

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

December 16, 2008
5:30 p.m.

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Call to Order:

Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman called the Workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: [A1.3]

City Clerk Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Deputy Mayor Swatman, elected officials attending were Councilmember Laurie Carter, Councilmember Dan Decker, Councilmember Mark Hamilton and Councilmember James Rackley. Mayor Neil Johnson, Councilmember David Bowen, and Councilmember David King were absent.

[Staff Members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, City Attorney Jim Dionne, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson and Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis.]

Agenda Items:

5:30:40

1. **Action: AB08-233 – Ordinance 1300** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington Amending The Biennial Budget For Calendar Years 2007 And 2008.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Ordinance 1300. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.

Chief Financial Officer Juarez explained that the ordinance is a housekeeping accounting function required by the Revised Code of Washington and verified by the State Auditor during the annual audit. He said it ensures that all actions that affect revenues and expenditures during the year are correctly reflected in the City's budget and accounting system. As an example, he cited the Council's approval of the sale of bonds to fund the Civic Center project. City Administrator Morrison added that the proposed ordinance formally ratifies actions that were authorized by the Council over the budget period. He said none of the funds appropriated were overspent, and the proposed ordinance does not give additional spending authority.

Councilmember Decker asked whether the negative numbers in the attached table are budget shortfalls, and whether the proposed ordinance was a reallocation of funds. CFO Juarez provided the Council with a memo further explaining the proposed ordinance. He said in the past, the City allocated the total fund balance within the budget. Starting with this ordinance and the 2009-2010 budget, the City will allocate only the funds needed to balance the budget. He said this primarily is a change in presentation. He explained that the negative amounts reflect the amount being backed out to show the "use of fund balance." He also said this change is not a reallocation of funds, in his opinion. Councilmember Hamilton said the change seems to allow the Council and departments to monitor usage of funds more closely. City Administrator Morrison said it also gives the Council more control, as it prohibits the administration from spending

fund balances beyond what was originally listed for a budget line. He said with this change, the Council only appropriates the funds needed, and if the funds are all spent the administration must come to the Council to request additional funds. CFO Juarez added that presenting the budget this way is more transparent, especially for citizens and Councilmembers. He said it is also easier for accounting staff to ensure a balanced budget is presented.

Councilmember Rackley called for the question. Councilmember Decker objected, called a point of order and said he had additional questions. Upon the advice of the City Attorney, Deputy Mayor Swatman requested a Council vote on whether to end discussion and call for the question.

Motion to call for the question approved 4 – 1. Councilmember Decker voted no.

Councilmember Decker objected and restated his point of order. Deputy Mayor Swatman said the Council would continue with the vote.

Original motion approved 4 – 1. Councilmember Decker voted no.

2. **Executive Session:** None.

5:50:30

3. **Adjournment.**

At 5:50 p.m., Councilmember Hamilton moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4 – 1. Councilmember Decker voted no.

Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk

Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items submitted to the Council meeting of December 16, 2008:

- City of Bonney Lake – *Memo re: 2007-2008 Final Budget Amendment* – Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez.