to recruit a four-year college to rent the property. One college is very interested and several others are interested. There will be a meeting tomorrow with one potential renter. The City has also received several inquiries to purchase the property. Councilmember Hornish would like to have a firm fair market appraisal as to the rental value of the property. Deputy Mayor Valderrama thinks the City should sell or lease the property now. Councilmember Huckabay thinks that the City should take their time to decide what to do with the building. Councilmember Keller thinks the City should go through a formal process to get community input before the City sells the building. Councilmember Malchow thinks that a short term lease would be a good compromise to get some return on investment and still have time to encourage higher education on the plateau. Mayor Gerend does not think the City should be averse to being in the real estate business. Councilmember Odell thinks that the City has time to wait for a tenant for several more years.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to direct the City Manager to move toward trying to enter into a five year lease of the building. Councilmember Malchow seconded.

Councilmember Hornish does not agree with the City maintaining ownership of this building. He thinks that the City should spend a little more time in trying to bring in a college. Councilmember Huckabay does not support the motion because she thinks that the City would need an additional four months to decide if it should enter into a short term (5 year) lease. Councilmember Keller thinks the motion is too restrictive. Councilmember Odell does not think that the maintenance cost of the building should drive the use of the building.

MOTION: Mayor Gerend moved to postpone this decision to the next regular meeting. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

- **Energize Eastside Recommendation** – Mr. Thomas and David Pyle, Deputy Director of Community Development, gave the staff report. They explained the significance of the proposed letter, the process and the timeline. Puget Sound Energy is proposing to bring a new line and substation to provide for the energy needs of the eastside. There are three proposed alternatives. Initially, the City of Sammamish was not involved in this process because the location of the line was not in the City. Sammamish became involved when a new alternative was proposed to put a new line through Sammamish in the beginning of February. The comment period is over on March 14, 2016. The Utility Committee was brought up to speed on this issue. By filing a comment on the draft environmental impact statement, the City will be able to remain involved in the process. Staff is recommending that the Committee sign this letter and submit it.

MOTION: Councilmember Hornish moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 pm. Councilmember Keller seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

MOTION Councilmember Odell moved to extend the meeting to 11:00 pm. Councilmember Malchow seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Hornish moved to delete item 1 in the letter and delete any references to support of Alternative 1. Councilmember Huckabay seconded.

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Huckabay moved to amend the motion in paragraph 1 by stating that Sammamish supports PSE's efforts in researching, designing and utilizing emerging technologies and removing the first part of the paragraph regarding support for any of the alternatives. (no second for this motion).

AMENDMENT: Councilmember Keller moved to amend by adding the following: Sammamish suggests further design and review of Alternate 1. Strike the next sentence. Remove the next sentence. This suggestion remains with the caveat that implementation of this system does not cause PSE to diminish efforts in researching, designing and utilizing emerging technologies. Deputy Mayor Valderrama seconded. Motion carried 6-1 with Councilmember Huckabay dissenting.

MAIN MOTION: Main motion carried as amended 6-1 with Councilmember Huckabay dissenting.

(Excerpt of letter as amended to read as follows: Sammamish suggests further design and review of Alternative 1 (230 kV wired transmission system improvement from roughly Renton to Redmond). This suggestion is accompanied with the caveat that implementation of this system upgrade does not cause for PSE to diminish efforts in researching, designing, or utilizing emerging alternative technologies to account for a growing portion of its system capacity.)

- Select Alternate for the Eastside Fire & Rescue Finance and Administrative Committee

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to appoint Councilmember Hornish as the Alternate Member. Councilmember Malchow seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0

Councilmember Huckabay asked when Metro would be coming to meet with the Council regarding additional bus service Mr. Lyman said he will get back to Council on a meeting date.

Executive Session – Litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Real Estate Acquisition pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

Council retired to Executive Session at 10:44 pm and returned at 11:00 pm. Councilmember Hornish did not attend the Executive Session

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to file an appeal to the Shoreline Hearings Board regarding the Hearing Examiner’s decision on the East Lake Sammamish Trail (ELS) drainage issue. Councilmember Malchow seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6—0 (Councilmember Hornish was not present for the vote).

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to file an appeal to the Shoreline Hearing Board regarding the Hearing Examiner’s decision on the ELS Trail location of the stop sign placement. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried 5-1 with Councilmember Huckabay dissenting (Councilmember Hornish was not present for the vote).

Councilmember Huckabay was in agreement with the Hearing Examiner’s recommendation for placement of the stop sign.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 pm.

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor