

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

*April 5, 2011
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:** [A 1.3]

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson 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 Randy McKibbin and Councilmember James Rackley. Councilmember Donn Lewis was absent.

[Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, Police Chief Mike Mitchell, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, and Administrative Specialist Shawn Campbell.]

Councilmember Decker moved to excuse Councilmember Lewis from attendance at the meeting. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

III. Agenda Items:

5:31:22

A. Presentation:

Dave Janis from Bicycle Alliance of Washington asked to postpone the presentation to later in the Workshop until Director Leaf arrived. By consensus, Council agreed to amend the agenda to move Open Discussion to item 1.

Finance Exit Audit: Councilmember Rackley said he attended the exit audit with the state auditors. He said the audit went well and congratulated the Finance Department. Director Juarez thanked the Finance Committee and said his staff has worked very hard over the last two years.

Justice Center Council Chambers: Deputy Mayor Swatman told Council that the dais at the Justice Center is curved. He said it is planned for the Council to sit at the dais for both Council Meetings and Workshops. Deputy Mayor Swatman thanked Assistant Fire Chief Barry Barquest for all his assistance in getting the Justice Center ready for occupants.

Community Development Committee: Councilmember Rackley said the CDC meetings are now being held on Tuesday in the City Hall Annex conference room at 4:00pm, before Council Workshops.

Bonney Lake Historical Society: Councilmember Hamilton said the Historical Society has compiled a book of Bonney Lake's history and is taking pre-orders for the books, which cost \$21.99 each. He suggested the City purchase books to send to state representatives.

Midtown Park Trail: Councilmember Hamilton distributed a packet with photos of the WSU Forest. He asked about an easement or a right-of-way through "the green gate" that surrounds the Pierce County storm water pond. He said it would make it easier for law enforcement and maintenance if the City could drive into the area. Director Grigsby said the road belongs to Pierce County as part of the right-of-way. Director Leaf said in the past the County has not been receptive to allowing the City access through the gates. He said if the City annexes both sides of the road then the City would acquire the storm water pond also. Mayor Johnson asked Director Vodopich to check with Weyerhaeuser to see if they had an easement through the gates.

Sky Island Home Owners Association: Councilmember Hamilton said the Council received a letter from the Sky Island HOA president, Ron Weigelt. He said the HOA is requesting trees planted on the steep slope. He asked if the HOA is aware that the slopes are the HOA's responsibility and liability. Director Vodopich said his office has been working with Mr. Weigelt, and he informed Mr. Weigelt the HOA must get a geological technical report before they can plant anything on the slope.

Families First Coalition: Councilmember Carter said the Coalition is having a Job Resource Fair at Daffodil Elementary on April 11, 2011 from 6:00 to 7:30pm sponsored by the Sumner-Bonney Lake Family Center. Councilmember Carter said that Lindquist Dental received two awards, one from the Boys and Girls Club and one from the Families First Coalition, for providing low or no cost dental care for children in the area.

Alcoholism Awareness Month: Councilmember Carter said April is Alcoholism Awareness month. She has provided fliers and handouts to the Police Department and the Court, and offered to send information to the other City buildings.

Bonney Lake Food Bank: Councilmember Carter said the Bonney Lake Food Bank is low on funds and food. She said the food bank will have a canned food drive later this month. She said the Puyallup Spring Fair will also be having a canned food drive on Saturday, April 16, 2011, in connection with a demonstration from Sandra Lee from the Food Network.

Abatement: Councilmember Carter suggested when a citizen obtains a demolition permit some of the funds go into an abatement fund.

Lake Tapps Plan: Councilmember Carter said the Public Safety Committee reviewed Cascade Water Alliances' Lake Tapps Plan. She said the City has already completed many of the recommendations from the plan. She said the committee will provide a

fact sheet to the Executive Department. Mayor Johnson thanked Director Grigsby for his hard work on this project.

City Boards and Commissions: Mayor Johnson said the City has received enough applications to fill the Park Board, Planning Commission and Design Commission vacancies. City Administrator Morrison said the appointments are on the next Council meeting agenda.

Parking at the Justice Center: Councilmember Carter asked about proper parking in the street and overflow parking around the Justice Center. Director Vodopich said citizens can park on the south side of 90th St. He said when court notices are sent out they will include a flyer giving people the option of parking at the park and ride or the gravel lot behind the Annex. He said the flyer also reminds people not to park in the Grocery Outlet parking lot or the lots of the office building next to the Justice Center. City Administrator Morrison said the City is still working on getting an easement through to the gravel parking lot behind the Annex.

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B. **Presentation:** Safe Routes to School Education Program – Safety Audits.

Community Services Director Leaf said the education portion of the Safe Routes to School project is complete. He said the Bicycle Alliance has completed the bicycle and walking audits of the area schools, and the full report is available on the City website.

Dave Janis from the Bicycle Alliance presented the audit findings to the Council. He said the purpose of the audit is to see how safe the area schools are regarding walking and riding bikes to and from school. He said studies have shown that children who exercise before school do better in school. He said the areas that have been identified for improvement are connectivity, safety, accessibility and routes to and from the schools. He said there has been a high level of interest and enthusiasm from students and parents. He said the City could add the recommendations to their non-motorized transportation plan in order to apply for grant funding. Mr. Janis thanked Director Leaf for his support and hard work.

6:21:35

C. **Review of Council Minutes:** March 15, 2011 Council Workshop, and March 22, 2011 Council Meeting

The minutes were forwarded to the April 12, 2011 Meeting for Council action with no changes.

6:21:52

D. **Discussion:** Eastown ULA Process.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said the Finance Committee reviewed this item, and suggested 5% as a substantial contribution from property owners. Councilmember Hamilton said the language is unclear, and he wants to know where the balance of the money from the City is coming from. He said he would want to make sure that the other important projects in the City will not suffer and that sewer rates will not increase. He asked if this ULA would set a precedent for future developers. City Attorney Dionne said he did not believe this would set a precedent. He said the contribution could not be de minimis. He believed the City could support the 5% contribution as being substantial. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked if the easements

could count as a citizen's contribution. City Attorney Dionne said if not all land owners are expected to provide an easement then it could be considered as part of their contribution, but if a land owner contributed land for something bigger such as the lift station, that could be considered as part of that land owner's contribution. City Administrator Morrison said the City is working on a new ordinance to lay out all the requirements for developer extension agreements. Director Grigsby said once the preliminary costs are put forward, then the City can make a decision to either move forward or not. He said after the project is finished the City would then update the cost to establish a ULA. He said some of the projects scheduled are a higher priority than the Eastown sewers and some are lower. He said the City will need to work with the bonding company and figure out how far the City wants to go into debt and if the SDC charges will cover the cost of the debt service payment. He asked if the build out of the Eastown sewers would be a benefit to all citizens and if a fee could be added to all citizens' sewer bills. Councilmember Rackley said this is the time to move forward with this project. He said building in this economy will save the City money. He said he is encouraged by the sale of Cascadia and the WSU Medical Building. Deputy Mayor Swatman said the City needs to put an offer forward to the property owners and see if the property owners want to move forward.

Mayor Johnson left the meeting at 6:45pm.

6:48:41 **IV. Executive Session:** RCW 42.30.110(i) – The Council recessed to an executive session with the City Attorney at 6:48p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss potential litigation. The meeting resumed at 7:08pm.

III. Agenda Items: (continued)

7:08:38 **E. Discussion** Appeal of Pierce County Boundary Review Board Decision on Comprehensive Urban Growth Area Annexation.

Councilmember Rackley moved to suspend the rules and allow item 5, Appeal of Pierce County Boundary Review Board Decision on Comprehensive Urban Growth Area Annexation, to be added to the agenda as an action item. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

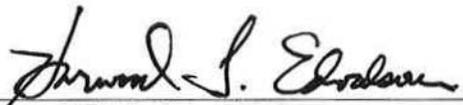
Councilmember Decker moved to approve the motion for the City Attorney to appeal the Pierce County Boundary Review Board Decision on Comprehensive Urban Growth Area Annexation. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

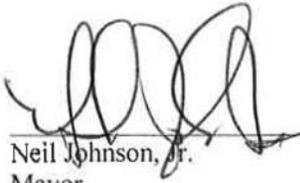
Motion approved 6 – 0.

7:09:49 **V. Adjournment:**

At 7:09 p.m. Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the Workshop. Councilmember McKibbin seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved 6 – 0.


Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk


Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items submitted to Council at the April 5, 2011 Workshop:

- City of Bonney Lake –Midtown Park Plan – Councilmember Hamilton.