

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

**October 21, 2008  
5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**



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**Call to Order:**

Mayor Neil Johnson called the Workshop to order at 5:31 p.m.

**Roll Call:** [A1.3]

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

[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, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, City Attorney Jim Dionne, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson and Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis.]

**Agenda Items:**

5:31:53

1. **Council Open Discussion:**

Planning Commission Work List

Councilmember Rackley said the Planning Commission should review parking stall spaces, as the code has not been updated in some time and the size regulations differ from others in the region.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to add a review of parking stall sizes to the Planning Commission Work Plan. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed by consensus.**

Easttown Developers

Councilmember Rackley said he received a letter from a group of Easttown developers and asked Public Works Director Grigsby to provide copies to all Councilmembers.

Speed Patrols

Councilmember Hamilton asked Police Chief Mitchell whether the department is still doing speed patrols around area schools. Chief Mitchell said officers are patrolling and recording data with speed measuring trailers. He said he would provide a summary of the recently completed speed report to Council soon.

Ward 5 Rezone Petition

Councilmember Decker provided Councilmembers with a copy of a petition with

signatures he collected over one and one-half days in Ward 5. He said of the 42 signees, 3 were in favor of rezoning to R-1 and 39 were in favor of keeping R-2 zoning.

5:36:37

2. **Review of Council Minutes:** October 7, 2008 Council Workshop and October 14, 2008 Council Meeting.

By consensus of the Council, the minutes were forwarded to the November 25, 2008 Council meeting for action with the following corrections:

Councilmember Carter said the October 7, 2008 minutes, p. 2, second paragraph, should be corrected to read: "Councilmember Carter said she would like to review other aspects of the sign code pertaining to alcohol and tobacco advertising at a later time." She also asked that Open Discussion on the Senior Center Wii (p. 3) be corrected to read: "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 planning a Wii bowling tournament, and seniors currently compete in a bowling league with other groups."

5:38:03

3. **Discussion:** AB08-189 – Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Director Vodopich briefly described the proposed amendments and Planning Commission recommendations. He noted the Council had an extensive discussion about the amendments at the September 30, 2008 Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission. He said the next step will be to craft ordinances for each proposed amendment, so the Council can vote on each proposal individually.

Councilmembers noted strong public interest on the amendments and asked whether further public comment should be offered. Director Vodopich said the Planning Commission already held the required Public Hearings, but the Council can take more public testimony if it chooses. Consensus of the Council was to schedule a Public Hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments at the November 18, 2008 Council Workshop. City Clerk Edvalson noted that Budget Hearings are also scheduled for that date.

Councilmember Decker said the agenda packet materials state (p. 8) that the City will not meet projected housing needs for 2022 if proposed rezones are approved. He said it is important to talk with the Growth Management Hearing Board and federal, state, and county agencies before moving forward. He noted that in the past, the City changed an area to a 'R-1A' zone, but had to revert back when the R-1A zone was determined to be in violation of the Growth Management Act. Director Vodopich said the initial staff report Councilmember Decker referred to does not include data from other proposed rezones, including Cedar Grove. He said Planning Manager Heather Stinson explained at her presentation to the Council that, after further analysis, the department feels the City will meet its housing projections for 2022. He said they also spoke with Dan Cardwell from Pierce County Planning, who is in charge of the Growth Management Program. Director Vodopich confirmed there is no Federal Growth Management Act issue and that the City is currently in compliance with GMA requirements. Councilmember Carter said though she was not present at the joint meeting, her understanding from the minutes and presentation is that the city would add 225 net units, which meets the criteria. Councilmember King said he was involved with the R-1A rezone, and said it should not be compared to the current proposed rezones. He said

the R-1A zoning was challenged due to lot size issues. He said the data used in that case was from 1995, and since then buildable lands have been re-inventoried and zoning definitions now include density as well as lot size. Councilmember Decker said the two examples are comparable and questioned whether the City will be able to meet its goals. Deputy Mayor Swatman said it is important to do what is best for the area, and agreed that there are significant legal issues to deal with. He said he feels the City can deal with the issues related to the rezone and meet the future needs of the City. Seeing no further discussion, the proposed amendments were moved forward to develop ordinances and hold a Public Hearing on November 18, 2008.

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4. **Discussion:** AB08-198 – D08-198 – Municipal Code Amendment to Establish Procedures for Street Vacations.

Director Vodopich said the Council recently completed the Ptarmigan Ridge street vacation process. He said there was some confusion about how street vacations continue through the process, and the code does not clearly state which department is responsible for processing street vacations. He said staff drafted the new chapter to specify a process and procedure to move street vacations through and bring them forward to the City Council. The proposed ordinance was moved forward to the October 28, 2008 Meeting by Council consensus.

**At 5:59 p.m., Mayor Johnson recessed the Workshop for a five minute break. The meeting was reconvened at 6:10 p.m.**

6:10:28

5. **Discussion:** AB08-195 – Resolution 1895 – Designation of Holly Tree on Moriarty property as a Heritage Tree.

Community Services Director Gary Leaf said the Park Board unanimously approved the designation, which originated from a citizen request. He said the tree was analyzed by an arborist, and Winona Jacobsen did a lot of research on the tree. He said the tree should not be in the way of anything that is planned for the site in the future. He said there are a couple large maple trees that are estimated to be 65 years old that may be considered for Heritage Tree designation in the future. Director Leaf said if the Council chooses to apply the designation, the tree could not be removed by staff without Council approval. He also noted the holly tree across the street could be designated as a Heritage Tree, though it would be more difficult as that tree is located on private property. He said the City will install a plaque or sign, and could hold a ceremony during the 2009 Arbor Day celebration. Councilmember Hamilton suggested information be placed on the City website. City Administrator Morrison said information could be included in the next Bonney Lake Reporter as well.

6. **Executive Session:** None.

6:18:26

7. **Adjournment.**

**At 6:18 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

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Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC  
City Clerk

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Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

Items submitted to the Council meeting of October 21, 2008:

- City of Bonney Lake – *Poll To The People Of Ward-5, Bonney Lake, Washington 98391*  
– Councilmember Dan Decker.