

**CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP**

**February 16, 2010  
5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**



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**I. Call to Order:**

Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the workshop to order at 5:30 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 Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Laurie Carter, Councilmember Dan Decker, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin and Councilmember James Rackley.

[Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Det. Sgt. Kelly Maras, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, City Attorney Jim Dionne and Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis.]

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**III. Agenda Items:**

**A. Presentation: Pierce Transit – Transit System Update.**

Tina Lee, Pierce Transit Planner in charge of the system redesign, gave a PowerPoint presentation about the funding challenges their corporation faces, options for future service depending on revenue levels and the impacts to Bonney Lake and other outlying service areas. Councilmembers expressed displeasure with the proposed elimination of the bus route serving Prairie Ridge, noting that those who seem to most need the bus service will be left without recourse. Community Services Director Leaf noted that with the elimination of the local route, the Pierce Transit Shuttle service used by seniors to visit the senior center, go to doctors, get prescriptions and shop would also be eliminated. City Administrator Morrison noted that City residents pay approximately \$2 million into the system currently. The Mayor and Councilmembers briefly discussed the need to speak with other cities in the area to address possible alternatives to the Pierce Transit service.

Ms. Lee thanked the Mayor and Council for their input. She said that the social services aspect of bus service seems to be a high priority for the Council. She encouraged continued participation in the planning process through public meetings planned for March and April. She added the closest would be held in Puyallup on April 5<sup>th</sup>. She advised that there will be a public hearing, likely in May or June, with the Transit Board taking action in June or July. She invited people to go to [www.PTtomorrow.org](http://www.PTtomorrow.org) for meeting information and a survey. Mayor Johnson thanked her for her presentation.

**B. Presentation: Hazard Mitigation Planning Group – Diane Schurr, Pierce County Department of Emergency Management.**

Diane Schurr, Pierce County Department of Emergency Management, said she has been working with Scott Fielding, the City's temporary emergency management coordinator, to update the City's hazard mitigation plan. Ms. Schurr said the plan is not only useful for preparing the City to deal with potential hazards, but that it also serves as a basis for receiving FEMA mitigation funds. She said the six-month project will be concluded and presented to Council for review and adoption in June 2010. She noted that the project is grant funded, except for the time put in by Mr. Fielding.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked if the County's mitigation plan promotes limiting development activity in the mapped lahar zones. He said the County's elected officials have the ability to change land use regulations to reduce exposures in these areas, but appear reluctant to take action. Ms. Schurr noted the County has an active program for the flood plain, but not much specifically addressing the lahar zone. The City Council briefly discussed the larger issue of how to deal with mass evacuations into the plateau communities from those in the valleys when a lahar occurs. Ms. Schurr noted this discussion is part of the City's overall emergency management plan. Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Schurr for coming and updating the Council.

**C. Council Open Discussion:**

Thanks to Dannie Oliveaux. Mayor Johnson noted that Reporter Dannie Oliveaux is leaving at the end of the month and thanked him for the local coverage of the City and schools. Mr. Oliveaux said he is looking at positions in Texas.

Code Enforcement Work Group. Councilmember Carter asked if there was an update on the efforts of the Code Enforcement Work Group. Mayor Johnson said he would have to get back with her on this topic.

Interim Justice Center Schedule. Councilmember Hamilton asked if the IJC construction was on schedule. Community Development Director Vodopich responded that the project was a couple of weeks behind schedule now, but felt the time would be made up a little further along in the project. He said no major issues have arisen so far. He added that aerial photos of the work site had been added to the City's website. Councilmember Decker asked to be reminded of the size of the project. Director Vodopich replied the building is approximately 22,000 sq. ft. with the north structure being three stories and the south structure being two stories.

Housing Demonstration. Deputy Mayor Swatman reported that he attended the innovative housing demonstration held in Puyallup last week. He said there was a great deal of information about different styles of housing. Mr. Decker asked if the Deputy Mayor felt the one-mile radius in the City's proposed ordinance for cottage developments was appropriate. Deputy Mayor Swatman said it is definitely a discussion worth having. He said if they are constructed properly, then spacing of the developments should not be an issue. He added that the demo houses on display seemed to be in the 1,000 sq.ft. category. Director Vodopich said the demonstration cottage development ordinance would be brought back for council discussion at the next workshop.

Timber Ridge HOA Board meeting. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he attended the Timber Ridge HOA Board meeting earlier in the week to discuss possible annexation to the City. He said they appeared to be supportive. He added that he looks forward to a discussion at the Council retreat regarding the pursuit of annexations in the County Urban Growth Area (CUGA).

Cascade Water Alliance Agreement Signing. Deputy Mayor Swatman reported his attendance at the signing of the agreement with Cascade Water Alliance. He said he was disappointed by Mr. Leon Stucki's negative remarks relative to the City of Bonney Lake. Deputy Mayor Swatman noted that the City of Bonney Lake administration and staff did a great deal of work along with the other cities involved to preserve the lake and its benefits to all. Mayor Johnson said he also felt it unfortunate that the signing was used as a platform to express negative comments. He said Mr. Stucki attempted to apologize a little later in the meeting. Mayor Johnson said he intends to address a letter to the Lake Tapps Community Council emphasizing the City's contributions in time and money to the success of this agreement. He noted that several members of the Lake Tapps Community Council assured him that Mr. Stucki does not speak for the entire board.

Elected Municipal Judge. Deputy Mayor Swatman noted that the Senate recently passed a bill providing for the election of municipal court judges. Mayor Johnson added that Senator Roach represented the City's interests by voting no on the bill. He added that he sent a letter of opposition to the House Judicial Committee and suggested that at a minimum the City's legislature should be able to decide whether to allow for an appointed or an elected municipal court judge.

Downtown Construction Project Funding. Deputy Mayor Swatman observed that the burial of utilities in the downtown project appears to be moving slowly. He asked for confirmation on the funding source for the costs of the construction project. Public Works Director Grigsby said that most of the funding came from Transportation Impact Funds with a little from the Water Fund. Deputy Mayor Swatman said this project is a good example of a wise policy decision of the Council. He said the project would not have been built if not for the long range policy planning and provision for funding by the City Council. Director Grigsby added the project should be completed by the end of May.

Middle School Youth Forums. Mayor Johnson said he had sent an email to all of the City's boards and commissions asking for participation at the youth forums in the middle schools located in Bonney Lake. He noted that the City's executive staff had joined him at the High School Forum and the student input received was very valuable. He encouraged the Council to participate in the remaining youth forums.

D. **Review of Draft Council Minutes:** February 2, 2010 City Council Workshop, February 9, 2010 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Lewis suggested the word, 'Councilmember', should be plural in the February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes on page 4 of 4 in the footnote regarding the submission of communication from Compass Pointe. Councilmember Carter asked that an addition be made to the February 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop minutes on page 2 under the heading, 'Community Art.' She asked that it be added she had provided information on the glass art designs to staff member David Wells.

The corrected minutes were moved forward to the February 23, 2010 Meeting for Council approval.

Responding to Council request, Mayor Johnson called for a break in the meeting at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

E. **Discussion:** AB10-37 - Alternatives for Eastown Utility Latecomer Agreement.

Public Works Director Grigsby reviewed with Council the items included in the meeting packet regarding the proposed utility latecomers' agreements for the Eastown area. He presented planning level costs and fair share estimates for acreage assessments in both the north and south sewer service areas of Eastown. He estimated costs of approximately \$25,000/acre in the north and \$29,500 in the south, but added that costs could vary 30% from these rough level estimates. He added the current proposal assumes the right-of-ways will be dedicated to the City by the property owners, not paid for by the City.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said he believes three things need to be determined before the City can make a good decision: 1) easement agreements must be obtained from the property owners; 2) the lift station must be sited and property acquired; and 3) the lift station must be designed. He added he supports this being completed as a city project due to its complexity and because it will bring quality development to the City. Councilmembers Lewis and Hamilton spoke in support of this position as well. Councilmember Carter asked about environmental impacts to Fennel Creek. Director Grigsby responded that the one parcel outside the City's jurisdiction will require a SEPA process through Pierce County. He said the other parcels inside the City limits will have site-specific issues that cannot be handled until a more detailed design is prepared.

Mayor Johnson noted there appears to be a majority consensus to do a lift station in the north service area with a phased approach to development of sewer service for the north and south areas. He said staff will work toward collecting the easement agreements and working with a bond representative for the project financing. Director Grigsby noted that property owners will need to obtain surveyed easement descriptions, but could group together for economy-of-scale savings. Mayor Johnson said updates will be brought back to Council to keep them informed of progress.

F. **Discussion:** Enforcement of the Sign Code.

Councilmember McKibbin displayed a short PowerPoint presentation highlighting portions of the City's sign code and showing the portable and temporary sign clutter along the apparent SR410 right-of-way. The City Council discussed possible solutions to apparent sign code violations. Mayor Johnson said staff had recently sent a letter to property owners explaining the sign code, and had received some inquiries back from the owners. He said staff will take actions to do a large-scale removal of illegal signs and will probably have to do so at least a couple of times per year. He advised Councilmembers they will probably receive calls from business owners who have had signs removed. Deputy Mayor Swatman said those unhappy with the regulations can speak with their Councilmembers to try to have the code changed.

**IV. Executive Session: None.**

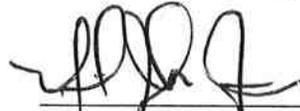
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**V. Adjournment:**

**At 8:13 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the workshop.  
Councilmember Hamilton 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 February 16, 2010:

- Pierce Transit – *PT Tomorrow Conceptual Plans* – Tina Lee, Pierce Transit Principal Planner.
- Pierce County DEM – Region 5 Hazard Mitigation Plan, Phase III-Plan Updates – Diane Schurr, DEM Representative
- Pierce County DEM – WA State Emergency Management Division – Local Mitigation Planning Requirements Of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 – Diane Schurr, Pierce County DEM Representative
- City of Bonney Lake Citizen – *Email: Downtown Vendetta* – Quinn Dahlstrom.
- City of Bonney Lake Citizen – *Email: Downtown Property* – Linda Youngberg.