Mayor Tom Vance called the regular meeting 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

**Councilmembers Absent**
Deputy Mayor Kathleen Huckabay

**MOTION:** Councilmember Gerend moved to excuse Councilmember Huckabay. Councilmember Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0

**Staff present:**
Ben Yazici, City Manager  
Lyman Howard, Deputy City Manager  
Laura Philpot, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director  
Joe Guinasso, Finance and Technical Services Director  
Beth Goldberg, Director of Administrative Services  
Mike Kenyon, City Attorney  
Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

**Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**
Roll was called. Councilmember Odell led the pledge.

**Approval of Agenda and the Consent Agenda**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Valderrama moved to approve the agenda including the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Gerend seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Councilmember Whitten expressed concern with the appointment of one of the Parks & Recreation Commission Alternates.
Presentations/Proclamations

- East Lake Sammamish Trail

Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Laura Philpot explained that King County has agreed to take public and City Staff comments into consideration and will develop a 95% design plan. County and City staff have also walked the trail together to see what other accommodations can be made in the trail alignment. The County will partner with the City to help minimize drainage concerns. She then introduced Kevin Brown, King County Parks Director. He gave a PowerPoint presentation (available on the City’s website at www.sammamish.us).

Council recessed from 7:45 pm to 7:55 pm

Public Comment

Scott Hamilton, 19727 SE 19th Street, (submitted written comments) spoke regarding the East Lake Sammamish Trail.

David Baty, 1793 28th Avenue NE, Issaquah, He feels the width of the trail is a safety issue and that trails should comply with the same rules that apply to road safety.

Arvl Menezes 3145 E. Lake Sammamish Shore Lane SE, He feels the paved northern section of the trail is too wide and does not fit in with the rest of the City. He is concerned about the width of the trail and the ditches being designated as wetlands.

John Tremble, 2813 194th Place SE, He feels the trail will be a wonderful amenity and hopes that the County and homeowners can work together and avoid lawsuits that will delay the construction of the trail.

Jan Bird, 3310 221st Avenue SE, She agrees that the trail needs to be wide enough to accommodate both walkers and bikers. She also hopes the County will be able to minimize the number of trees that will be removed.

Dick Stevens, Attorney 10900 NE 8th Street, Suite 1325, representing 50 lakeside homeowners in a lawsuit against the Federal Government regarding the unlawful taking of their property. He reminded the Council that the County’s rights within the easement is limited.

Reid Brockway, 167 E Lake Sammamish Shore Lane SE, He believes that legal action is the only action the County respects. He urged the City to question most of the design decisions the County has made regarding the trail.

Susan Brockway, same address as above, She questioned why the staff did not review the 90% plans and she hopes they are doing so now as she believes there are issues with the design and City Code requirements.

Richard Pierce, 383 12th Avenue NW, Issaquah, He urged the Council to stay the course on the trail issues. Equitable decisions should be made to benefit all the residents of the City not just those who live along the lakefront.
Pete Hartmaier, 12501 197th Ct NE, Woodinville, Supports completion of the trail without delay. He supports building it to the standards advocated by the County.

Reid Brown 3139 E. Lake Sammamish Shore Lane SE, He urged the Council to work with the homeowners and the County to work toward accommodations for Phase 2B of the trail. He asked the Council to be a mediator to avoid their lawsuit.

Richard Kuprewicz, Spoke regarding the Opticom Barricade. He does not want the barricade removed.

Mark Cross, 247 208th Avenue NE, Supported the 12 foot width for the trail along with shoulders.

Lizette Hedberg, Bellevue resident, She commended the Council for collaborating with the County and trying to get the best trail for the whole area. She was supportive of the 12 foot width for safety. She urged the Council to keep the trail moving forward.

Shelly Bowman, Bellevue resident, She was supportive of the 12 foot trail for safety issues.

Mike Hettich, 1419 E. Lake Sammamish Shore Lane SE, He is in favor of the trail as well as due process. He feels the County was forced into attending this meeting. He didn’t hear the County say when they would get back to the Council with answers.

Seanjoy Chatterji, 4215 206th Avenue SE, He feels the trail will be safer if it is narrower. The trail should remain on the current footprint so it will significantly reduce costs.

McKayla Dinfy, Representing Cascade Bicycle Club, They are supportive of expediting the permitting and construction of the trail. They are supportive of a trail that is wide enough to be safe.

Jim Greenfield, 1111 20th Avenue E, Seattle, Representing Forterra, He agreed with the speaker from the Cascade Bicycle Club. Forterra worked with King County to help purchase the property for the trail.

Tom Hornisch Representing Sammamish Homeowners, 1237 East Lake Sammamish Shore Lane SE, He thinks there needs to be a balance between the environment and the trail width. He does not think that permitting for the trail can continue until their lawsuit is settled.

Melissa Grimaldi, 4333 201st Place NE, Representing the Timberline Park HOA, They are supportive of retaining the Opticom Barricade. They would like to see a timeframe associated with how long the gate will remain.

John Rossi, 251 E Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, He feels the County has learned nothing from years of building trails.

Greg Chapman, 2831 E Lake Sammamish Parkway NE, Spoke regarding the ELST.

Jordon Miller, 2845 E Lake Sammamish Parkway SE, He thanked the City for stepping in to help the homeowners along the trail.
Brenda Zylstra, 4250 Perrigrine Point SE, She is worried about access to the trail if you live on the other side of East Lake Sammamish Parkway. She advocated for some crosswalks and possibly for some sidewalks.

**Consent Agenda**

Payroll for period ending February 15, 2015 for pay date February 20, 2015 in the amount of $276,827.54

**Approval:** Claims for period ending February 17, 2015 in the amount of $456,465.90 for Check No. 39803 through 39864

**Ordinance:** Second Reading, Amending Sections 2.30.020 And 2.65.010 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code To Add Alternative Commission Members To The Sammamish Parks And Recreation Commission And The Sammamish Arts Commission.

**Resolution:** Appointing Three Alternate Members To The Sammamish Arts Commission And Three Alternate Members To The Sammamish Parks And Recreation Commission

**Resolution:** Appointing Of One Special Member to the King County Landmarks Commission

**Appointment:** Pro/Con Committee for Initiative and Referendum Ballot Measure

**Approval:** Quit Claim Deed 244th Avenue NE Right of Way Transfer and Easement Release/King County

**Interlocal:** Extension of Animal Control Services/King County

Council recessed from 8:40 pm to 8:45 pm.

**Public Hearing**

**Ordinance:** First Reading Establishing Interim Development Regulations As Authorized By The Growth Management Act Relating To Surface Water Management; Providing For Severability; And Declaring An Emergency

Ms. Philpot gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Emergency Ordinance and the permanent regulations. The emergency ordinance was already approved by Council on February 3, 2015). The only action necessary tonight is to hold the Public Hearing (PowerPoint available on the City’s website at www.sammamish.wa.us).

This will be a Public Hearing and the first reading of the ordinance to adopt the permanent regulations. The ordinance will have a second reading on March 17, 2015.

Public Hearing opened at 9:40 pm and closed at 9:40 pm with no public comment.

**Ordinance:** First Reading Adopting Provisions Related To Surface Water Management In The Surface Water Design Manual And As Also Codified Into Chapter 20 Of Title 13 Of The Sammamish Municipal Code
Public Hearing opened at 9:41 pm

Paul Stickney, 504 228th Avenue SE, He said there were a few people who commented at the Planning Commission Public Hearing. He was in agreement with the regulations.

Public Hearing closed at 9:42 pm.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Council Reports

Mayor Vance reported the Sound Cities Association (SCA) is looking for regional support for the Area Agency on Aging. They would like to send a letter to the State Legislature to continue supporting the program. Council was supportive of this.

Councilmember Gerend testified at the State House Transportation Committee in support of a Road Usage Pilot Program.

Councilmember Keller reported the SCA Public Involvement Committee is looking for support for the Committee to End Homelessness.

Councilmember Odell would like the City to remain involved in the design of the Trail as well as look into seeing if some changes can be made to the north end of the trail. He will be attending the National League of Cities Conference. The 6th Annual Kokanee fry release will be held April 24.

Councilmember Valderrama attended the Citizens for Sammamish meeting. He requested the City Attorney give an opinion on the issue of trail ownership. He asked that the City to release the questions and answers provided by the County regarding the trail be shared with the citizens. Councilmember Gerend will be attending the EF & R meeting for Councilmember Valderrama.

Councilmember Whitten would like some clarification on what exactly was decided for the NE 42nd Street Barricade. She requested a detailed report from the bi-weekly meetings between City and County staff regarding the trail.

City Manager Report

City Manager Ben Yazici asked for clarification on what Council has in mind regarding a study about the 42nd Street Barricade. Council will consider this issue at the March 17 Council meeting. He also asked for clarification on who should be included in a meeting with legislators regarding the trail. At the last meeting specific people were requested. He suggested not naming specific people to be at the meeting and also to wait for the 95% design was completed before setting the meeting date.

Staff will provide detailed reports of the meetings between City and County staff. If it appears that progress is not being made a meeting will be arranged with the appropriate Legislators.
**MOTION:** Councilmember Odell moved to extend the meeting until 11:00 pm. Councilmember Whitten seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

**Executive Session** – Potential Litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and Property Sale pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)

Council retired to Executive Session at 10:00 pm and returned at 10:55 pm and took the following action:

**MOTION:** Councilmember Valderrama moved to authorize the City Manager to sign a conservation easement on Parcel #182506-9074, restricting its perpetual use to open space and execute all documents necessary for the sale of that same parcel at $170,000 pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement. Councilmember Odell seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk  Thomas E. Vance, Mayor