

City of

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**January 5, 2001  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**



*"Where Dreams Can Soar"*

*The City of Bonney Lake's Mission is to protect the community's livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services.*

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Young called the Special Council Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led those in attendance with the flag salute.

### **Roll Call**

In attendance with Mayor Young were Deputy Mayor Cleveland, Councilmembers Bricker, DeLeo, Marshall, Palecek, Rackley and Swatman. City Finance Officer John Weidenfeller, Public Works Director Seth Boettcher, Interim Planning and Community Development Director Michael Knapp and Deputy City Clerk Ray Luevanos were also present.

Mayor Young welcomed the citizens and briefly explained the purpose of the special meeting. Prior to receiving citizen input, Mayor Young called upon City Staff to briefly address the issue and the proposed solutions.

Director Boettcher gave a brief history of the traffic problems at South Prairie Road and 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. He discussed mitigating measures, which the City has taken to resolve the problem areas, to include the forthcoming installation of a traffic signal. Upon Council inquiry, Director Boettcher explained that the cost of the signal would be approximately \$80,000.

Interim Director Knapp discussed the overwhelming growth to the area and addressed possible Comprehensive Plan Amendments. He solicited input from the citizenry for such amendments.

### **Citizen Comments**

Roger Kramer, 20911 Church Lake Drive

Mr. Kramer discussed the growth pains currently being experienced by the City and questioned whether the proposed new form of government could handle such growth.

Council responded that the proposed change of government was necessary to keep up with the pace of growth being experienced by the City. Mr. Kramer concurred. Council also discussed previous proposals to improve City Planning and the resistance with which they were met by the former

Director. They further explained that a change in form of government would allow for Council's direction to be better enforced.

Shari Feroy, 20005 104<sup>th</sup> St E, Sumner

Ms. Feroy inquired whether the traffic signal was a temporary measure and also whether Pierce County would be contributing money to resolve the problematic intersection.

Mayor Young responded that the light was a temporary measure and that a permanent light would take approximately two years to install.

Ms. Feroy also expressed concern that the proposed Walgreen's store would contribute to the traffic congestion in the area. She then asked whether the City and County are obligated to report on impact studies to each other.

Interim Director Knapp explained that City and County goals don't always match. He also suggested that extended annexation would allow for better control measures to prevent such a situation from re-occurring.

Ms. Feroy inquired about other access to Highway 410 and whether a grid solution would be pursued. Finally, she queried staff about the possibility of installing sidewalks in the vicinity of the intersection.

Director Boettcher responded that sidewalks are in the development plan but have not been installed due to plans to widen the roadway.

Council and Staff discussed the impact of access to Highway 410 by the Cascadia development. They also discerned the need to annex certain plats to better develop specific roadways. Council emphasized that growth and development concerns were previously identified as part of their 1999 budget priorities and that background information has yet to be provided to Council and the Planning Commission. Interim Director Knapp agreed to provide a status report to both entities.

Stewart Whitman, 10403 Springwood Drive

Mr. Whitman spoke as the President of the Brookfield Homeowners Association. Mr. Whitman expressed confusion on the rapid occurrence of growth and the lack of planning to accommodate the growth. He also suggested that the City decrease the planned amount of population densities as a solution to the traffic congestion.

Jamie Bendon, 11014 193<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East

Mr. Bendon suggested that a crosswalk be installed at the proposed sight of the traffic signal and queried as to the exact date that the signal would be installed. Staff responded that according to the developer, the signal would be in place between 30 and 60 days.

Kirsten Lewandowski, 19208 111<sup>th</sup> Street East

Ms. Lewandowski commented that previous efforts to connect 192<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East to Fennel Ridge had been thwarted. She urged the Mayor to support the Council and queried as to the specific process to annex properties.

Staff explained the annexation process, along with the limitations imposed by the Urban Growth Area (UGA) designation.

Jeff Fleig, 10903 193<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East

Mr. Fleig inquired about plans to annex Cascadia. Staff responded that Cascadia was not in the City's UGA and therefore could not be annexed. Staff also informed the citizenry that 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue East was slated to become a 5-lane thoroughfare.

