

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**October 7, 2008
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES



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Call to Order:

Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman called the Workshop to order at 5:32 p.m.

Roll Call: [A1.3]

City Clerk Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, elected officials attending were Councilmember David Bowen, Councilmember Laurie Carter, Councilmember Dan Decker, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Dave King and Councilmember James Rackley. Mayor Neil Johnson arrived at 5:41 p.m.

[Staff Members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Director of Planning and Community Development John Vodopich, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, Police Chief Mike Mitchell, Assistant Police Chief Dana Powers, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, City Attorney Jim Dionne, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson and Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis.]

Councilmember Hamilton moved to excuse Councilmember Carter from the September 30, 2008 Special Joint Meeting. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

Agenda Items:

1. **Council Open Discussion:**

As the Mayor arrived late, the Open Discussion was moved to the end of the agenda.

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2. **Review of Council Minutes:** September 16th Council Workshop, September 23rd Regular Council Meeting, September 30th Special Joint Council/Planning Commission Meeting.

By consensus of the Council, the minutes were forwarded to the October 14, 2008 Council meeting for action with no corrections.

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3. **Discussion:** AB08-126 - Sign Ordinance Revisions – Electronic Sign Code Changes.

Director Vodopich outlined the draft ordinance, which was reviewed by Council in June 2008 and was moved forward by the Planning Commission. He said if the ordinance is passed, the City will need to purchase an ambient light meter for enforcement. Councilmember Bowen suggested the 'Nit' levels allowed for daytime and nighttime light should be closer together. Councilmembers asked for examples of how bright a

500 nits sign would be; Director Vodopich said he would bring examples to the next meeting.

Councilmember Decker said he felt the sign code should be revised to allow larger political signs in City right-of-way, noting the County and State allow larger signs. He said others have put up signs larger than four square feet in the city. Mayor Johnson said Code Enforcement has taken down any they know of and asked Councilmembers to report any illegal signs. Councilmembers King and Rackley said they did not feel the political sign size should be changed. Councilmember Hamilton said he would be willing to discuss sign size. Councilmember Bowen spoke in favor of increasing the maximum size for campaign signs. Mayor Johnson suggested political signs could be discussed at a different time, so the Council could move ahead with the proposed electronic sign ordinance. Councilmember Carter said she would like to review other aspects of the sign code pertaining to alcohol and tobacco advertising at a later time. Deputy Mayor Swatman agreed that other issues related to signs should be considered later. The proposed electronic sign ordinance was moved forward to the October 14, 2008 Meeting.

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4. **Discussion:** AB08-182 – Resolution 1888 – Interlocal Agreement for Auto Theft Task Force.

Councilmember King said the Public Safety Committee heard a presentation on the program previously and would sign off on the agenda bill before the upcoming meeting. Assistant Police Chief Dana Powers gave a presentation on the interlocal program, titled Preventing Auto Theft Through Regional Operational Links, or P.A.T.R.O.L. She explained the purpose of the grant-funded program, the area it covers, and how it would benefit Bonney Lake. She said Bonney Lake would send one officer to the program, and would receive funding to replace that officer. In addition, the City would have access to resources and would receive support from designated officers and a prosecutor who would handle complex auto theft cases.

Councilmembers asked about other cities involved and how the program might impact the City financially. City Administrator Morrison said he was comfortable with the program from a budgetary standpoint. He said the program is funded from a state fee that is added to traffic infractions. He said if the program was discontinued the City could keep the new officer that was hired, and the City will continue to need more officers as it grows. Councilmember King said the program lets an officer gain invaluable experience and helps the City network with other agencies. The proposed resolution was moved forward to the October 14, 2008 Meeting.

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5. **Discussion:** (Continued from 09/16 Council Workshop): Review of Council Rules.

Councilmember Bowen asked whether a request to move an item off the Consent Agenda must be made during the 'Agenda Modifications' portion of the meeting. Mayor Johnson explained that if a Consent Agenda item is moved to a later point on that agenda, it could be done during the Consent Agenda portion rather than during Agenda Modifications.

Councilmember Bowen also said the Reconsiderations provision, as written, excludes all motions related to agreements or contracts from reconsideration. City Administrator

Morrison said councilmembers had previously expressed concern about allowing reconsideration of agreements, when contracts are often signed and mailed out soon after the Council Meeting. The City Attorney said he would work on revised language to bring back to a future workshop for review.

Councilmember Decker said the Council should not spend time revising the rules, because any Councilmember can move to suspend the rules and do anything they want. He said the councilmembers will eventually need to suspend the rules in order to speak on anything, and the proposed rules require councilmembers to get the permission of the chair to speak a second time on any issue. Councilmember King said the chair's role is to run the meetings. Mayor Johnson said Councilmembers have the right to speak to anything on the agenda.

Councilmembers discussed the possible addition of a dress code in the Council rules. Councilmember Carter provided samples of dress codes from municipal courts and other agencies. Councilmember Bowen was opposed to adding a dress code. Councilmember Decker said the City does not provide councilmembers funds for clothing so they can appear a certain way. Deputy Mayor Swatman and Councilmember Hamilton spoke in favor of a base line dress code standard, but questioned how a dress code could be enforced. Councilmember Carter suggested that councilmembers could get polo shirts with the City logo to wear to open houses and other functions outside the City. Mayor Johnson suggested the discussion on dress code and other proposed rules be continued.

