COUNCIL MINUTES

Special Meeting/Study Session
October 14, 2014

Mayor Tom Vance called the special meeting/study session of the Sammamish City Council to order at 6:30 pm.

Councilmembers present:
Mayor Tom Vance
Deputy Mayor Kathy Huckabay
Councilmember Don Gerend
Councilmember Bob Keller
Councilmember Tom Odell
Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama
Councilmember Nancy Whitten (via teleconference)

Staff present:
Ben Yazici, City Manager
Lyman Howard, Deputy City Manager
Jeff Thomas, Community Development Director
Mona Davis, Senior Planner
Joe Guinasso, Finance and Technical Services Director
Laura Philpot, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director
Kyle Endelman, Deputy Director Parks & Recreation
Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll was called. Councilmember Valderrama led the pledge.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comment

Jason Nickell, Manager for the Sahalee Maintenance Association, spoke regarding NE Sammamish Sewer & Water District and presented the Council with a petition signed by over 700 residents to keep the district independent.

Wayne DeMeester, agreed with the previous speaker. He also urged Council to prohibit distribution of marijuana in Sammamish.
Danna Colingham, 24763 SE 28th Place, spoke against the emergency tree retention regulations.

Max Vela, Heritage Hills, Spoke against marijuana dispensaries in the city.

Jason Decker, Klahanie, Spoke against enacting the emergency tree retention ordinance so quickly. He feels more time is needed to think through everything.

Lewis Ting, 23231 16th Place SE, His family moved to Sammamish for the trees and now sees them disappearing.

Eric Johnson, 1429 212th Avenue NE, Spoke in favor of the emergency tree regulations.

Randy Bannecker, 820 4th Ave, Seattle, Seattle King County Realtors, spoke against the emergency tree regulations.

Jan Bird, 3310 221st Avenue SE, spoke in favor of the emergency tree ordinance.

Sasa Kirkpatrick 224 214th Avenue NE, spoke in favor of the emergency tree ordinance. Feels that all development should be stopped until better regulations are in place.

Ken Kirkpatrick, 224 214th Avenue SE, agreed with the emergency tree ordinance.

Brian Eccles, 26528 SE 20th Place, spoke in favor of the emergency tree ordinance.

Harry Shedd, 2313 Sahalee Drive E, Citizens of Sammamish, He feels the temporary tree ordinance is too little, too late.

Katherine Low, 20502 NE 43rd Street, spoke in favor of the emergency tree ordinance.

Sharon Steinbis, 24933 SE 14th Street, she is a member of the City’s Plant Stewardship program. She spoke in favor of the tree ordinance and urged council to develop regulations that will save our urban forest.

Mary Jo Kahler, 21911 SE 20th Street, we must protect the environment and the wildlife and listen to citizens of Sammamish.

Jason Uptown, 4221 194th Place NE, President of the Waterbrook HOA, spoke regarding the Opticom gates being considered at an upcoming Council meeting and wondered when that would be scheduled to be on the council agenda. They would like to see that happen before the end of the year.

Gil Colingham, 24763 SE 28th Place, spoke regarding the emergency tree ordinance. He feels there needs to be a balance, but it is not fair to change the rules in the middle of the game.

Randy Horton, 2224 216th Avenue SE, Spoke in favor of the emergency tree ordinance.

Emy Carpenter, 21509 SE 23rd Street, She is supportive of the emergency tree ordinance.
Cheryl Wagner, 20035 SE 27th Place, She is very dismayed by the clear cutting taking place and is supportive of the tree ordinance. She also urged the city to conduct a tree survey.

Richard Johnson, 20035 SE 27th Place, He spoke in favor of the emergency tree ordinance.

Kate Bradley, 21625 SE 24th Street, She spoke regarding climate change and the huge clear cut on 228th Ave SE. She is afraid it is increasing the runoff into Pine Lake.

Sue Heimbinger, 22433 216th Avenue SE, She spoke in favor of the emergency tree ordinance.

David Hoffman, Master Builders Association, The Master Builders Association is supportive of developing regulations that meet both the builder’s needs and what the residents would like to see. He does not think this is a true emergency. These regulations are being considered by the Planning Commission and everyone is entitled to participate.

Barbara Brusky, 24140 SE 32nd, the emergency tree ordinance will affect the development of their property.

New Business

Emergency Ordinance: An Ordinance Of The City Of Sammamish, Washington, Establishing Interim Development Regulations As Authorized By The Growth Management Act Relating To Tree Retention; Providing For Severability; And Declaring An Emergency

Director of Community Development Jeffrey Thomas gave a staff report and showed a PowerPoint presentation (available on the city’s website at www.sammamish.us).

Councilmember Gerend pointed out the requiring native trees and 1:1 replanting, might be problematic.

Recommended Staff Amendment #1

EXISTING:
WHEREAS, the City has determined that amendments to the tree retention regulations are required, and is interested in preventing the removal of additional significant trees until such time as the tree retention regulations can be thoroughly reviewed; and

PROPOSED:
WHEREAS, the City has determined that amendments to the tree retention regulations are required, and until new permanent regulations can be reviewed and adopted, is interested in preventing the removal of significant trees beyond what is allowed in these interim development regulations; and

Recommended Staff Amendment #2

EXISTING:
(1) Any significant tree lawfully removed pursuant to SMC 21A.35.210(3), Tree retention requirement, shall be subject to the following replacement requirements:

PROPOSED:
Any significant tree lawfully removed pursuant to SMC 21A.35.210(3), (7) or (8), Tree retention requirements, shall be subject to the following replacement requirements:

**Recommended Staff Amendment #3**

**EXISTING:**
(c) Significant trees shall be replaced with one (1) new tree.

**PROPOSED:**
(c) Each significant tree shall be replaced with one (1) new tree.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Huckabay moved to approve the emergency tree ordinance with the recommended staff amendments. Councilmember Keller seconded. Motion carried 7-0 (O2014-375).

**Council Reports**

Mayor Vance reported that the November 11, 2014 Study Session will be cancelled. The regular City Council meeting of November 18, 2014 will be cancelled and all agenda items will be switched to a Special Meeting on Monday, November 17, 2014.

**City Manager Report** – No Report

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

**Open Study Session**

**Topics**

- **Department Budgets:**
  - Parks & Recreation
  - Public Works (including Facilities & Maintenance)

- **Discussion:** Public Works Standards

**Close Study Session**

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk Thomas E. Vance, Mayor