

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

**January 5, 2010  
5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**



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**I. Call to Order:**

Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the workshop to order at 5:31 p.m.

**II. Roll Call:** [A1.3]

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, elected officials attending were Councilmember Laurie Carter, Councilmember Dan Decker, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Councilmember James Rackley and Councilmember Dan Swatman.

[Staff Members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Police Chief Mike Mitchell, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, City Attorney James Dionne, Judge James Helbling, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson and Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis.

**III. Agenda Items:**

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- A. **Administration of Oath of Office by Judge James Helbling:** Neil Johnson, Mayor; Randy McKibbin, At-Large Councilmember #1; Dan Swatman, Councilmember Ward 1; and Donn Lewis, Councilmember Ward 4.

Mayor Johnson welcomed new and returning Councilmembers. Judge Helbling administered the oath of office to Councilmembers Lewis, McKibbin and Swatman, and to Mayor Johnson.

At 5:36 p.m., the workshop recessed for 15 minutes for a short reception with refreshments, and so photographs could be taken of the 2010 Council and the new Councilmembers. The workshop returned to order at 5:52 p.m.

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- B. **AB10-02** – A Motion of the Bonney Lake City Council Electing the Deputy Mayor and Assigning Councilmembers to the Council Standing Committees.

**Councilmember Rackley nominated Councilmember Swatman as Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Decker seconded the nomination.**

Seeing no other nominations, Mayor Johnson called for the vote.

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

Deputy Mayor Swatman then appointed members to the 2010 Council Committees, per the Council's rules, and Committee members elected their chair:

Community Development Committee: Councilmembers Lewis, McKibbin and Rackley. Committee members elected Councilmember Rackley as the chair.

Public Safety Committee: Councilmembers Carter, Decker and Hamilton. Committee members elected Councilmember Hamilton as the chair.

The Finance Committee includes the chair of each committee and the Deputy Mayor. The Finance Committee members are Deputy Mayor Swatman and Councilmembers Hamilton and Rackley.

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C. **Council Open Discussion:**

WSU Forest: Councilmember Decker said the City should set up a fund for donations toward a YMCA as soon as possible. Councilmember Carter agreed, and said this is a good time to get included in 2011 campaign programs for United Way, federal employers and other organizations. She said the trails need to be cleaned up before they are opened to the public, and suggested that community groups be organized to help with clean up. She suggested other projects, including mapping the trails, posting rules and signs, and coordinating events like cross-country meets, nature classes and walks with schools and community members. She said she wants to ensure the trails are safe for the public and for Police officers to patrol the park once it is open. Councilmember Lewis suggested Beautify Bonney Lake could hold a smaller spring event focusing on cleaning up the WSU forest and trails. Councilmember Rackley said the Park Board should be involved in planning as well.

Mayor Johnson said he recently spoke with YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties CEO Bob Ecklund, and plans to invite him to speak to the Council later in the month. He said he also plans to meet with Pete Lymberis of Quadrant to follow-up on the agreement and next steps. Community Services Director Leaf said he is planning to walk the trails with staff to see what kind of work needs to be done and identify hazard trees or other risks. Mayor Johnson said he also would like to see a needs assessment for parks and recreation around the City and plateau. He said the City needs to figure out what kind of recreational facilities are needed and what options are available. Councilmember Carter noted that Pierce County recently finished a master recreation plan that the City could use to start its evaluation. Councilmember Hamilton said he hopes the City will consider the Moriarty property during its needs assessment. He said he would like to see this property opened to public access soon as well.

Mayor Johnson said the WSU forest would be on the agenda for the upcoming Council retreat.

Public Art: Councilmember Carter said etched glass panels originally created for transit shelters are available for public art uses. She suggested the panels could be used for public art at the Interim Justice Center.

National League of Cities: Councilmember Carter said the NLC has a small cities prescription savings program that provides discounts for prescriptions to residents. She said the City is not currently a member of NLC, but might want to consider future membership and this program specifically.

Water Agreement: Deputy Mayor Swatman asked the CDC to let him know when it has reviewed the proposed agreement with Joe Fesler regarding water service.

WSU Site Medical Center: Deputy Mayor Swatman asked if the proposed medical center on the WSU forest site has moved forward. Community Development Director Vodopich said the City received the preliminary site plan, and storm water plans were just submitted on Wednesday, December 30, 2009. He said he believes they plan to build on the site during 2010. The proposed medical building and parking will be on the southeast side of the WSU property.

Legislative Agenda: Mayor Johnson said he received a letter from Sumner Mayor Dave Enslow regarding their legislative and State agenda, which he would forward to the Council. He said the Council will discuss its own agenda during the Retreat, and share the information with Sumner. Councilmember Rackley said he met with Mayor Enslow over the holidays, and they briefly discussed sewer treatment facility usage.

Valley Fire District: Mayor Johnson said he spoke with Auburn Mayor Pete Lewis regarding reports that the Valley Fire District was planning to annex an area that is currently in East Pierce Fire & Rescue's (EPFR) service area. Mayor Lewis assured him that Auburn has no plans to annex that far south on Lake Tapps, and that he was not aware of a flyer that was given to area residents about annexing to Valley Fire District. EPFR Deputy Chief John McDonald said the Valley Fire District is a regional fire authority that serves Auburn, Pacific and Algona. He said the district follows the cities' boundaries and UGAs for the service area, and cannot expand unless a city expands its own city limits or UGA boundaries.