Carol Jeffries, Sumner School District

Ms. Jeffries identified herself as a representative from Sumner School District and encouraged participants to contact her as necessary.

Jerry Bryant, Pierce County Public Works Department

Mr. Bryant identified himself as a representative from the Pierce County Public Works Department and gave a brief history of County involvement with the traffic congestion. He discussed the results of impact studies and the proposed installation of the temporary traffic signal.

Dwaine Brown, 20001 104<sup>th</sup> Street East

Mr. Brown called for the Planning Department to receive proposed plans for the Walgreen's store and also spoke in favor of impact fees from the Albertson's commercial development.

Staff responded by stating that Walgreen's has not submitted any plans to date.

Pat Meehan, 19208 109<sup>th</sup> Street East

Mr. Meehan urged that sidewalks be installed in the vicinity of 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, even if the roadways are planned to be widened.

Staff responded that gravel or asphalt paths were planned as a temporary measure to provide walkways for the citizenry.

Mr. Meehan also urged Council to consider a referendum to suspend issuance of building permits within City limits and to file suit against Pierce County for inaccurate impact surveys.

Council responded that they were not going to shirk any responsibilities in responding to these issues. Council also briefly described differences of opinion which were experienced with the previous Planning Director and expressed hope for the working relationship being established by Interim Director Knapp. Council also explained that City Code was in need of extensive revision to correct areas regarding City Planning.

Council urged the citizens to contact their Pierce County Council representatives to address these issues. When the approximate 163 attendees were polled about support for a building moratorium,

approximately 80-90% responded that they were in favor of a moratorium. Approximately two-thirds of those polled indicated they were residents of the City of Bonney Lake.

Keola Pang-Ching, 20004 104<sup>th</sup> Street E

Mr. Pang-Ching confirmed the expected time frame to install the traffic signal. He decried the “finger-pointing” which he saw taking place at the meeting. Mr. Pang-Ching also expressed concern that increased multi-family zones would contribute to the City’s congestion areas. In regards to the connection planned with Cascadia, Mr. Pang-Ching urged Council not to offer their support. He cited speed limits as a concern and urged more thought to be given to planning issues.

Charles Lattenbush, Cascadia Development

Mr. Lattenbush expressed his willingness to meet with the City to help resolve future congestion issues as they related to the Cascadia Development.

Council requested that Staff provide a response to Council regarding the legal ramifications of stopping a connection to Cascadia.

Ken Gain, 7728 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue E

Mr. Gain spoke against further annexation and spoke regarding the unlawful nature of certain developments. He suggested that the City was too aggressive in sponsoring the commercial development of the City. Mr. Gain implied that the close working relationships between City Staff and developers was inappropriate. He also predicted gridlock in the Cascadia area based on an “F” rating received during a traffic study. Finally, he decried the conflict of interest in using the same hearing examiner as used by Pierce County.

Brian Mitchell, 20020 104<sup>th</sup> Street E

Mr. Mitchell spoke regarding pedestrian safety and the impact of the current traffic congestion on residential areas. He noted that gravel paths do not accommodate wheeled vehicles.

Bill Heath, 818 Bonney Lake Avenue, Sumner

Mr. Heath addressed the group and urged general support for Mr. Lattenbush, the President of Cascadia Development. He cited Mr. Lattenbush as a good citizen who is willing to work toward the resolution of the problems being discussed.

Stephanie George, 19510 109<sup>th</sup> Street E

Ms. George urged Council to address actions, which would lessen the threat currently being endured by children in the vicinity of the afflicted intersection. She cited instances of children narrowly being missed by vehicles.

Mayor Young announced the schedules for Council Meetings and Workshops and encouraged citizen participation. He also discussed the City’s website and expected time for completion.

Council requested that Planning and Public Works address the issue of installing an asphalt path in the vicinity of South Prairie Road and 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue East.

Mayor Young adjourned the Special Council Meeting at approximately 9:07 p.m.

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Robert Young, Mayor

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Ray Luevanos, Deputy City Clerk