

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING - RETREAT**

**January 25, 2014
9:00 A.M.**

MINUTES



The City of Bonney Lake's Mission is to protect the community's livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services.

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Location: C.I. Shenanigans, 3017 Ruston Way, Tacoma, Washington – Executive Boardroom.

I. CALL TO ORDER – The City Council and staff were gathered for breakfast at 8:30 a.m., however, no city business was discussed as a group prior to the start of the special meeting. The special meeting was formally called to order by Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. at 9:00 a.m.

A. Roll Call: Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson noted the attendance of the following elected officials: 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.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Assistant Public Works Director Charlie Simpson, Facilities and Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf (morning session only) and Special Event Coordinator David Wells (morning session only).

In addition to the above, Park Board Chairperson Jim Bouchard attended the morning session.

II. AGENDA ITEMS: The meeting agenda was reordered and some items combined as reflected in the list of agenda items which follows below.

A. Retreat Expectations: Councilmembers were asked to briefly express their expectations for the retreat. The majority touched upon establishing direction for short-term parks development/projects. Also discussed were continued development of the Downtown, Midtown and Easttown areas, creation of a youth center and long-term funding for parks planning and development.

B. Parks Planning: City Administrator Morrison introduced the discussion by describing the need for consensus building within the community, particularly to garner support for some type of parks bond to fund park development. Councilmembers discussed the topic. A majority consensus formed around the desire to accomplish some smaller projects over the next 2 years which could be funded from existing reserves. The hope was expressed that by seeing action in the parks, the public will have firm examples of progress and wish to consider further progress by supporting parks bonds.

The Council took a fifteen minute break and resumed the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

C. Short-term Parks Projects: Mayor Johnson asked the City Council to identify their top parks-related projects for the next one to three year period. The Council went through a process of ranking the suggested projects and identified the following top four:

1. A picnic area and parking lot in Midtown Park;

2. A ropes course for the Midtown Park;
 3. Development of a Mid-town Pocket Park behind the market at Lake Tapps; and
 4. Open a leased community center in Midtown.
- D. Short-term Council Goals: The City Council was invited to identify short-term (1-3 years) goals for the City. The same process of ranking the goals was used to produce the following:
1. Open a community center;
 2. Install a sidewalk on Veterans Memorial Drive connecting Locust and Angeline;
 3. Complete the sale of the city property on 192nd Ave E. north of Junction 192; and
 4. Improve the city's credit rating to AAA.
- E. Review of Prior Council Goals: The City Council was provided a list of goals established previously by the City Council which have not yet been completed. By earlier survey, the Council gave their opinions as whether these goals should be retained, modified or deleted. The goals the Council chose to retain are as follows:
1. Develop a closer working relationship with the Chamber of Commerce;
 2. Develop a suitable location for a historical museum;
 3. Complete acquisition of remaining parcels for the Civic Center;
 4. Increase funding sources to implement the non-motorized transportation plan;
 5. Coordinate with Chamber of Commerce for local streetscape improvements;
 6. Update the emergency management plan and establish reserves for 2-3 days operations;
 7. Develop a public works center;
 8. Build a coalition for support of long-term comprehensive parks planning; and
 9. Annex the County Urban Growth Area.

The City Council took a lunch break at 12:15 p.m. and resumed retreat discussion at 1:25 p.m.

- F. Review of Council Long-term Goals: The City Council discussed prior long-term goals and added new items to the list for discussion. The following are the long-term goals reaffirmed or established by the Council at this retreat:
1. Develop a community recreation center;
 2. Square up the city limits along north and south sides of SR410, east of 214th;
 3. Preserve space for a future Bonney Lake animal shelter;
 4. Pursue funding for the 192nd Avenue corridor project;
 5. Automate/manage city records; digitize existing paper records;
 6. Acquire remaining downtown properties and construct a civic center;
 7. Work with stakeholders to build the Rhodes Lake Road corridor project;
 8. Maximize commercial development areas and land uses;
 9. Annex the Kelly Farm area with appropriate preservation restrictions;
 10. Perfect City water rights;
 11. Obtain a water right in the White River Basin;
 12. Acquire right of first refusal on purchase of Lake Tapps area HOA parks;
 13. Improve interconnectivity between neighborhoods and commercial areas; and
 14. Develop the Victor Falls Park.

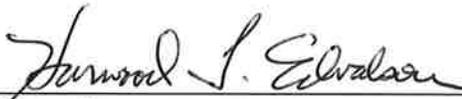
- G. Public Works Center: The City Council discussed the proposed development of the Public Works Center and expressed majority consensus support for development of the material storage site first and then the public works administrative center building on the old Compass Pointe site with no immediate access to SR410.

The City Council took a break in their discussions at 3:25 p.m. starting again at 3:45 p.m.

- H. General Council Discussion: The City Council discussed these items and provided direction to staff on the following:
1. Agenda bills will typically require a councilmember sponsor, unless submitted under the Mayor's authority;
 2. The "Other Reports" section of the regular council meeting agenda will be used for reports where councilmembers are reporting as official representatives of the Council. Items of general interest to the Council or intended for public information will either be handled under "Announcements" if submitted to the Mayor prior to the meeting or as part of the "Open Discussion" section of Council workshops; and
 3. Staff is encouraged to look for more creative ways to use social media to get the City's message out to the public.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

At approximately 4:00 p.m., the City Council adjourned the meeting by common consent.



Harwood Edvalson, MMC
City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the January 25, 2014 Special Meeting:

- Councilmember Randy McKibbin, City of Bonney Lake – *Mid-Town Pocket Park (MTPP)*.

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