

**CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP**

**May 5, 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** –Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Administrative Specialist II Renee Cameron called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Councilmember James Rackley, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis was absent.

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

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

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Police Chief Dana Powers, Facilities & Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, and Administrative Specialist II Renee Cameron.

III. Agenda Items:

A. Council Open Discussion:

White River School District Families First Coalition Meeting. Councilmember Lewis said he attended the White River School District's Families First Coalition meeting at the Buckley Fire Station, where discussion was focused on the Village Tutor Program, which is a summer math program that is free of charge and the teachers and high school students donate their time to assist students who need assistance with their math. The group also spoke about services and donations offered by the church group. He said the next meeting will be the 3rd Monday in May, instead of the 4th Monday.

Fennel Creek Trail Open House. Councilmember Watson said he attended the Fennel Creek Trail Open House last night and he said it was very well attended. He said the presentation was nicely done, and it appeared to him that those in attendance were supportive of the project.

Chamber of Commerce Meetings. Councilmember Watson advised that on Thursday the Economic Development Committee (EDC) members will be meeting with the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce to put together a program for monthly training sessions for Chamber members, hosted by the City, to present different speakers and presentations to promote economic development within the City. The EDC members have coordinated with Community Development staff and City Administrator Morrison to assist and for approval of these meetings.

Pierce County South Sound 911 Program. Councilmember Watson said that Pierce County Councilmember Dan Roach sent an email to the Council regarding the upcoming May 11th Open House, to be held at the Public Safety Building at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the South Sound 911 Program.

Public Safety Committee Meeting. Councilmember Watson said the Public Safety Committee met last night and forwarded items to the full Council. He spoke regarding the number of transients in the WSU forest and urged the creation of a road back into the property to assist public safety with keeping the transients out, as well as the debris that they leave behind. He spoke regarding Judge Heslop's suggestion of utilizing the community service workers with inside cleaning and maintenance of the Justice & Municipal Center, such as the stairwells and public places. He also advised there are eight applicants to be considered for the East Pierce Fire & Rescue Chief position, and there is a meet and greet scheduled in Edgewood on May 11th, which Council have been invited to attend.

Finance Budget Recap Report. Councilmember Watson thanked the Finance Department for the budget recap report the Council was provided.

Election Filing Deadline. Councilmember Rackley reminded the Council that those up for reelection, must have their official filing submitted by Friday, May 15th.

B. Review of Draft Minutes: April 21, 2015 Workshop and April 28, 2015 Meeting.

The April 21, 2015 Workshop and April 28, 2015 Meeting minutes were forwarded to the May 12, 2015 Meeting for action, with minor corrections.

~~C. Discussion: AB15-15 – Ordinance D15-15 – Land Use Matrix Amendments.~~

This item was tabled to a future Council Workshop.

D. Discussion: AB15-64 – Realignment of Fennel Creek Trail.

Facilities & Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf summarized the agenda bill and advised that the project is at the point where staff require guidance from the Council on the City's willingness to use eminent domain to acquire needed right-of-way acquisitions. He said the potential trail alignments may need to use eminent domain for one or more parcels, but some alignment options would require a much greater reliance on eminent domain.

Councilmember Rackley asked Mr. Leaf how the City acquired the land in the first phase of the project. Mr. Leaf explained some of the conditions of the federal grant, including deed restrictions, and that the City cannot use federal grant money for project design. City Attorney Haggard advised that she and Mr. Leaf have worked with WSDOT for months as to what they will allow for the realignment of the Fennel Creek Trail.

Bruce Dees, of Bruce Dees and Associates, who is the consultant for the City introduced himself and presented a recap from the Open House that was held on May 4, 2015. He has been reviewing trail alignment options for Fennel Creek Trail Segment 2. He explained the trade-offs between construction costs (mainly bridges) and use of eminent domain, as was contained in the agenda packet memorandum. Mr. Dees discussed the options and depicted the maps for the Council. He said the next step is a construction cost estimate, depending on whether the trail will cross a wetland. Mayor Johnson said it appears that easiest path will be that of Option AB1.A, and Deputy Mayor Swatman agreed. Councilmember Hamilton asked

about the possibility of building a bridge for the trail, which Mr. Dees advised would be very expensive. Councilmember Watson said he would like to hear discussion about the parking allotted for the trail. Mr. Dees advised that for parking purposes it would make the most sense to place parking at the City-purchased Cimmer property. There was discussion about the culvert and how the water from the creek goes under SR410, tunnels, and walls possibly needed to construct because of the terrain. Councilmember Watson advised he believes that it would be too expensive to add the trail up Angeline Road. Mr. Leaf said that it would be best to get an estimate before an option is determined. Councilmember Hamilton compared the proposed project and option to the bridges over the foothills trail in Buckley that go over two private property parcels. Councilmember Lewis said he wants to see the community to welcome the trail, and would prefer to stay away from private properties. Councilmember Watson said property values were discussed at the Open House. Council consensus was to plan to move forward with trail Option AB1.A.

E. Discussion: Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce Joint Meetings.

This issue was also discussed in Council Open Discussion during this Workshop. City Administrator Morrison said he has had discussions with the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce and would like to inquire of Council's interest to host monthly or quarterly meetings at the Justice & Municipal Center to discuss and encourage economic development within the City. As the City would be hosting these meetings, the Chamber would not incur a rental fee for use of the conference room. Council agreed it is in the City's best interest to host monthly or quarterly meetings with the Bonney Lake Chamber of Commerce.

F. Discussion: City Web site update

Councilmember Watson said that with all of the challenges the City has had to get the website updated and correct and ranked with Google, the City would have to have a mobile site, which it does not. He said discussion at the EDC's meetings in order to go forward with an eventual update, is to have Information Services (IS) make suggestions as to who the City should go out to bid for, and to recommend that monies be budgeted to update the City's website, and the requirements, as the website needs to be updated and improved. Mayor Johnson said the IS Manager does a tremendous job, and is more than able and capable to put together his suggestions for updating the website, but believes because of the cost it needs to be done in stages. Councilmember Rackley said that as websites become more and more important to businesses and cities and more work is done over the web, the less citizens need to come in to conduct business with the City. Mayor Johnson briefly discussed podcasts and online services that can save the citizens and staff time. Councilmember Hamilton discussed the importance of coding of websites to have them function properly, and not to get hung up on design, as coding is the key. This item was for discussion purposes only and no action was taken.

IV. EXECUTIVE\CLOSED SESSION: None

V. ADJOURNMENT:

**At 6:32 p.m., Councilmember Watson moved to adjourn the Council Workshop.
Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.**

Motion to adjourn approved 6 - 0.



Harwood Edvalson, MMC
City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the May 5, 2015 Meeting: None

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