

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting November 1, 2016

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 Ramiro Valderrama
Councilmember Tom Hornish
Councilmember Kathy Huckabay
Councilmember Bob Keller
Councilmember Christie Malchow
Councilmember Tom Odell

Staff present:

Lyman Howard, City Manager
Jessi Bon, Deputy City Manager
Aaron Antin, Finance/IT Director
Angie Feser, Parks & Recreation Director
Steve Leniszewski, Public Works Director
Cheryl Paston, Deputy Public Works Director
Tawni Dalziel, Senior Stormwater Program Manager
Mike Kenyon, City Attorney
Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Councilmember Malchow led the pledge.

Deputy Mayor Valderrama remarked on the passing of former 45th District State Representative Andy Hill.

Approval of Agenda

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

Student Liaison Report

Eastlake School Liaison – Tyler Zangaglia
Homecoming was last month and was very successful.

Presentations/Proclamations - None

Public Comment

Lynn & Donna Luepnitz, 238 208th Ave NE, showed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Local Improvement District (LID) being proposed for the Tamarack Neighborhood. They personally have not had any drainage issues and cannot afford to pay for an LID.

Todd Southwick, 413 209th Avenue SE, spoke regarding the drainage issues in the Tamarack area. He feels the City created the drainage issues by allowing too much development. For this reason, the City should pay to fix the problems.

Michael Schneider, 22120 NE 13th Place, Representing Imagine Housing, spoke in spoke of raising parity goals for eastside cities for their ARCH contributions. He proposed that the City consider committing to \$200,000 in funding this year.

Deb Sogge, Representing the Sammamish Chamber of Commerce, she thanked the Council for proclaiming November 26, 2016 as Small Business Saturday.

Susanne Scholl, 416 208th Avenue SE, spoke regarding the dangerous traffic issues created by the water running down Thompson Hill Road.

Thomas Stagg, 23236 SE 47th Way, encouraged Council to take the pledge to increase their contribution to ARCH.

Mary Wictor, 408 208th Avenue NE, spoke regarding silt and runoff created by development in Louis Thompson Basin.

Paul Stickney, 504 228th Avenue SE, spoke regarding traffic and the Town Center EIS. He feels the trip numbers are inaccurate.

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

Council retired to Executive Session at 7:09 and returned at 7:30. No action was taken.

Consent Agenda

Payroll for period ending October 15, 2016 for pay date October 20, 2016 in the amount of \$ 346,835.34

Approval: Claims For Period Ending November 1, 2016 In The Amount Of \$1,088,470.81 For Check No. 45695 Through 45812

Proclamation: Small Business Saturday

Resolution: Adopting The City Of Sammamish Employee Salary Schedule For Fiscal Year 2017 (/R2016 - 702)

Resolution: Amending Resolution R2015-655 The City's Master Fee Schedule (R2016 - 703)

Resolution: Establishing Medical Insurance Premium Contribution Rates For Fiscal Year 2017 (R2016-704)

Resolution: Accepting The Sammamish Landing Parking And Pedestrian Access Improvements As Complete/Pellco (R2016-706)

Contract: Elevator Maintenance/Eltec

Approval: Minutes for October 11, 2016 Special Joint Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Huckabay moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Deputy Mayor Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0 with Councilmember Hornish abstaining.

Public Hearing

Ordinance: Second Reading Amending Title 14, Public Works Standards Of The Sammamish Municipal Code By Amending Chapter 14.01, Public Works Standards Adopted

Public Works Director Steve Leniszewski gave the staff report. The documents needed some formatting revision work and will be brought back to Council at a future meeting. Staff has responded to Council and Master Builder's Association's questions.

Public Hearing opened at 7:36 pm.

David Hoffman, Representing the Master Builders, he gave Council a handout regarding some setback revisions that they are proposing for the Public Works Standards update (No copy was submitted for the public record).

Mary Wictor, (spoke previously), spoke regarding concerns over requiring sidewalk, curb and gutters when improving streets. She feels that it will add to surface water runoff. She also thinks that it is important to have soft surface trails.

Public hearing was continued to November 15, 2016 at 7:43 pm.

Ordinance: First Reading Storm and Surface Water Management Comprehensive Plan

Mr. Leniszewski introduced Deputy Public Works Director Cheryl Paston and Senior Stormwater Manager Tawni Dalziel. The City held four meetings and a public hearing to consider the plan with the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is recommending the plan unanimously. Staff has added an additional action of monitoring the streams, bogs and wetlands. Staff will return at a later date with costs for several different monitoring plans.

Public hearing opened at 7:46 pm

Jan Bird, 3310 221st Avenue SE, encouraged Council to adopt the enhanced levels of service included in the plan.

Sharon Steinbus, 24933 SE 14th St, spoke in support of both the stormwater plan and the budget necessary to support and implement it.

Mary Wictor, spoke previously, would like automatic rain gauges installed in various areas. She also encouraged the City to partner with King County Hydrology, Sammamish Plateau Water, Redmond and Issaquah to share their resources. She would like to see funding for more stormwater staff.

