

COUNCIL MINUTES

Joint Meeting with City of Redmond/Special Meeting May 24, 2016

Tour of Community Center

Joint Meeting with Dinner

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Sammamish Councilmembers and Redmond Councilmember met and discussed the following topics.

Topics

- Transit and ST3
- Regional Homelessness/Human Services Issues
- SR202
- Emerald Necklace
- Legislative Agendas
- Duthie Hill Urban Growth Boundary Adjustment

Close Joint Meeting

Mayor Don Gerend called the special meeting of the Sammamish City Council to order at 8:00 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
Steve Leniszewski, Public Works Director
Jeff Thomas, Community Development Director
Evan Maxim, Senior Planner
Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Councilmember Huckabay led the pledge.

Mayor Gerend suggested re-ordering the agenda to move Public Comment to follow Approval of Agenda followed by Council Reports.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to approve the agenda as reorganized. Councilmember Keller seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Public Comment

George Toskey, 2727 Eastlake Sammamish Parkway NE, suggested that the King County Trail should be exempt from the ECA regulations regarding buffers (Submitted written comments which are available upon request of the City Clerk at manderson@sammamish.us).

Reid and Susan Brockway, 167 E Lake Sammamish Shorelane NE, he and his wife put on a skit to demonstrate the restrictiveness of City code and feels these regulations make the code even more difficult.

Jessi Bornfreund, 21530 NE 29th Street, spoke regarding the City's tree regulations. He feels the replacement policy which requires replacement for a dead tree is not realistic.

Council Reports

Deputy Mayor Valderrama reported on the Grand Opening of Big Rock Park Phase 1. He introduced Deanna Dawson from Sound Cities Association (SCA) to explained SCA's position on Sound Transit 3.

She explained that the reason SCA weighed in on the Plan was at the encouragement of the Public Involvement Committee, in support of principals in the plan that most cities supported. They did not intend the letter to be seen as a letter of support of the plan.

Council directed the City Manager to draft a letter stating Sammamish's position on Sound Transit 3 to be mailed tomorrow.

MOTION: Councilmember Hornish moved to authorize Councilmembers Huckabay and Odell and Mayor Gerend to approve a letter to Sound Transit. Councilmember Keller seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Councilmember Huckabay reported on the Regional Transit Committee meeting.

Councilmember Hornish reminded Council to get their nominations for the Human Services Task Force to the City Clerk. He also mentioned that the Finance Committee has been reviewing the capital plans which will be presented at the June 7, 2016 meeting. If Councilmembers have specific questions they should send them to staff prior to the meeting.

Councilmember Odell reported on the Eastside Transportation Partnership meeting.

Presentations/Proclamations

- Update: Issaquah-Fall City Road Open House

Steve Leniszewski, Public Works Director and Andrew Zagars, City Engineer, showed a PowerPoint presentation updating the Council on the results of the Open House held May 12, 2016 (*presentation available on the City's website at www.sammamish.us*).

Council recessed from 9:20 to 9:25 pm.

Authorization: Town Center Project Staffing

Community Development Director Jeff Thomas gave the staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (*presentation available on the City's website at www.sammamish.us*).

Deputy Mayor Valderrama requested information regarding how much the City staff has increased in the last five years.

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to approve the staffing plan. Councilmember Malchow seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Public Hearing - None

Unfinished Business

Ordinance: Third Reading Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Pertaining To The Protection And Regulation Of Environmentally Critical Areas In The Sammamish Shoreline Master Program And In The Environmentally Critical Areas Regulations, Amending Chapters 25.01, 25.02, And 25.08 And 21a.15 And 21a.50 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code.

Staff is recommending that Council finish the list of proposed amendments. Any additional changes that Council would like to make to this section of the code should be a separate process and would have to be added to the Planning Commission's work plan. (Please refer to Attachment A of these minutes for sections being amended. For the complete discussion, please listen to the video on the City's website at www.sammamish.us).

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved to extend to 10:45 pm. Deputy Mayor Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

Items 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16:

Senior Planner Evan Maxim explained that the Department of Ecology has recommended reducing buffer averaging to 25% rather than the current 50%. Staff is recommending Council not adopt this amendment

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Valderrama moved to change the following Items 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16, related to buffer averaging, to allow no more than a 50 % reduction in buffer averaging. Councilmember Hornish seconded. Motion carried 5-2 with Councilmembers Odell and Huckabay dissenting.

Councilmember Odell feels that buffer averaging of 50% allows the buffer to become so small that it does not provide any real protection to the wetlands.

Item 20. This section deals with existing development in the critical areas. It provides for preserving existing buildings. The amendment is intended to clarify what this amendment applies to.

MOTION: Councilmember Odell moved approve the amendment and to add the language “subdivisions greater than four lots” for item #20. Deputy Mayor Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

New Business - None

Executive Session – If Necessary

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 pm

Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Donald J. Gerend, Mayor