

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**November 4, 2008
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES



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Call to Order:

Mayor Neil Johnson called the Workshop to order at 5:30 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:

5:31:01

1. **Council Open Discussion:**

City of Buckley Water Rights

Councilmember Bowen asked for an update on the City of Buckley’s potential water rights, which were discussed at a previous meeting. Public Works Director Grigsby said he received information that Buckley has water rights in South Prairie Creek that are not being utilized. He said Buckley is considering options to trade the water rights to gain Tacoma Public Utilities water service without paying System Development Charges. He said another issue is the City of Buckley’s water line from White River, which was built in the 1930s and will be very costly to replace. Councilmember Rackley asked Director Grigsby to provide details to the Community Development Committee for review.

5:33:12

2. **Review of Council Minutes:** October 21, 2008 Council Workshop and October 28, 2008 Council Meeting.

By consensus of the Council, the minutes were forwarded to the November 25, 2008 Council meeting for action with no corrections.

5:24:08

3. **Presentation:** Veterans Committee – Veterans Memorial.

David Colbeth introduced himself as a member of the Design Commission and president of the Greater Bonney Lake Veteran’s Memorial Committee (GBLVMC). He described the history of the committee and their work to review possible memorial sites

and designs. He said the group is awaiting 501(c)(3) non-profit tax status and has set up a website at www.gblvmc.org.

Mr. Colbeth said the GBLVMC worked with the Bonney Lake High School drafting team on designs, and is most interested in a star-shaped memorial square, with a wall or polished rock memorial. The Committee considered various sites around the city, and is especially interested in a parcel across from the Public Safety Building. City Administrator Morrison said the City learned that parcel was recently sold. Mr. Colbeth said they also considered installing a temporary memorial at the Public Safety Building. Another project the GBLVMC has discussed was to name a portion of Old Sumner Buckley Highway as a Memorial Drive. Public Works Director Grigsby said several city-owned parcels currently being used for stormwater retention will be available after the Regional Downtown Stormwater Pond is completed. Councilmember King suggested the City consider a site at Allen Yorke Park overlooking Lake Tapps.

Councilmember King thanked the GBLVMC for their work on this project and said he would actively work to get a memorial installed. He asked that the Committee be invited to report on their progress to the Council in the future. Mayor Johnson thanked the Committee for their time and asked Community Services Director Gary Leaf to keep the Council informed of any updates.

6:05:21

4. **Presentation:** Introduction of the 2009-2010 Biennial Budget.

City Administrator Morrison thanked Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez and Senior Accountant Kassandra Raymond for putting the preliminary budget together. The Council was provided with a summary sheet highlighting main points from the budget. Councilmembers received a copy of the proposed Biennial Budget to review. He said the proposed budget maintains the status quo without adding new projects, positions, or tax sources. Chief Financial Officer Juarez summarized the sections of the proposed budget and highlighted new items and formatting changes from the last budget. He asked Councilmembers to send their questions, comments, and revisions to him via email or bring them for discussion at the next Council Workshop. The City Administrator said the Public Hearing on the proposed budget begins at the November 18, 2008 Council Workshop, and the budget will remain listed as an agenda item until the Council approves the final budget.

Councilmember King praised staff for working long hours on the budget. He said this draft is very impressive compared with those the Council has received in the past. Mayor Johnson congratulated the CFO, Senior Account and City Administrator for keeping the budget on schedule and producing a high quality document. CFO Juarez thanked Senior Accountant Raymond, and said she put in a tremendous amount of time into the budget and is responsible for much of the content.

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5. **Executive Session:**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the City Council adjourned to an Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss property negotiations for five minutes. At 6:42 p.m. the Executive Session was extended 5 additional minutes. At 6:53 p.m. the Executive Session was extended 5 additional minutes. At 6:59 p.m. the Executive Session was extended 5 additional minutes. At 7:05 p.m. the Executive Session was extended 5 additional minutes. The Council meeting reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

7:10:28

6. **Adjournment.**

**At 7:10 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the meeting.
Councilmember King seconded the motion.**

Motion approved 7 – 0.

Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk

Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

Items submitted to the Council meeting of November 4, 2008:

- Bonney Lake Citizen – *Greater Bonney Lake Veteran’s Memorial Committee* – David Colbeth.
- City of Bonney Lake – *Budget Highlights Summary Sheet, 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget* – Don Morrison.
- City of Bonney Lake – *City of Bonney Lake Proposed Budget 2009-2010* – Don Morrison.