

**CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP**

**March 2, 2010
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES



“Where Dreams Can Soar”

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I. Call to Order:

Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the workshop to order at 5:32 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, Judge James Helbling, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Police Chief Mike Mitchell, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, City Attorney Jim Dionne, Court Administrator Kathy Seymour, Information Services Coordinator Chuck McEwen and Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis.]

III. Agenda Items:

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A. Presentation and Discussion: YMCA – Bob Ecklund, President – YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties.

YMCA representatives Bob Ecklund and Michelle LaRue spoke to the Council about the long-range plan and vision of the YMCA and options for a YMCA in Bonney Lake. The current plan is for a YMCA branch to open in Sumner in 2013, and another branch in Bonney Lake to open in 2018. They discussed funding options and alternative timelines. They stressed that there is very strong demand in Sumner and Bonney Lake, and they feel the best solution is to have branches in both communities to meet demand. Mayor Johnson noted that the City has land set aside for a community center in the WSU Forest and asked if the Bonney Lake branch could be completed earlier. Mr. Ecklund said funding is a major factor in determining when construction can begin. He also said his agency can only build one facility at a time for bonding purposes. Once constructed, the Bonney Lake and Sumner YMCAs would complement each other, and people who join one YMCA can use any branch. Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Ecklund and Ms. LaRue for their time and said the Council will continue these discussions in the future.

The Council recessed the Workshop for a break at 6:29 p.m. The Workshop reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

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B. Presentation and Discussion: Design Charrette for the Interim Justice Center Council/Court Chambers.

City Administrator Morrison said the Interim Justice Center shell is under construction and plans for interior walls and infrastructure are being prepared to go

out to bid. He introduced Rex Bond from ARC Architects. Mr. Bond thanked the Council for their time and introduced Thomas Mullins from BRC Acoustics, who he has worked with on several council chambers designs in the past. They asked the Council and Court staff for input on their needs and desires for the IJC Chambers space.

Judge Helbling and Court Administrator Seymour described their needs, including spaces for in-custody defendants and public defenders, a workstation for the Court Clerk, and the Judge's podium. Councilmembers discussed preferences for the Council dais, staff seating and public seating, as well as audio/visual presentation and computer equipment. Councilmember Rackley said the design should take Rainier Media Commission requirements for televising Council meetings into account. Deputy Mayor Swatman said the needs of Court staff should take priority, since those staff members will use the Chambers for Court daily while Council meetings occur only once per week. Mr. Bond said he and Mr. Mullins will work on several preliminary design options and audio/visual equipment pricing for the Council's review at a future workshop.

The Council recessed the Workshop for a break at 7:57 p.m. The Workshop reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

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C. **Council Open Discussion:**

Council Retreat: Mayor Johnson thanked the Council for a successful retreat on February 27, 2010. Deputy Mayor Swatman thanked staff for attending and said discussion and deliberation will continue in the future.

Water Sources: Deputy Mayor Swatman asked whether the City can expect water shortages in the coming year due to the lack of rainfall over the winter. Public Works Director Grigsby said the City should meet its demands with the Peaking Storage tank, unless another jurisdiction again needs water like Auburn did in 2009. Councilmember Rackley asked Director Grigsby to notify the Council if the City uses Tacoma water at some point later in the year.

Dog Park: Deputy Mayor Swatman discussed options for setting up a dog park on a City location such as Viking Park. He said a group of interested citizens have met to discuss options and plan to submit a proposal to the Park Board for consideration. He said in his proposal, the citizen group would be responsible for all work and funding, with the City only contributing open space for the park.

Planning Commissioner Vacancies: Mayor Johnson said four candidates will be interviewed for the two open positions on the Planning Commission. He asked current Councilmember and past Planning Commission chair Randy McKibbin to participate in the interview process.

Sign Code: Deputy Mayor Swatman said citizens spoke about the sign code at the previous meeting. He clarified that A-board signs are not always illegal, but they must be placed appropriately and not in the right-of-way. He said if business owners want changes to City regulations, they should ask the Council to consider amendments to the Municipal Code. Mayor Johnson said Community Services Director John Vodopich, Code Enforcement Officer Denney Bryan and Assistant

Planner Dan Buhl plan to attend the March 10, 2010 Chamber of Commerce meeting to discuss sign code issues with business owners.

Council Committees: Councilmember Rackley said the Community Development Committee met on March 1st and encouraged the Council to view the meeting notes regarding their discussions. Councilmember Hamilton said the Public Safety Committee also met on March 1st and discussed Lake Tapps boat noise issues. He said no one has volunteered for a citizen advisory committee, and suggested that the City publish an article in the local newspaper encouraging people to get involved. He said the committee would be a short-term commitment for 5-6 people to discuss boat noise and speed issues and provide input to the Council.

Youth Art: Councilmember Carter provided sketches of youth artwork available for free from Pierce Transit. She said the panels could be placed in City buildings as public art. Councilmembers selected several designs and asked the Mayor to have staff pick up available glass panels from Pierce Transit.

Upcoming Events: Councilmember Carter reminded Councilmembers of upcoming events including the Community Summit on March 18th, Spring Clean Up from April 12th to 16th, Bonney Lake Kiwanis' 'Dog Days' event on April 10th and 'Death by Chocolate' fundraiser on April 17th, and the upcoming Community Leaders Coffee.

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D. **Review of Draft Council Minutes:** February 16, 2010 Council Workshop and February 23, 2010 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Carter requested the February 16, 2010 minutes be revised on p. 2 to read: "~~contract~~ project was a couple weeks behind." Councilmember Carter and Lewis also noted several grammatical errors in the February 16th and 23rd minutes. The corrected minutes were moved forward to the March 9, 2010 Meeting for Council approval.

IV. **Executive Session:** None.

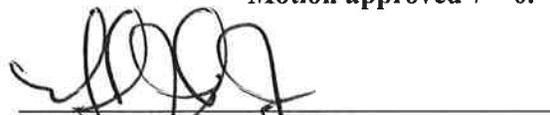
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V. **Adjournment:**

At 8:25 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the workshop. Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.


Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk


Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items submitted to the Council Workshop of March 2, 2010: None.