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- D. **Review of Council Minutes:** December 15, 2009 Workshop and December 22, 2009 Meeting.

Councilmember Lewis requested the following corrections to the December 22, 2009 minutes: on p. 1, Councilmember Bowen joined the Council in 2006, not 2008; on p. 3, change from "incumbent" to "Councilmember-elect." The minutes were forwarded, with corrections, to the January 12, 2010 Meeting for approval.

**By Council consensus, Item F., 2010 Outlook for East Pierce Fire and Rescue, was changed to Item E. on the agenda.**

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- E. **Presentation:** 2010 Outlook for East Pierce Fire and Rescue - Deputy Chief John McDonald.

Deputy Chief McDonald offered Councilmembers information on the fire districts plans and issues for 2010. He said like other agencies, the district's budget has been cut due to decreased revenues. The district is working on a merger with Pierce County Fire District 8, in Edgwood. The issue comes before voters in the February 2010 election. EPFR has also spoken with the City of Milton about fire services, but the City lies on the Pierce/King County line, making funding more complex. The district is working on a strategic leadership plan, and is reviewing all station locations and future needs currently. He said the Washington legislature would likely adopt the 2009 Fire Code soon, which the City will need to review and incorporate later this year.

Councilmembers asked Deputy Chief McDonald about high-density residential units. He said it is difficult for cities to pass more stringent fire codes than the State. He said the residential fire codes are a major concern and EPFR will continue to work closely with the City on these issues.

The Deputy Chief addressed concerns about fire service in the North Lake Tapps area. He said EPFR has concerns that Auburn intends to annex farther south. He said the Valley Fire District told Mayor Johnson they do not intend to move south, but recently built a firehouse on the border of their jurisdiction, which caused some concern for EPFR. He said if Valley Fire annexed this area, EPFR could lose revenues.

Councilmembers asked for an update on Orting's fire service. Deputy Chief McDonald said EPFR loaned Dave Wakefield to serve as Orting Fire's interim chief, and they have now hired an Interim Chief, Paul Webb. He said Orting will vote on whether to annex into EPFR soon. Orting is bordered by EPFR's service area on three sides.

City Administrator Morrison said he has spoken with EPFR's Chief Jerry Thorsen about areas that may annex into the City in the future. He said these areas on the plateau are already in EPFR's service area. He said the City would likely approach the fire district with an interlocal agreement as annexation discussions progress.

Mayor Johnson thanked Deputy Chief McDonald for his time and information.

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F. **Discussion:** AB10-16 – Approving the Planning Commission Workplan for 2010.

Director Vodopich said this outline workplan offers potential issues for 2010 through 2012. He asked Councilmembers for their input on these and other issues they would like the Planning Commission to focus on in the coming months.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said the Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) has criteria about what types of lakes and streams qualify. He said only Lake Tapps qualifies under the SMP, and he is more concerned with Lake Bonney and area streams than Lake Tapps. Director Vodopich said the City is required to have an updated SMP by State mandate, and the City has received grant funding for the project.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked for more information on the recommendation from WCIA to change language on tree retention in the City's code. He expressed concern that the Council was not aware of the WCIA audit or its findings. City Administrator Morrison explained that the City's insurance agent, WCIA, reviews a specific business area each year for a survey and audit. In 2009, they sent a survey about land use, and the City submitted a questionnaire and policies for review. WCIA made recommendations for changes to the City's policies that would reduce the city's risk. He said the recommendations are not mandatory. In the case of tree retention, WCIA recommends the City clarify its language and set up criteria for specific retention requirements. Mayor Johnson said the Council has not been directly involved with the WCIA audits in the past, but this information could be provided via the Finance Committee in the future, if the Council is interested. The survey usually occurs in October.

Mayor Johnson said the Planning Commission has two vacancies and he is still accepting applications. He said the proposed workplan is a framework and can be revised at any time. He suggested the workplan be tabled to a future workshop after the new Commissioners are appointed and after the Council Retreat.

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G. **Discussion:** Council Retreat and Town Hall Meeting Dates.

City Administrator Morrison asked Councilmembers to consider when and where to hold their yearly retreat and a Town Hall meeting for citizens. Councilmembers scheduled a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the Senior Center. Mayor Johnson suggested another Town Hall could be held later in 2010, in conjunction with an open house for the new Interim Justice Center.

The Council Retreat was scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Washington National Golf Club in Auburn. He said the cost is about \$1,000 for facility use and three meals for all councilmembers, staff and their spouses. He said in the past, dinner costs have run about \$600-700 so this is a good price for the full day and meals. He added that the cost would be reduced if spouses did not attend.

IV. **Executive Session:** None.

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V. **Adjournment:**

At 7:52 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the workshop. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

  
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Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC  
City Clerk

  
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Neil Johnson, Jr.  
Mayor

Items submitted to the Council Workshop of January 5, 2010:

- City of Bonney Lake – *Council Retreat Agenda – Initial Discussion Draft* – Don Morrison.
- City of Bonney Lake – *Suggested 2010 Open Houses* – Don Morrison.