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6. **Council Open Discussion:**

Community Health Fair

Councilmember Carter said the Bonney Lake Community Health Fair is Saturday, October 11 at 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bonney Lake High School commons.

City-Wide Trick or Treat

Councilmember Carter reminded the Council that the city-wide Halloween event is on October 31, 2008.

Historical Markers Grant

Councilmember Carter asked for an update on the grant award with the Pierce County Council for historical markers. Mayor Johnson said they are awaiting an official notification of the grant awards.

Heritage Tree

Councilmember Carter asked about the status of the Heritage Tree on the Moriarty property. Community Services Director Gary Leaf said it is moving ahead and should be on the October 14, 2008 Meeting agenda.

Senior Center Wii

Councilmember Carter said Senior Services Manager Sue Hilberg notified her that there is a new Wii game station at the Senior Center. Councilmember Carter said the Wellness Committee is having a Wii bowling tournament on October 29, 2008, and the seniors compete in a bowling league with other senior centers.

Sewer System Code Amendment

Deputy Mayor Swatman said he provided councilmembers with a copy of a proposed amendment to the sewer system code related to hook-ups. He said the proposed amendment would help deal with government agencies such as Victor Falls Elementary. He said the Finance Committee will review the proposed changes at their next meeting.

Interim Justice Center

Deputy Mayor Swatman said the Council received Interim Justice Center drawings, which will be discussed at the Design Commission meeting on October 8th. He asked if other Councilmembers plan to attend. Councilmembers noted the Beautify Bonney Lake recognition ceremony and a plaque unveiling are scheduled the same evening at 6:00 p.m., and were not sure who would be able to attend.

Councilmember King distributed a list of needs for Court security Judge Haake and Court Administrator Kathy Seymour put together. He said they are concerned that security needs are not being dealt with early enough in the design process. Councilmember King said if economic conditions do not improve, this interim building may end up being used for many more years than originally planned. He asked the Council to consider funding constraints, growth, and long-term needs as the design process continues.

Councilmember Hamilton said he considers the Interim Justice Center as a public building that will serve the Court and help with overcrowding at City Hall. He said it sounds like the mindset is we are building a commercial building that will be temporarily used for a justice center, and does not think the City should try to develop a commercial building. Deputy Mayor Swatman agreed, but said from his experience talking with the designers, they are already considering the big issues such as prisoner transport, courtroom layout, etc. Mayor Johnson said department heads will be on a committee to work on the building's interior design. He said he wasn't aware of the Judge's concerns.

Proposed Church Lake Rezone

Deputy Mayor Swatman attended the Planning Commission Meeting on October 1, 2008. He said quite a few people from the Church Lake area spoke in favor of rezoning the area to R-1. He said a couple of people who have built or plan to build ADUs or duplexes spoke against the rezone. He said councilmembers should consider all the issues when the proposal comes for a vote.

Councilmember Decker said he has gone door to door around 70th St E and Church Lake Rd with a petition, and so far 40 people said they want to keep R-2 zoning, 2 people said they want R-1 zoning, and 3 did not participate. He said people are using scare tactics and being negative when talking about the proposed rezone. Mayor Johnson urged all citizens to come to meetings and get their opinions on the record.

Tapps Island Water Service

Deputy Mayor Swatman said Public Works Director Grigsby notified the Council about water service issues to Tapps Island. He said the island will eventually be served by the Auburn water district, and citizens should work with the City of Auburn.

Eastown Developers

Councilmember Rackley said three groups of Eastown developers attended the

Community Development Committee meeting on October 6, 2008. He said they are close to agreeing on where to put the sewer line, and seem pleased with the City's efforts. Councilmember Bowen said there may still be issues but they are moving ahead. Director Grigsby said a property owner to the South of Hwy 410 is looking at putting a gravity line in that could connect to Eastown properties, as well.

Council Rule Changes

Councilmember Decker returned to the proposed changes to Council rules, specifically the right of the floor. He said that section requiring councilmembers to be recognized before speaking a second time on an issue should be removed. Councilmember Bowen said he enjoys general discussion but the Council is there to conduct City business, and should confine their discussion to what is pertinent and relevant. He said he has sympathy for Councilmember Decker's concerns, but also feels it is important to get business done in a reasonable amount of time. He said if someone has extremely pertinent information to add to the discussion, they should be allowed to do so.

Handicapped Child Sign

Councilmember Decker asked for an update on the handicapped sign he had requested for a child in Ward 5. Mayor Johnson asked for a specific address; Councilmember Decker said he thought the address was 20406 70th St E. Mayor Johnson said staff would look at the policy for installing these signs and follow up.

At 7:29 p.m., Councilmember Bowen moved for a five minute recess. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

The workshop reconvened and entered an Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

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7. **Executive Session:**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) the City Council announced an Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. for 30 minutes to discuss labor negotiations. At 8:09 p.m. the Executive Session was extended 15 additional minutes. At 8:26 p.m. the Executive Session was extended 5 additional minutes. The Executive Session was ended and the workshop reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

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8. **Adjournment.**

At 8:30 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk

Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

Items submitted to the Council meeting of October 7, 2008:

- City of Bonney Lake – *P.A.T.R.O.L. Program Presentation* – Assistant Police Chief Dana Powers.
- City of Bonney Lake – *Examples of Dress Codes* – Councilmember Carter.
- City of Bonney Lake – *Interim Justice Center Needs For Court Security* – Councilmember King.