

**SPECIAL JOINT CITY  
COUNCIL / PARK BOARD  
AND CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP**

**March 18, 2014  
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 Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis Councilmember Jim Rackley, and Councilmember Tom Watson.

Park Board Commissioners: Commissioner Jim Bouchard - Chair, Commissioner Chauntelle Hellner-Vice-Chair, Commissioner Jamie Trejo, , Commissioner Randi Riesenbergl, Commissioner Scott Anderson, and Commissioner Todd Haueter. Commissioner Terry Reid was not in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, City Engineer John Woodcock, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Chief of Police Dana Powers, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, Senior Planner Jason Sullivan, Facilities & Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, and Administrative Specialist II Renee Cameron.

**III. AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. Discussion:** AB14-33 – Joint meeting with City Council and the Park Board to discuss a work plan for the Board.

Mayor Johnson welcomed everyone and stated that the Council desire to meet annually with the Park Board ("Board") to discuss a potential work plan for the Board.

Park Board Chair Bouchard advised that he handed out the Park Board's 2014-2015 Biennium Work/Action Plan and stated that since the Board's formation the Board has discussed the desires of the Administration and Council, and items that have been referred to the Board for review and recommendation. He stated the Board's frustrations in making recommendations when the Board is unaware of the funding for some of the proposed projects. He believes that by the Council and the Board working together the City will be able to put some projects in place for the residents and community to see development of some park plans.

Mayor Johnson advised Chair Bouchard that financial funding of projects is not the Board's concern and he and the Council will review the Board's proposed suggestions to their submitted Work Plan. Commissioner Anderson said the Board doesn't believe there has been clear communication from the Council in which direction the Board should be concentrating on. Councilmember Minton-Davis said she understands the Board's concern as the Planning Commission previously had similar issues until a work plan was established.

Councilmember Rackley said his concern is getting an understanding as to what the Board's most desirable project is and would like to have the Board advise them what their priorities are. Chair Bouchard said he believes the number one priority on the Council's suggestions is funding Mid-Town and Allan Yorke Park, but believes the reason the Metropolitan Park District ("MPD") failed was because there was no definitive projects as to what the funds would be used for. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he believes the voters just did not want to spend any money and he believes that is why the MPD failed. Chair Bouchard spoke regarding funding and establishing sub-categories as to which projects will be funded and with what monies. Deputy Mayor Swatman advised that there are no dedicated funds for any specific projects. Commissioner Anderson said he would like to have some criteria for setting project priorities.

Mayor Johnson said he wants to see the joint meeting be successful and wants to see the Council and Board give more definition as to criteria and projects to review and make recommendations on. He understands some of these projects are years out before there is funding for completion, but would like the Board's recommendation, without concern where specific project funds would come from. He said he'll look to the Council to find the priorities to seek recommendations from the Board.

Councilmember Watson advised the Board Commissioners that Council are always researching and reviewing options throughout the City to resolve any small issues that may affect a project in hopes to assist with making future projects easier to succeed. Chair Bouchard said he would like to take the suggestions of the Council to assure that the Board provides a thorough recommendation. He would like to get an opinion from Council for each project on the Work Plan and what has been considered to date so that previous efforts are not duplicated and believes it would assist the Board to research the pros and cons of each suggested project. Co-Chair Hellner said the Board understands its role is to make the review and make a recommendation on a project to Council and that that it's their role. She stated that the Board is passionate about their role and recommendations, but the Board understands that once a recommendation is made to the Council that the Board has to let it go from there and it is then up to Council whether to choose to move forward with a project.