Public Hearing was continued to November 15, 2016 at 7:54 pm.

Councilmember Odell asked if current water quality monitoring reports are available. Ms. Dalziel reported that the report is on the website. She also explained why Sammamish does not have any streams in the regional monitoring program. Staff intends to come back to Council with a monitoring program for streams, wetlands, and lakes, other than Pine or Beaver Lake.

Councilmember Keller would like to see water quality testing for the wetland areas as part of the monitoring program.

Deputy Mayor Valderrama ask when the City will be able to prioritize the stormwater projects and will this plan help do that. Ms. Paston explained that, to some extent, the projects are prioritized as part of the 6-Year Transportation Plan projects.

City Manager, Lyman Howard explained that the 5% increase in stormwater fees will be able to support the enhanced monitoring plan.

Staff hopes to have the results of the surface water rate study before the end of 2017.

The next three items were considered together. Finance Director Aaron Antin, along with Deputy Director Jessi Bon, gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*available on the City's website at www.sammamish.us*).

Ordinance: First Reading Making A Declaration Of Substantial Need For Purposes Of Setting The Limit Factor For The Property Tax Levy For The Fiscal Year 2017

Ordinance: Relating To The Levying Of Regular Property Taxes And Establishing The Amount To Be Levied In 2017 On The Assessed Valuation Of The Property Within The City.

Ordinance: First Reading Adopting The 2017-2018 Biennial Budget

The following changes are being recommended for the budget: (1) ARCH Trust Fund Contribution shall include \$100,000 cash contribution, approximately \$80,000 in fee waivers and approximately \$20,000 in CDBG grants. Council agreed that the contribution should be looked at on a yearly basis and readjusted. (2) Increased funding for the Sammamish Heritage Society to \$5,000 per year. (3) Friends of Lake Sammamish State Park to received \$10,000 per year.

Additional changes since the last time the Council reviewed the budget include: updated Transportation Plan/other timing and schedule (\$0.1M), three additional Public Works positions recommended by the Transportation Committee (\$0.6 M), increased communications funding in 2017 (\$15,000) and increased Stormwater Rate by 5% income of \$0.2 M for a total ending fund balance of \$17.4 M.

Public Hearing for the ordinance making a declaration of substantial need for the purposes of setting the limit factor for the Property Tax Levy Rate for the Fiscal Year of 2017 opened at 8:54 pm and closed at 8:54 pm with no public comment.

Public Hearing relating to the levying of regular property taxes and establishing the amount to be levied in 2017 on the assessed valuation of the property within the City opened at 8:55 pm and closed at 8:55 with no public comment.

Public Hearing for the 2017-2018 Biennial Budget opened at 8:56 pm.

Public Comment:

Jan Bird, spoke previously, strongly agrees with the request for increased staffing. She believes this will allow the staff to be more proactive. She is also supportive of additional funding for parks property acquisition.

Sarah Baker, 1402 3rd Avenue, #1230, Seattle, Policy Associate with Housing Development Consortium, spoke supportively of the development of increased ARCH parity goals.

Mary Wictor, spoke previously, was supportive of the money being set aside for land acquisition. She was supportive of using easements rather than purchasing property for trails and utilities.

Public Hearing was continued to November 15, 2016.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Discussion: Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PRO) Plan Update Scope of work

Parks & Recreation Director Angie Feser gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (available on the City's website at www.sammamish.us)

Deputy Mayor Valderrama feels that we should concentrate on trails and the level of service in our parks. He would like a visualization of how the plan will make the City look.

Councilmember Huckabay wants to make sure survey questions are asked about cultural art. She also wants to know how we will acquire and develop beach front parks. She would like to review the questions before the statistical survey is taken.

Councilmember Odell would like to see our Native American heritage included in the plan.

Councilmember Malchow hopes that the plan will identify areas of need.

Council Reports/Committee Reports

Councilmember Malchow reported that the outcomes tab from the last Virtual Town Hall is now available on the website. Viewers can see how the City is using the feedback provided by the Virtual Town Halls. The new, improved website has had a soft launch.

Councilmember Huckabay reported that there will be additional bus routes on #216 and #269 due to a funding increase in the King County budget.

Councilmember Hornish attended a meeting at Imagine Housing.

Deputy Mayor Valderrama said the Nightmare at Beaver Lake was very successful despite being closed for the first weekend due to storm warnings.

Councilmember Odell reported that the Transportation Committee met on October 19. He reported on the status of Central Washington University and the Mars Hill Church. He attended the Kokanee Work Group meeting. He reported on the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting.

Mayor Gerend met with North End Mayors.

City Manager Report

Mr. Howard reminded Council that the meeting will start at 5:00 pm on November 8, 2016. Council agreed to cancel the last meeting in December.

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

Council retired to Executive Session at 9:39 pm and returned at 10:11 pm. No action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor