

## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

February 19, 2013  
5:30 P.M.

### MINUTES



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**Location:** Bonney Lake Justice Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the workshop to order at 5:31 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. Elected officials attending were Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr., Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis, Councilmember Jim Rackley, Councilmember Donn Lewis, and Councilmember Tom Watson.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, Police Chief Dana Powers, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, and Administrative Specialist II Renee Cameron.

**III. AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Council Open Discussions:**

Chamber of Commerce Luncheons. Councilmember Watson said he attended the Bonney Lake Chamber's Luncheon and they had a great presentation about the Four Seasons Mechanical Works and their toy rescue program. He said the Four Seasons Mechanical Works is having an Open House next Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. He also attended the Auburn Chamber of Commerce luncheon and Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis did a great presentation about development in Auburn. Auburn received 26 grants last year for city projects, as well as continuing renovations to the Auburn Supermall. Councilmember Hamilton asked if the City has committed staff who attended the Chamber luncheons, Mayor Johnson said that Councilmembers Watson and Rackley usually attend, as well as himself or City Administrator Morrison on occasion.

Little Caesar's Pizza. Councilmember Watson said he wanted to follow up with a letter he sent regarding concerns with the Little Caesar's Pizza permitting. Mayor Johnson asked Community Development Director Vodopich if he wanted to provide any update from an email that the Council received earlier today. Mayor Johnson said staff make sure businesses and citizens are taken care of and he appreciates hearing about concerns either the Chamber or others may have so they can be investigated. He said City codes have to be upheld, unless they are changed. He said first and foremost he wants to make sure that City staff are cordial and follow up with issues and concerns. Councilmember Watson said he will get in touch with those involved so they are aware of where the City is coming from.

Council Retreat Facilitator. City Administrator Morrison said he provided a memo to the Council regarding retreat facilitators who are available to assist with the Council Retreat. Council briefly discussed the two qualified facilitators and City Administrator Morrison said he will contact them to confirm their availability for the March 30<sup>th</sup> Council Retreat.

Damaged Street Signs. Councilmember Rackley asked if there is any way to protect the street signs that are constantly knocked over. He wondered if cementing them in would be beneficial. Public Works Director Grigsby said that the majority of the signs are metal posts with anchors and a number of the damaged signs were just replaced this weekend. He said they looked like they were snapped-off; however, the signs are designed to bend over instead of pulling out of the ground. Mayor Johnson asked Chief of Police Powers to check with Pierce County about damaged street signs that they've encountered, and whether they contact the City as a courtesy when they notice a City sign that has been damaged.

**B. Review of Council Minute:** February 5, 2013 Workshop, and February 12, 2013 Meeting.

The February 5, 2013 Workshop, and February 12, 2013 Meeting minutes were forwarded to the February 26, 2013 Council Meeting for action, with three minor corrections noted by Councilmembers Lewis and Watson.

**C. Discussion:** Changes to City Building Names.

City Administrator Morrison reviewed the survey that was sent to the City's employees and the Council regarding the changes to the City building names. He said there was strong consensus to rename the old City Hall the "Public Works Center." He said there was not as much consensus regarding the renaming of the Justice Center. He said the top choice was to rename the Justice Center the "Justice & Municipal Center." Mayor Johnson asked whether a resolution would be required for the renaming of the City's buildings. City Administrator Morrison said the City never passed a naming policy resolution, though a draft had been done in the past. He said that the draft resolution laid out how the City would name streets, parks, buildings, etc., and in order for a building to be named after a person that individual would have to make a substantial contribution..

Mayor Johnson said that if the top choices are used, the old City Hall would become the Public Works Center (PWC), and the Justice Center would become the Justice & Municipal Center (JMC). Councilmember Hamilton said his only concern with the choice of the JMC is there is no official City Hall. Councilmembers Minton-Davis and Lewis agreed with Councilmember Hamilton.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said he would not put an official name on the Justice Center, because if the City chooses to build a downtown core or a Civic Campus later then the public may take issue with it if the City already has a "City Hall" downtown.

Councilmember Hamilton said that the Historical Society could help with finding a particular person(s) who has served the community in the City's history. Mayor Johnson said if the Council wants to consider a historical name that it should be a process that would work itself through. City Administrator Morrison said the draft naming policy stated that a name should reflect the building's functionality. Councilmember Minton-Davis said she likes the idea of eventually giving the building a name with a historical background.

**D. Discussion: Park Board Work Plan.**

Deputy Mayor Swatman said he would like to have Council discussion about implementing a Park Board Work Plan. Councilmember Minton-Davis said she thinks the Park Board could look at a park fee or use fee at Allan Yorke Park. She said that a lot of police hours are spent at Allan Yorke Park during the summer months and many of the visitors at the Park are not City residents. She said she also thought that there could be an increase on the boat launch use fee. Mayor Johnson advised that this issue is currently at the Finance Committee for consideration.

Councilmember Lewis agreed with Councilmember Minton-Davis and he said as the Safe Swim Program is implemented and other improvements are made at the Park he believes there will be even more visitors to the park. Park Board Chair Jim Bouchard was present and said he received e-mails regarding the boat launch fees, and some issues the Safety Committee was looking at regarding the fees at the Lake Tapps North Park, which is owned by the County. Park Board Chair Bouchard said he will add the park fee or use fee for Allan Yorke Park to the Park Board's agenda. He said there will be a lot of issues for the Park Board to consider, especially if the Council wanted them implemented before this summer.

Councilmember Hamilton said he spoke with some residents who were frustrated with the City in regards to the Allan Yorke Park boat launch. He said residents already have issues during busy summer weekends, and they want to know how the City can handle a larger capacity of visitors and boats. Mayor Johnson said that eventually as it becomes more populated that the City will have to consider putting a maximum number of daily launches and that the bollards would stay up after the maximum has been reached.

Park Board Chair Bouchard asked about the new proposed development for the Park Place Apartments, and how this new development would impact traffic at Allan Yorke Parke. He said obviously there will be impact as this new development would allow for a marina, with three docks and approximately 20-25 boat slips. Community Development Director Vodopich said there is a public hearing of the Planning Commission on April 14, 2013 regarding the Park Place Apartments Project.

**E. Discussion: AB13-23 –Resolution 2249 – Emergency Phone for Allan Yorke Park.**

Administrative Services Director Edvalson said there is no update to the proposed resolution which has been before the Council previously. He said the item is before the Council as an unbudgeted purchase. He advised that the current quote is not necessarily the final total amount for the project.

Councilmember Lewis said he thinks it is a great idea to have an emergency phone at Allan Yorke Park not just for the swim area, but also for the ball fields, skateboard park, and other events that happen in the area.

Mayor Johnson asked staff to firm up the bid and proceed with the emergency phone as part of the Swim Safe Program.

**F. Discussion: AB13-35 – Ordinance D13-35 – Amending the Municipal Code related to Fireworks.**

Community Development Director Vodopich said this is basically a housekeeping ordinance regarding state law changes and the number of permits the City will issue. This ordinance would clean up the process for applications for permits for sale of fireworks within the City limits. He said last year the City received more applications for permits than the City would allow. He said if this ordinance was enacted that it would not take effect for at least one year.

City Attorney Haggard said this ordinance would amend the practice of how the permit applications are received, to be on a first come, first served basis. Otherwise, the City could receive all of the applications, process them and then have the permits selected by a lottery. Councilmember Minton-Davis asked about the one year effective date of the ordinance and when the ordinance would apply to permit applications. Community Development Director said that this ordinance would not impact applications until 2015.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked in which zones firework stands could be established. Community Development Director Vodopich said basically they are allowed in all commercial zones that allow retail sales.

**G. Discussion: AB13-36 –Resolution 2284 - Refinancing the Municipal Debt.**

City Administrator Morrison said that this is a continuation of the discussion and presentation by Senior Advisor Jim Nelson at the February 5, 2013 Council Workshop. The proposed resolution would declare the City's intent to reimburse certain capital expenditures from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds or other obligations. He said he felt that there was a consensus from Council to proceed with the refinancing of the municipal debt and to possibly add a bit of new money to reimburse the funds, or if an opportunity came up to obtain any of the remaining properties needed to complete the Civic Center, or other needs that the City has on its list. He said he thought at the most new money to consider would be \$500,000 - \$1,000,000. He said if the City wanted a back up generator for the Justice Center it will be quite expensive, so that is an item to consider using funds for. He said another need is the key card system for the Justice Center, which is also costly. He said the list of seven items on Page 38 of the agenda packet are items to be considered potential uses for additional new money should Council choose to do so.

Councilmember Lewis said the key card system is a good option because it is cheaper than having to replace locks and/or keys and the system tracks who is coming in and out of the building and what access is being used.

Councilmember Rackley said the only reason to take out additional funds is to take advantage of historically low interest rates. He said it's a risk for the City but he believes now is the time to consider taking a loan with the low interest rates. Mayor Johnson said should Council choose to proceed with additional new money in the refinance, he doesn't want to take too large of a loan. He said he thinks that the keycard system is an important use of the additional new funds.

Councilmember Hamilton said the only potential use of additional new money he sees as necessary would be \$200,000 for the Phase II Justice Center Improvements Project. He said he also likes the idea of the key card system but he does not want to see the City take out additional loans new money of more than \$200,000. Councilmembers Hamilton, Watson, Minton-Davis, McKibbin and Lewis thought that \$200,000 was a reasonable amount.

Deputy Mayor Swatman agreed with Councilmember Rackley that since the interest rate is so low he thinks the City should get the money while it is available, and there are items that the City may wish to expend on capital improvement projects and other items in the future.

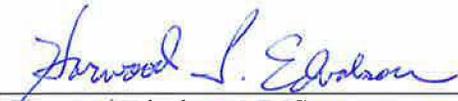
Mayor Johnson said if the City doesn't expend the monies in three years then penalties are incurred. He said if another option comes to their attention then they can review and discuss it for consideration. Councilmember McKibbin asked if there will be other time to consider the City's needs and Mayor Johnson advised that there will be.

**IV. Executive Session:** None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 6:35 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the Council Workshop.  
Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.**

**Motion to adjourn approved 7-0.**

  
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Harwood Edvalson, MMC  
City Clerk

  
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Neil Johnson, Jr.  
Mayor

Items presented to Council for the February 19<sup>th</sup> Workshop: *None*