Mayor Johnson provided an update as to the status of the Park Board's recommendation regarding the disc golf proposal, which was a recommendation the Board had inquired about. Commissioner Riesenbergh asked the Mayor and Council how best to relay to the Mayor and Council their needs for further information and or making recommendations. Mayor Johnson advised that the Board can bring forward their recommendations to the Council on a quarterly basis for the Council to then review and consider the recommendations. Commissioner Anderson asked about the Council's direction as to what the Board should be considering in their recommendations and to what criteria are the Board making those decisions. Mayor Johnson reminded the Board that they make recommendations and not decisions. Councilmember Watson told the Board that when a recommendation is received by the Council he wants the Board to know the Council does consider and appreciate all the hard work the Board has put into their reviews and recommendations prior to Council making a decisions on the Board's recommendations. Councilmember Hamilton said the MPD vote brought clarity and gave direction to the City and he said with the failure of the MPD it sent the Council a message about what the voters of the City want. He suggested the Board use their work plan and talk with their neighbors and the voters and find out what want type of City projects they would propose funding, and said he wants/needs to see "buy-in" from the voters for proposed projects. Commissioner Anderson said a wish list doesn't make a lot of sense if there is no money

to make the necessary purchases for a project. Councilmember Lewis to be successful, said it will take stakeholders for sponsored events and activities to support and assist with smaller projects. He said a grant would be great for the City, however, a grant has to have an established purpose. Commissioner Haueter said he is glad to see this joint meeting occurring, however, he believes the Board's biggest concern is the miscommunication between the Council and the Board and said the Board is concerned about the funding of the projects. He understands it's not the Board's role to figure out the funding for a project, but said the Board cannot help but take funding into consideration as to whether a project is financially possible. Councilmember Hamilton said he understands Commissioner Haueter's and the Board's concerns regarding the funding aspects. Councilmember Watson said if the Board submits positive recommendations on projects then the Council can look further into funding and grant applications. Deputy Mayor Swatman spoke regarding the Moriarty property and different efforts that the Board may be able to review and make a recommendations on.

Chair Bouchard said when the City was first envisioned there was a plan. He said now there is the City's plan, the Board's plan, and an overall plan. He is concerned that if new day plans come up that the previous plans would not remain a priority. He would like to see Council take action on recommendations. Mayor Johnson advised that if Council approve of a recommendation then they will move forward, however, they cannot make a project move forward, if a proposal does not have proper funding.

Chair Bouchard asked what the next step is and suggested that the Board review and mesh their Work/Action Plan with Administration's Work Plan and then have the Board get back with the Council and their recommendation of an agreed Work Plan. Mayor Johnson agreed and said the Council will look forward to working with the Board to get an approved plan. Councilmember Minton-Davis said she understands the Board's frustrations and asked the Board to work through the review and make their recommendations. Commissioner Anderson said he appreciates Councilmember Minton-Davis' suggestions and said having an approved plan will be very beneficial to moving forward. He said consistency will keep the City from having a disarray of projects and by having consistency the City will have one large successful park plan.

Councilmember Hamilton suggested having a separate City/Park Board booth at Bonney Lake Days to allow discussion with City residents and voters solely regarding parks to gather their ideas. Councilmember Watson thanked the Board for all of their hard work and he said he looks forward to the Council and Board working together to adopt a work plan. Councilmember Lewis also thanked the Board and wanted them to know that the Council listens to the Board's meetings and read the minutes and that Council truly appreciates the passion of the Board.

Chair Bouchard said he appreciated the meeting and wants the Council to know he is passionate about the Board's work and he said, if the Council doesn't hear from him and the Board, then something is wrong. Deputy Mayor Swatman mentioned some of the projects that the Board has recommended moving forward on, and which have been very successful projects and events, and he is looking forward to seeing some Council decisions made regarding projects the Board has recommended throughout the City.

Mayor Johnson said the proposed work plans will be reviewed and merged together to develop a complete work plan. He said upon adoption of a Board work plan, the Board will report back to the Council quarterly as to the status of projects being reviewed and recommendations made.

**\*\* End of Special Joint City Council/Park Board Meeting Workshop \*\***  
**Followed by Regular Council Workshop Items.**

**Mayor Johnson adjourned the Special Joint Park Board / City Council Meeting at 6:42 p.m., recessed for 10 minutes and called the City Council Workshop to order at 6:53 p.m.**

**B. Council Open Discussion.**

Bonney Lake High School Culinary Arts Contest State Win. Councilmember Lewis said the Bonney Lake High School Culinary Team won the State ProStart Invitational on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and they will now compete at the National ProStart Invitational to be held May 3-5 in Minnesota. He said the winning teams will win full ride scholarships to culinary institutes.

