

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**July 21, 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 workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson 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 Katrina Minton-Davis, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember James Rackley was absent.

**Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to excuse Councilmember Rackley’s absence.
Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.**

Motion 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, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, Administrative Specialist II Renee Cameron, and Facilities & Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

Agenda Modifications:

By consensus of the Council, Agenda Item III.D., was moved from discussion to Executive Session. Administrative Services Director Edvalson advised that should Council seek to take action on the issue discussed during Executive Session, such action should occur during the Open Session of the Workshop, and would not occur during Executive Session. Council and Mayor Johnson agreed.

A. Council Open Discussion:

White River Families First Coalition: Councilmember Lewis discussed the bicycle program that the City of Buckley and the White River School District are co-sponsoring. He said the program is seeking donations of bicycles, equipment, and helmets to help get kids educated on how to properly and safely ride and maintain their bicycles. He said there are volunteer high school and college students who are teaching the younger riders how to repair and maintain student’s bikes.

Fire Response: Councilmember Watson thanked the Police Department and the Fire Department with the brush fire that occurred near Sky Island last week. He said there was a concert in the park at the same time, and he was impressed how well both departments handled the simultaneous events.

City Website Update: Councilmember Watson said the City of Marysville launched a new website and he asked how the City is coming along with the research on our website update. Mayor Johnson said the City's Information Services Manager is on the committee for the City's website update, and has access to the necessary update information. Councilmember Watson advised that the Economic Development Committee is not noted in a section of the City's website under subcommittees, and would like to see that updated and corrected.

Mileage Reimbursement: Councilmember Watson asked about the update to the mileage reimbursement, which he believes was last updated in 1995. Mayor Johnson, City Administrator Morrison, and Councilmember McKibbin noted that policy was changed to a per diem allowance several months ago.

Millotte Film Festival: Councilmember Hamilton spoke regarding the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society's Millotte Film Festival, which will be held on October 17, 2015, at the MidTown Grill, so those attending the film can enjoy a meal. He said the films this year will be a legacy film about the Millottes, as well as the Disney film, "Bear Country." He advised that the purpose of the festival is to raise funds for the Greater Bonney Lake Historical Society. A raffle will be held this year for a chance to win a trip to Mazatlan, and the raffle drawing will be held during the festival.

Relay for Life: Councilmember Minton-Davis said she attended the Relay for Life event held on July 17th and 18th at Allan Yorke Park. The event helps raise money for cancer. She said she really enjoyed the venue at Allan Yorke Park. Mayor Johnson thanked everyone for their attendance and support.

- B. **Review of Council Minutes:** Review of Minutes: June 16, 2015 Council Workshop; June 30, 2015 Special Council Meeting; and the July 14, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.

The corrected minutes were forwarded to the July 28, 2015 Council Meeting for action.

- C. **Discussion Following Public Hearing:** AB15-79 for 2016–2021 Six Year Transportation Improvements Program (Resolution 2469).

Mayor Johnson advised that that a Public Hearing was held on this issue on July 14, 2015, and that there were no citizen comments received during the public hearing. City Administrator Morrison advised that per the RCWs, in order to be eligible for applying for Puget Sound Regional Council grants, the City is required to provide an annual public hearing for any updates to the local Six Year Transportation Improvement Program. This item was forwarded to the July 28, 2015 Council Meeting for action.

- D. **Discussion/Action:** ~~AB15-86 – Resolution 2472 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Rejecting Bids For The SR 410 – Veterans Memorial Drive Intersection Improvements Project And Authorizing A Rebid Of The Project Construction.~~ This item was moved to Executive Session.

- E. **Discussion:** AB15-87 – Parks Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations.

Mayor Johnson spoke regarding the Parks Ad Hoc Committee and their recommendations for the preferred elements to be included in Master Plans for both the Midtown and Allan Yorke Park. Concept plans for both parks were distributed to the Council for their review of the suggested recommendations. Mayor Johnson advised that

the Ad Hoc Committee was composed of himself, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Park Commissioner Chair Jim Bouchard, Park Commissioner Randi Reisenberg, Park Commissioner Paul Surek, and with assistance of Facilities & Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf and Bruce Dees of Bruce Dees & Associates. Bruce Dees & Associates prepared the concept plan drawings. Mayor Johnson said that the Committee reviewed overall park needs identified by the City's Parks and Open Space Plan, as well as considered general site constraints to identify the most important park elements needed. He said the Committee balanced competing priorities while developing these concept plans, and that these recommendations are subject to change following engineering and site studies, which represent the next logical step to take before finalizing master plans for these two sites, if Council approves.

Councilmember Watson asked about the changes to Allan Yorke Park, the uses of the different fields, and the possibility of a track around the main ball field, Field 1. Councilmember Lewis spoke about the uses of the park and events that could occur during the evenings with proper lighting.

Councilmember Minton-Davis asked about the use of the current stage, and the recommendation for an amphitheater. Councilmember Lewis said he appreciated the work done by the Parks Ad Hoc Committee. Mayor Johnson thanked Councilmember Hamilton for the work he did on the Committee.

Councilmember Hamilton spoke regarding the obstacles associated with Midtown Park, and the challenges the City will face. He said the idea of the Committee is trying to retain approximately 20 acres, and to place the stormwater utilities underground. He said this proposal would allow a future Council to use the property for the uses and purposes it so desires. He said though there would be a high capital cost for placing the stormwater facilities underground, and building the recreational fields on top of it, overall it would be beneficial.

