

## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

April 7, 2015  
5:30 P.M.

### MINUTES



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

- I. Call to Order** –Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call:** Administrative Specialist II Renee Cameron called the roll. In addition to Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, elected officials attending were Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Councilmember James Rackley, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis was absent from the workshop. Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. arrived to the Workshop at 5:39 p.m.

**Councilmember Watson moved to excuse Councilmember Minton-Davis' absence. Councilmember McKibbin seconded the motion.**

**Motion to excuse  
Councilmember Minton-Davis'  
absence approved 6 – 0.**

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson, Police Chief Dana Powers, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, and Administrative Specialist II Renee Cameron.

**III. Agenda Items:**

- A. Review of Draft Minutes:** March 17, 2015 Workshop, and March 24, 2015 Meeting.

The March 17, 2015 Workshop and March 24, 2015 Meeting minutes were forwarded to the April 14, 2015 Meeting for action, with minor corrections.

- B. Tabled for further discussion on 3/24/15:** AB15-36 – Ordinance D15-36 – Amending Chapter 5.08 of BLMC and the Corresponding Portions Of Ordinance Nos. 1236 and 1256 Related To Business Licenses.

Deputy Mayor Swatman thanked the Council for having further discussion on this issue. He spoke regarding his concerns in reviewing the number of businesses that do business in the City that do not have businesses and how onerous it would be for staff to track these businesses down. He said these businesses pay sales tax to conduct their business, regardless of whether they have a City business license. He suggested leaving the strike out in the proposed amendment to BLMC Section 5.08(C), but to include the words "or performing permitted activities", to capture more revenue. He said he spoke with the Master Builders Association who said it would not be unusual for them, or their subcontractors, to be required to have a business license to do business within the City. Councilmember Rackley stated his concerns, but said he feels that if a business is conducting a lot of business in the City, then he believes it should pay a fee. He said it costs money to operate the City and feels a small fee is appropriate. Deputy Mayor Swatman said Council have made changes to City regulations to

provide for a better business climate. He thinks the real driver behind changing regulations should be to enhance businesses, not drive them away. Councilmember Watson said doesn't see what it would hurt to require a business license. Chief Financial Officer Gibson who advised that by adding "or" that it would exclude e-tailer businesses like Amazon. Councilmember Watson asked if the City will be reconsidering in the future whether to bring business licensing back in house. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he spoke with Chief Financial Officer Gibson said since the State charges nothing to oversee business licensing that she doesn't see the need to bring it back in-house. She said her biggest concern is the amount of money the City is leaving on the table by not charging internet businesses for a City business license. City Administrator Morrison said basically the proposed amendment would be to require businesses that require a permit, and it would capture some businesses, but not all. City Attorney Haggard clarified the language to state activities requiring a building or development permit, so it is clear what the permitted activities are. This item was forwarded to the April 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting for action.

**C. Council Open Discussion:**

White River Families First Coalition Program. Councilmember Lewis said he attended the March 23<sup>rd</sup> White River Families First Coalition (WRFFC) meeting at the Buckley Fire Station and wanted to inform Council, staff, and citizens of the program/group called Building Beyond the Walls, which puts skilled workers in charge of mentoring volunteers in learning the construction trade and build projects and items to help the community, they also work on getting the materials donated from local businesses. He said the next WRFFC meeting is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Daffodil Princess. Councilmember Lewis said he and the staff and students at Bonney Lake High School are all very proud of the fact that Bonney Lake High School has their first Daffodil Queen, Ashley Becker, who was crowned the 2015 Daffodil Queen. He said it is also exciting for the school as they are celebrating the 10 year anniversary of Bonney Lake High School.

Easter Events. Councilmember Watson said he attended the Easter Egg Hunt and the Hauling Eggs Event and was excited to see the amount of participants who attended both events. He said the community expressed their appreciation to the City for the event. Councilmember Rackley said it took one whole minute for the kids to hunt all of the eggs.

Leadership Conference. Councilmember Watson said he and Administrative Services Director Edvalson attended a leadership conference in Lacey on March 18<sup>th</sup>. He said topics of discussion included the next government work force, leadership styles, talent retention, how to improve the workplace, career management, and using tags on City equipment for advertising (sponsor) possibilities on City fleet, public works uniforms, water towers, banners, and reader boards. He said they also discussed possible ideas for gift cards for utility charge, and boat launch fees.

Mayor's Meeting. Mayor Johnson said he attended the Mayor's Meeting with Congressman Dave Reichert where discussion focused on streamlined sales tax, online sales tax versus physical sales tax, and legislation that is being worked on in this regard. Another topic was medical marijuana; which Congressman Reichert said he will not support, unless it is amended through the Federal Drug Administration. Mayor Johnson said cities are lobbying for sales tax from sales that occur in their cities. He said another big topic of discussion was

human trafficking, and that Congressman Reichert is leading legislation in this regard, and the Council may receive communications on this subject.

- D. **Discussion:** AB15-42 – Ordinance D15-42 – Amendment to Planning Fees – Design Review and Site Plan Review.

Senior Planner Jason Sullivan summarized the agenda bill and said these items are basically a clean-up item to clarify Ordinance No. 1505. This item was forwarded to the April 14, 2015 Meeting Consent Agenda.

- E. **Discussion:** City website update.

Councilmember Watson advised that he is not ready to discuss this item yet. Councilmember Lewis said he would like the City’s website to be something similar to City of Anacortes’ website.

- F. ~~**Presentation:** East Pierce Fire & Rescue Chief Jerry Thorson – Inlet Island Fire Station.~~  
[Tabled to be rescheduled at a future Workshop.]

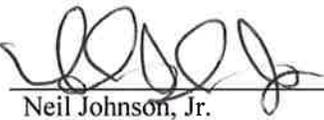
- IV. **CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), the Council adjourned to a Closed Session at 6:07 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss labor negotiations. The Council returned to chambers at 6:19 p.m. No action was taken.

- V. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Councilmember Hamilton moved to adjourn the Workshop at 6:19 p.m. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.**

**Motion to adjourn approved 6 - 0.**

  
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 Harwood Edvalson, MMC  
 City Clerk

  
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 Neil Johnson, Jr.  
 Mayor

Items presented to Council for the April 7, 2015 Workshop: None

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