Bonney Lake High School Senior Presentations. Councilmember Lewis said Bonney Lake High School will be asking Councilmembers and City staff to sit in on their Senior Presentations on May 21, 2014. He said for those interested in assisting that they can either contact him, or Administrative Services Department staff to coordinate with Bonney Lake High School.

Families First Coalition. Councilmember Lewis said he went to the White River School District's Families First Coalition at the Buckley Fire Station on February 24<sup>th</sup>, and the next meeting will be March 24<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:00. He said at the past meeting they discussed the bike lending program and he said the Coalition received a grant for funding to get this program off.

Fennel Creek Habitat Committee. Councilmember Lewis said the Fennel Creek Habitat Committee will meet on April 10<sup>th</sup>, May 8<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Bonney Lake Library from 6-9 p.m. He advised that Marian Betzer is no longer the Chair of the Committee, and they are seeking a new Chair with as much passion as Marian Betzer has shown.

Job Fair. Councilmember Lewis thanked Councilmember McKibbin for assisting him with the April 15, 2014 Job Fair flyer notification. Councilmember McKibbin also thanked the Administrative Services Department staff for their assistance.

Communities for Families Coalition - 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Summit. Councilmember Watson reminded Council that the Serve Big 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Summit will be held on March 20, 2014 at Mountain View Middle School. He said there are three projects that they are working on and encouraged attendance.

Death by Chocolate Murder Mystery. Councilmember Watson said the Lions Club Death by Chocolate Murder Mystery is this weekend and he appreciates the donations being received and said it will be a great event and that a table has been reserved for the Council. He also spoke regarding the Big Give eyeglasses fundraiser.

Ropes Course/Disc Golf Course. Councilmember Watson said he would like to discuss a ropes course or a possible disc golf course at a future Workshop. He believes with all of the groups working together that it could definitely be a successful project. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked if there is a draft proposal for Council and the City Attorney to review. Councilmember Watson said a draft proposal is being distributed to the Council.

**C. Review of Council Minutes:** February 18, 2014 Council Workshop, February 25, 2014 Council Meeting, and March 11, 2014 Council.

The minutes were forwarded to the March 25, 2014 Council Meeting for action, with minor corrections.

**D. Presentation:** 2013 Annual Bonney Lake Municipal Court Report.

Municipal Court Judge Ronald Heslop and Court Administrator Kathy Seymour provided a presentation regarding the 2013 Annual Bonney Lake Municipal Court Report and advised that they wanted to give the Council an overview of what services the Municipal Court provides. Judge Heslop summarized the power point presentation and praised the Court staff for the amazing job his staff and the Bonney Lake Police Department do. Questions and suggestions were raised by Mayor Johnson and Councilmembers regarding the probation work crews and women prisoners and Judge Heslop responded accordingly. The agenda item was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

**E. Discussion:** AB14-36 – Ordinance D14-36 – Amendments to Chapter 2.26 BLMC - Planning Commission.

Senior Planner Jason Sullivan summarized the agenda bill regarding the proposed revisions to the Bonney Lake Municipal Code regarding the rules for appointing Planning Commissioners and the powers of the Planning Commission. He said it is basically a housekeeping ordinance. Deputy Mayor Swatman had a question regarding Section C of the ordinance and whether 12 meetings a year are truly necessary, and another question regarding the Planning Commission Chair being able to vote. He said if a Commissioner is silent on a vote then that is considered a yes vote. This items was forward to the March 25, 2014 Council Meeting for action.

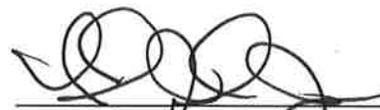
**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 7:37 p.m., Councilmember Lewis moved to adjourn the Council Workshop. Councilmember Watson 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 March 18, 2014 Special Joint City Council/Planning Commission Workshop:

- Jim Bouchard, Park Board Chair – *Bonney Lake Park Board 2014-2015 Biennium Work/Action Plan*
- Judge Ronald Heslop/Katheryn Seymour, Court Administrator – *Court Report*

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