Councilmember Lewis asked about the possibility of a space for a zip line and rock climbing wall. Councilmember Hamilton said his thought was an obstacle course, especially with the needs of the "Millennials" generation. Councilmember Watson asked about the 2 acre parcel that sits on 214th and South Prairie Road, and Community Development Director Vodopich advised that that 2 acre parcel is intended to set off the tree mitigation for the commercial development of the property

Councilmember Minton-Davis said she would like to see a pavilion type building. Councilmember Hamilton said a pavilion really did not come up in the Committee's recommendations, as he foresees that a pavilion as more of a downtown civic campus amenity, and it would be very costly. Mayor Johnson said that is something to keep in mind for the downtown civic campus.

City Administrator Morrison noted that where the parking and amphitheater area is, that 5 acres is designated for a future YMCA, or community recreation center, and nothing else, unless that development agreement is amended to loosen that requirement.

Councilmember Watson asked about the uses of more ball fields and fields. Mayor Johnson responded that Allan Yorke ball fields are intended for the smaller groups, whereas Midtown Park fields would accommodate multi-purpose uses/fields.

Councilmember Hamilton said the goal of this plan is to give the City the number of ball fields for use.

Councilmember Watson asked about the costs to get some of these ideas/recommendations started, installing parking, grassy areas, and trails until the funds are in place to expand. Councilmember Lewis said he likes the idea that there is a road map/foot print concept of where the City would like to go with the Master Plan for parks, and how it fits with the Downtown Plan. Councilmember Hamilton said the proposed parking area has direct road access to SR410. He said the best access to the property will be via the new light at 204th Ave E.

Mayor Johnson said the next step is to develop the concept plans, and go out to bid for the plans, specifications, and estimates. Councilmember Hamilton said the benefit of using Bruce Dees & Associates is they are experienced and have done this concept. He also said that the Ad Hoc Committee could meet again and narrow down the Council's concept plan.

Councilmember Lewis spoke regarding initial concerns about parking and that the conceptual plans for the both parks provides for adequate permanent parking.

Mayor Johnson said the Ad Hoc Committee can meet again for Midtown Park, provide the updated recommendations to Bruce Dees to provide a conceptual plan, and then bring the final conceptual plans back to Council for approval.

Councilmember Hamilton said the long term maintenance of the fields will pay off, though the upfront costs will be substantial, as well as the costs of staffing to maintain the parks and trails.

Mayor Johnson said he will have staff direct Bruce Dees & Associates to prepare conceptual plans, taking into consideration the Councils' comments and suggestions.

F. **Discussion:** Placing a Fireworks Ban Referendum on the November Ballot. (Further discussion following Public Safety Committee Meeting)

Councilmember Watson, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, advised that the Public Safety Committee met on July 20th, where they received numerous citizen comments regarding a ban on fireworks. There was discussion regarding placing a fireworks ban referendum on the November 2015 election ballot. Councilmember Hamilton said there was discussion during the Committee meeting about having a designated location within the City to use fireworks, the problem of enforcement of imposed regulations, and the issue with disposing of illegal fireworks. He said the consensus at the Public Safety Committee meeting was to completely ban fireworks. He suggested the Council hold a public hearing, but doesn't believe a referendum needs to be placed on the ballot. Councilmember Hamilton spoke regarding the sale of fireworks and the fundraising events that occur within the City. Councilmember Watson said he supports an all-out ban, including transporting fireworks within City limits.

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Edvalson advised the Council that the deadline to place an item on the ballot for the November election would be August 4th. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he does not believe there is enough Council support to ban fireworks. Councilmember Minton-Davis said she believes the problem is enforcement, and does not believe banning the purchase of fireworks in City limits is the answer. She

said she would like to know how the City of Auburn enforces their ban. Councilmember McKibbin believes education needs to occur regarding fireworks within the City.

Mayor Johnson said Council needs to make a determination to either have a public hearing process, place a referendum on the ballot, or enact a ban.

Councilmember Watson said something must be done at the Council level. He would like to have a public hearing to address both sides. City Attorney Haggard advised how to proceed with a public hearing. Mayor Johnson said he thought the process would be to prepare an ordinance banning fireworks, hold a public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance to get input from the citizens, and see where it goes from there.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said he would like to see the issue go to an advisory vote. Councilmember Minton-Davis said she would be in favor of a town hall meeting. Councilmember Lewis agreed. He said it needs to be advertised. Mayor Johnson said if a Town Hall meeting is scheduled that it should be held at the Justice & Municipal Center, possibly on September 29th at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Hamilton suggested inviting the new East Pierce Fire & Rescue Chief Backer, as well as those who had firework stand permits this past year.

G. ~~Presentation: Mid-Year Financial Report.~~

This item was removed from the agenda.

IV. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the Council adjourned to an Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for 15 minutes with the City Attorney to discuss the potential litigation. The Council returned to chambers at 7:17 p.m. Agenda Item III.D was pulled from the agenda. No action was taken.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:17 p.m., Councilmember Watson moved to adjourn the Council Meeting. 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 July 21, 2015 Workshop:

- Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. – Parks Ad Hoc Committee – Allan Yorke Park and Midtown Park Concept Plans

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