

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting February 16, 2016

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

Councilmembers present:

Mayor Don Gerend
Councilmember Tom Hornish
Councilmember Kathy Huckabay
Councilmember Bob Keller
Councilmember Christie Malchow (via tele-conference call)
Councilmember Tom Odell
Deputy Mayor Ramiro Valderrama

Staff present:

Lyman Howard, Deputy City Manager
Chris Gianini, Deputy Finance and Technical Services Director
Jessi Bon, Parks & Recreation Director
Cheryl Paston, Deputy Public Works Director
Andrew Zagars, City Engineer
Mike Kenyon, City Attorney
Lita Hachey, Deputy City Clerk

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Deputy City Manager Lyman Howard led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to approve the agenda, including the consent calendar, as amended. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Deputy City Manager Lyman Howard stated that the Executive Session has been cancelled.

Student Liaison Report - None

Presentations/Proclamations - None

Public Comment

Lewis Ting, 23231 SE 16th Place, spoke regarding his property and the Hearing Examiner's decision for the Highcroft subdivision and connectivity issues.

Councilmember Hornish requested that Deputy City Manager, Lyman Howard follow up and find out why construction vehicles are using this access.

Pat Leong, 23307 SE 16th Place, spoke regarding the connectivity issue on SE 16th Place in the new Highcroft development. He is concerned about safety issues with leaving this gate open.

Jill Rush, 1488 207th NE, spoke regarding safety concerns on their property when contractors show up without notice. She would like to know why builders are allowed access through her property and have open access to this land? She would like the City to prevent building on this sensitive area. Councilmember Valderrama would like the Council to be briefed on the update by Deputy City Manager Lyman to Ms. Rush.

Leslie Lardy, 1500 207th Ave NE, Spoke regarding the same issue as Ms. Rush. She would like to know about the compliance issues with replanting of trees. She would like the builder to be prevented from future building on this land. She would like the City to follow up on the restrictions of the builders. Councilmember Odell suggested that a second notice be issued after a permit has been reinstated after being dormant for long time period.

Consent Calendar

Payroll for period ending January 31, 2016 for pay date February 5, 2016 in the amount of \$322,351.32

Approval: Claims For Period Ending February 16, 2016 In The Amount Of \$2,424,056.48 For Check No. 42630 Through 42778

Resolution: Revising The Rules Of Procedure For The City Council (R2016-668)

Contract: Public Outreach and Education/Triangle

Proclamation: World Spay Day

WHEREAS, *pets provide companionship to 65% of U.S. households; and*

WHEREAS, *2.4 million healthy and adoptable cats and dogs are put down in animal shelters each year due to a lack of critical resources and public awareness; and*

WHEREAS, *nearly 90% of pets living in poverty, and 98% of community (feral and stray) cats are unaltered; and*

WHEREAS, *spaying and neutering has been shown to dramatically reduce the number of animals who are put down in animals shelters; and*

WHEREAS, *programs exist to assist with the cost of spaying or neutering pets living in poverty and community cats; and*

WHEREAS, *veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens worked together to advocate the spaying and neutering of pets and community cats through "World Spay Day" in the United States and throughout the world in 2015; and*

WHEREAS, *veterinarians, national and local animal protection organizations, and private citizens have joined together again to advocate the spaying or neutering of pets and community cats on "World Spay Day 2016":*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED *by the City Council of City of Sammamish, Washington, that February 23, 2016, is designated "World Spay Day." The Mayor is calling upon the people of Sammamish to observe the day by having their own pets spayed or neutered or by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of a pet in need.*

Approval: Minutes for February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting

Approval: Notes for February 9, 2016 Study Session

Public Hearing - None

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Finances and Capital Plans

Deputy City Manager, Lyman Howard and Deputy Finance Director, Chris Gianini gave a staff update and show a presentation. *(Presentation is available on the City of Sammamish website at www.sammamish.us)*

Deputy Mayor Valderrama would like to see a comparison chart that shows other contract cities in the region for the General Fund Expenditures per Capita (slide 15)

Councilmember Odell would like to see an index for Public Works FTE's to show clarity (slide 16) and for Slide 18 it would be better to show a comparison with similar bedroom communities.

Councilmember Huckabay would like to see the figures with the 1% property tax included.

Councilmember Odell would like to see future presentations include the banked and the 1% in the revenue number to see how that looks with the cross-over point. (Slide 21)

Deputy Mayor Valderrama questioned the expenditures in the TIP projects.

Councilmember Keller asked about sales tax and the town center. What would be the expected sales tax increase? (Slide 18)

Councilmember Odell inquired about what the legacy number is, with Klahanie included, for banked property tax? This needs to be verified. (Slide 30)

Councilmember Hornish would like to see the estimates added for the increase in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) budgets and then adjusted every 2 years.

Councilmember Odell stated that the CIP should have a revision date on them and include the year costs were determined. He requested that in the future, the Transportation Improvement Plan for SE 4th Street Improvements needs to include a rework of 218th NE and SE 8th that match up with SE 4th Street.

Mayor Gerend would like to schedule a joint meeting with the Parks Commission and Council.

Councilmember Odell inquired about the stormwater utility tax. He questioned if we are behind in charging this? The Tamarack neighborhood is an example of utilizing the Surface Water Management CIP funds.

Council would like an explanation as to what is included in Slide 44, the 20 Year consolidated CIP Forecasted Ending Fund Balance. Finance Director, Joe Guinasso, will need to give a follow-up explanation.

Councilmember Valderrama would like to know if establishing the criteria for the CIP will be presented first to the Finance committee for review and then they will make a recommendation to Council.

