

**CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP**

**April 6, 2010
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES



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Location: City Hall Council Chambers, 19306 Bonney Lake Blvd., Bonney Lake.

I. Call to Order: Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call: [ALB]

Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Laurie Carter, Councilmember Dan Decker, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin and Councilmember James Rackley.

[Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Planning Manager Heather Stinson, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, Police Chief Mike Mitchell, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, City Attorney Jim Dionne and Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis.]

III. Agenda Items:

5:32:15

A. Discussion: AB10-18 – Ordinance D10-18 – An Ordinance of the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, to Allow Approval of a Single Cottage Housing Project as a Demonstration of a Housing Choice Not Currently Available in Bonney Lake.

Planning Manager Heather Stinson said the proposed ordinance is based on Planning Commission recommendations with amendments based on Council input and review by the City Attorney's office. The draft ordinance would set up a 180-day period for the City to accept applications for one single cottage development in the City. The ordinance requires neighborhood meetings, sets design requirements, and requires the development to be within ½-mile distance of SR 410.

Councilmembers discussed transit concerns, demonstration vs. permanent ordinances, and zoning. They stressed that if the Council decides to adopt permanent cottage development regulations, they would go through the full ordinance process and could incorporate any changes the Council desires. Planning Manager Stinson noted that the proposed ordinance allows twice the maximum density in R-1 zoned areas. She noted that developers would pay multi-family impact fee rates, and reduced Traffic Impact Fees. Councilmembers noted that the proposed ordinance does not allow for accessory dwelling units (ADU's), which are also not allowed in R-1 zoned areas. The item was forwarded to the April 13, 2010 Meeting for action.

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B. Council Open Discussion:

Community Garden & Dog Park: Mayor Johnson presented Councilmembers with a press release announcing a "trial" Community Garden and a "trial" Dog Park in the City. The trial garden will be located at 18424 89th St E, next to Lions 4 Kids, and

the trial dog park will be located at Viking Park. The City will provide some labor and water at the garden, but volunteer groups will handle most of the costs and management responsibilities. Mayor Johnson said that the City will monitor the sites and the Council can discuss options to find permanent sites for the park and garden after the one-year trial period. Councilmember Rackley said an advisor who has worked with Sumner and Orting on their community gardens is providing tips for the Food Shelf on how to manage the garden and avoid issues. Councilmember Carter suggested that the Dog Park group attend the Kiwanis Club Dog Days event on April 10th to provide information to the public.

Heritage Trees: Mayor Johnson said he received a proposal for heritage trees from the Willowbrook HOA. The HOA is completing the Heritage Tree application, which will be forwarded to the Park Board for review.

Transit Issues: Mayor Johnson said the City will take part in a meeting on April 15th with other area cities to discuss options for de-annexation from the Pierce Transit benefit area and manage their own transit systems. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he attended the Pierce Transit public meeting in Sumner, as did City Administrator Morrison and members of the Park Board and Planning Commission. He proposed that Pierce Transit return a portion of the RTA tax back to the City for use in providing local transit services. Councilmember Carter has written an editorial in the Tacoma News Tribune about the issue.

Family First Coalition & Local Schools: Councilmember Carter attended the White River School District Families First Coalition meeting. She said volunteers are needed for the summer feeding program, and those interested should contact the Food Bank. The food bank has seen a 60% increase in visitors. She said the Exodus House has funds available for the homeless and others who need assistance. She said the group is seeking funding for the May 2010 summit as well, and will hold its next meeting on April 26th. She said volunteers are needed to judge senior projects in White River School District on April 27-28, 2010, and in Sumner School District on May 19-20, 2010.

Upcoming Events: Councilmember Carter said the Kiwanis Club's 'Dog Days' event is Saturday, April 10th. The Kiwanis staffed the snack shack during the Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd, and will be participating in the Daffodil Parade as well. She said the group is accepting donations for a fund to assist area senior citizens.

Councilmember Carter said the March 27th Food Handler Card class was very well attended and a great opportunity for area residents to get certified. She said Parks Appreciation Day is April 24th and volunteers will work to clean up the WSU forest.

Sign Code: Mayor Johnson said City staff are working on a draft ordinance that would allow non-profit and civic groups to place signs in the right-of-way. The draft ordinance should be available for review at the April 20, 2010 Workshop.

New Judge and Commissioners: Councilmember Carter asked whether applicants for the Municipal Judge, Board and Commission openings were notified that the positions were filled. Mayor Johnson said he sends letters to board and commission applicants, and all the finalists for Municipal Court Judge were also notified.

Road Cleaning: Councilmember Carter noted that Myers Road has been cleaned of debris from the Corliss logging outside City limits. She said this issue might come up again when the WSU forest is cleared for development. She suggested that City ordinances or procedures could be amended to ensure roads are kept clear.

WSU Forest: Councilmember Hamilton thanked members from 'Rails to Trails' who helped clean up some areas of the WSU forest over the weekend. He said a lot of the litter was around the edge of the forest, next to parking lots for area businesses. He asked if the City could require businesses adjacent to the forest to clean up garbage from their businesses. Director Vodopich said the City is responsible for maintenance in the forest. He said he has previously worked with businesses to get their help keeping City parks clean and the City could talk with the business owners about options for garbage cans, etc. City Attorney Dionne noted that the businesses let the City access the park through their parking areas currently. Community Services Director Leaf said if the City places garbage cans near the forest edge, it would likely encourage illegal dumping.

Church Lake & Lake Tapps: Councilmember Hamilton said that in recent years, the City and local newspapers no longer refer to Church Lake, the original lake which is now the southern part of Lake Tapps. He suggested the City continue to use 'Church Lake' when referring to the lake, since the City's borders lie along the original lakeshore. He said the future for Lake Tapps is unclear and wants to maintain the Church Lake name as long as possible. Councilmembers suggested including the name on City maps and making a note of the historic name in the City newsletters.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said he attended a public hearing about milfoil on Lake Tapps. He said the Cascade Water Alliance may treat the lake later this year, which could close the lake to public use for a short period.

Green Conference: Deputy Mayor Swatman attended the 'Tacoma Green' conference at the University of Washington-Tacoma. The group discussed green jobs and buildings in the area. He said he thinks it is important for each city to do what works for them, not try to compare themselves to other cities.

Annexation Update: Deputy Mayor Swatman suggested the Council discuss potential future annexations at a future workshop. He said annexation creates costs for the City in the short term, but would be beneficial to the City and annexed areas in the long term. Councilmember Hamilton said he supports annexation, but is not convinced that now is a good time to consider annexing new areas. He said annexation could negatively affect utilities, public safety, and development in other parts of the City. Councilmember Rackley spoke in support of considering annexation. He noted that until the plateau area is annexed, the City does not receive any development fees or tax revenues for those areas. He said therefore it is better to annex the area sooner rather than later.

Public Art: Deputy Mayor Swatman asked whether the City was able to acquire any of the glass panels available from Pierce Transit for possible use as public art pieces at City facilities. Mayor Johnson said Special Events Coordinator David Wells picked up several panels, though not all the panels the Council was interested in were available. Deputy Mayor Swatman said a member of the Historic Society has

found a painting by a local artist that depicts a historic Bonney Lake scene. He suggested the City purchase the painting if the price is reasonable.

Council Salary: Councilmember Rackley said the last Council salary increase was in 1999. He said a salary commission could be activated if the Council is interested. Councilmember Lewis said it is healthy to compare the City’s salaries with others. Councilmember Decker said the Council should not consider a salary increase when City employees are taking unpaid furloughs. Councilmember Hamilton agreed, but said the Council could consider ways to compensate Councilmembers who serve on many outside boards and committees, as Councilmember Rackley does. He added that he feels the Mayor deserves better compensation, such as medical coverage or a salary increase. Councilmember Rackley noted that the City compensates Councilmembers for travel costs through the ‘claim for expenses’ process. Mayor Johnson thanked the Council for their support, and said the Finance Committee can discuss Council salaries again and determine if there is sufficient interest to move forward with an advisory committee.

At 6:47 p.m., Mayor Johnson recessed the Workshop for a short break. The Workshop was brought back to order at 6:56 p.m.

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- C. **Review of Draft Council Minutes:** February 27, 2010 Council Retreat Minutes, March 16, 2010 Workshop Minutes and March 23, 2010 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Carter asked that the Council’s goals and vision be attached to the February 27, 2010 Retreat minutes. The revised minutes were forwarded to the April 13, 2010 Council Meeting for action.

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- D. **Discussion:** AB 10-57 – A Motion of the Bonney Lake City Council Ratifying the Mayor’s Appointment of Winona Jacobsen, Katrina Minton-Davis, Richards Rawlings and Brad Doll to the Planning Commission, and Tom Kennedy to the Design Commission.

Mayor Johnson said he is reappointing several commissioners and appointing new commissioners to the Design and Planning Commissions. He said there is still a vacancy on the Design Commission, and two Park Board members’ terms end this month. He said he plans to discuss the format of the Park Board in the future.

Councilmember Decker moved to Ratify the Mayor’s Appointment of Winona Jacobsen, Katrina Minton-Davis, Richards Rawlings and Brad Doll to the Planning Commission, and Tom Kennedy to the Design Commission. Councilmember McKibbin seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

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- E. **Discussion:** AB10-52 – A Motion of the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake Setting a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M., or as Soon Thereafter as Possible, During the Regular Council Meeting of April 13, 2010 for the Surplus and Disposal of City Vehicles and City Utility Equipment.

City Administrator Morrison said the City is required to gain Council approval to surplus utilities equipment and other items over a certain value. The proposed motion

would set a Public Hearing for the surplus items at the April 13, 2010 Meeting. The resolution to surplus the items would be considered later at the same meeting.

Councilmember Carter moved to set a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible, during the regular Council Meeting of April 13, 2010 for the surplus and disposal of City vehicles and City utility equipment. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

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F. **Discussion:** AB10-62 – Resolution 2024 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington Approving an Agreement Between the Cities of Auburn, Bonney Lake, and Sumner, Washington; the Valley Regional Fire Authority; and Pierce County Fire District No. 22 Regarding Municipal Annexation.

Mayor Johnson said acting Sumner City Administrator Diane Supler drafted the proposed resolution. The agreement sets up a process for future annexations in any of the cities where boundaries may overlap between agencies. For Bonney Lake, it would apply to areas north of the City where services intersect and potential issues could arise. He said all the agencies plan to pass the agreement this month, and he hopes the Council will approve it at their April 13, 2010 Meeting.

Mayor Johnson added that a confirmation for the new judge, Ron Heslop, is scheduled for the April 13th Meeting. City Administrator Morrison said if Judge Heslop were approved he would be sworn in by outgoing Municipal Court Judge Jim Helbling at that meeting, and begin work on April 16th.

IV. **Executive Session:** None.

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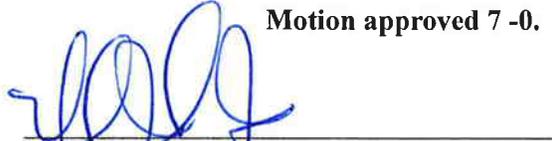
V. **Adjournment:**

At 7:05 p.m., Councilmember Decker moved to adjourn the workshop. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 -0.



Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items submitted to the Council Workshop of April 6, 2010:

- City of Bonney Lake – *City Council Update – Eastown ULA* – Public Works Director Dan Grigsby.
- City of Bonney Lake – *Sewer Fund Yearly/Monthly Cost per Customer* – Public Works Director Dan Grigsby.
- City of Bonney Lake – *Press Release: “Mayor Johnson announces the location and collaboration with local citizens to create a “trial” Dog Park and Community Garden* – Mayor Neil Johnson.