Councilmember Odell requested that in the future, all three CIP's be on the same sheet of paper by year, for easy comparisons.

Councilmember Huckabay would like to know when the Public Works standard updates will be added to the Long Term Calendar.

Council recessed for 10 minutes at 9:31 pm.

Public Works Standards Handoff

Planning Commissioner, Frank Blau and City Engineer, Andrew Zagars gave a staff update and showed a Powerpoint presentation. *(Presentation is available on the City of Sammamish website at www.sammamish.us)*

Councilmember Hornish questioned the use of the word “shall” vs “should” in Standards documents. The City has the option to decide whether an exception will be needed or made to the Standards. Deputy Mayor Valderrama and Councilmember Malchow stressed that character and public safety are important factors in describing our roadways and connectivity. Councilmember Huckabay requested a copy of the Street Tree List. Mr. Blau stated the Street Tree List will be aligned with the Urban Forest Management Plan and will be a better tool to deal with which type of trees to use. Councilmember Malchow would like to know why street widths were increased. Mr. Zagars explained that the new standards will bring street widths in-line with current design standards. The Public Works Standards will be added to the Long Term Calendar and brought back to a Council Study Session beginning in April. Councilmember Odell would like the Standards to be brought back to the Transportation Committee before this Study Session.

Council & Committee Reports

Councilmember Huckabay stated that she sent a Regional Transit Committee report out and last week she met with the Transportation Committee. A group of Transit Planners hope to come out and inspect and tour our City in the next two to three weeks.

Councilmember Hornish stated that the Ad Hoc Communication Committee met to get a better understanding of the current situation and what can be done looking forward. The Public Safety Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 23 at 9:15 am and the Ad Hoc Communications Committee meets on Thursday, February 25th at 9:30 am. The Human Services Committee continues to have positive response for involvement from the public.

Councilmember Odell spoke about the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting last week. Legislative State process for 2016 was discussed. Transportation Committee met on February 11th to discuss the SE 4th Street Improvement Project. A WRIA8 session called the Salmon Summit, was held at the NOAA Facility in Sand Point, Seattle. Hard-copies of the annual report are available upon request.

Deputy Mayor Valderrama reported that the Public Safety committee will meet next week. The Parks, Planning and Arts Commissions are beginning a new visioning exercise with will be brought back to Council. Relating to Eastside Fire and Rescue (EF&R), the Council must select an elected member for the Finance and Administrative Committee.

Councilmember Keller attended the Suburban Cities Public Involvement Committee (PIC) meeting last week. There are three items they are dealing with now. The first is the Committee to End Homelessness (now called All Home). They are in need of input from each city. The second was the mental illness and drug dependency sales tax has expired and needs to be extended. The third, Alcohol Awareness (Influence the Choice Committee) looked at creating a mentor committee in Sammamish. A group has been formed to submit a grant to aid this cause.

Councilmember Malchow also spoke regarding the PIC meeting. She added that the school bonds were also discussed and also the relationship between the school districts and the City. She attended the Eastside Youth Forum on February 3rd hosted by Planning Commissioner Nancy Anderson. She attended the Transportation Committee meeting along with Councilmembers Keller and Odell. She requested that a Citizen Comment Forum be added to the City Website for the SE 4th Street Improvement Plan.

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

Mayor Gerend asked when the Committee to End Homelessness team meeting will take place. Deputy City Manager Lyman Howard stated it was on March 11, 2016 from 8:00 am till 12:30 pm. He suggested that our Community Services Coordinator, Allison Gubata and members of the Human Services Committee attend.

Mayor Gerend stated that the Council needs to select a member to be on the Eastside Fire and Rescue Finance and Administrative Committee and requested who would like to volunteer.

Councilmembers Hornish and Huckabay, both volunteered for the position.

Councilmember Huckabay would like to volunteer for the Eastside Fire and Rescue committee because she feels that her involvement in the past process will benefit the group moving forward. The committee has assisted with health plans and in the financial process with an audit committee. Moving forward, the committee will put together a strategic plan with EF & R.

Tom Hornish stated he would to be a part of the Eastside Fire and Rescue for the following reasons: EF & R is the biggest budget item in our City. He feels he would bring a fresh perspective to the group and he has experience as a Chief Executive Officer that would be useful to the committee.

Councilmember Huckabay was selected for the position on the Eastside Fire and Rescue Finance and Administrative Committee, by a vote of 4 – 3, with Mayor Gerend, Councilmembers Keller, Odell and Huckabay voting for Huckabay and Deputy Mayor Valderrama, Councilmembers Hornish and Malchow voting for Hornish.

City Managers Report

Deputy City Manager Howard requested to add the following Long Term Calendar items.

- Joint Meeting with Lake Washington School District on Wednesday, February 24, 2016
- Joint Meeting with the City of Redmond in Sammamish on Tuesday, May 24, 2016
- Joint Meeting with Issaquah School District in Issaquah on Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Deputy City Manager Howard explained the process on resolving items that Council would like more direction on. He will assign Staff to deal with each request and give an update to Council.

Mr. Howard gave an update on the Mars Hill Church property and explained that the City would like to see a long term, higher education agency lease the facility. There are couple local and State institutions interested. Short term use might be available from several institutions but some interested parties would prefer to buy it directly from the City.

The recent news article stated the cost to maintain was \$200, 000. 00 but the actual cost is \$50,000.00 with the net cost of \$30,000.00.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes till 10:45 pm. Councilmember Huckabay seconded. Motioned approved unanimously 7-0.

Executive Session – Litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) – Cancelled

Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 pm

Lita Hachey, Deputy City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor