

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**June 1, 2010
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES



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Location: City Hall Council Chambers, 19306 Bonney Lake Blvd., Bonney Lake.

I. Call to Order: Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the workshop to order at 5:33 p.m.

II. Roll Call: [A1.3]

Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis called the roll. In addition to Mayor Neil 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, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Police Chief Mike Mitchell, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, City Attorney Jim Dionne and Records & Information Specialist Susan Duis.]

III. Agenda Items:

5:33:52

A. Council Open Discussion:

WSU Forest: Councilmember Hamilton said he noticed motorcycle tire tracks in the forest, as well as an area where people have regularly been lighting fires. Chief Mitchell said he walked the trails last week to identify problem areas and plan for enforcement. He said he is aware of the tire tracks and evidence of a fire pit.

Puyallup River Watershed Council: Councilmember Carter attended a meeting of the Watershed Council on May 26th, and provided copies of the recent report that was discussed.

Safe Routes to School Open House: Councilmember Carter said the City will host an open house on June 12th at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall to provide citizens information on the Safe Routes to School program.

Ready for Kindergarten Program: Councilmember Carter said Ann Cook from Sumner School District has provided information on the Ready for Kindergarten program. Councilmember Carter said this is a great program for kids who are not in preschool. She said a \$45 donation will help provide additional kits for children.

YMCA: Councilmember Carter said the Puyallup Herald newspaper has featured information on the Sumner YMCA, including suggestions that a new pool be constructed in Sumner. Mayor Johnson said the School District is working to resolve issues with the current pool, and there are no plans to build a new pool in Sumner. He said he is also working to set up a meeting between him, some councilmembers and Bob Ecklund to discuss planning for Bonney Lake's future community center.

Community Garden: Councilmember Carter said the City held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Community Garden on May 27th. She said the Food Bank and volunteers have done great work in a small amount of time, and they are still seeking donations of wood and soil for additional beds.

Cedar Grove Sewer: Councilmember Carter said she was contacted by a resident who wants to subdivide a property in Cedar Grove, and asked about future plans for sewer service in Midtown. Councilmember Rackley said this should be included in development of a Midtown plan. The area is currently served by septic systems and past Councils have had concerns about development in this area.

Downtown Traffic Improvements: Councilmember Carter said she has received reports of erratic driving related to new traffic controls installed for the Downtown Improvements Project. She said people are making illegal u-turns, driving over the curb barrier to access 182nd St E, cutting through the auto supply store parking lot, and misusing the right-turn lane onto SR 410. She asked whether more signage or police enforcement might help. Director Grigsby said the City owns right-of-way along the auto supply store on 182nd and Sumner-Buckley Hwy, and can install blocks to prevent people from making a left turn into the parking lot. He said people will eventually get used to the traffic revisions and learn that Main St E is a faster route. Chief Mitchell noted that some cities have an ordinance making it an infraction to cut through a business parking lot. Mayor Johnson asked for a traffic control emphasis in this area, and asked Public Works staff to look at options for additional directional signage.

Mayor Johnson asked the Council to move to Item B, since the Library representative was ready to speak, and continue with Open Discussion afterwards.

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B. **Presentation:** Pierce County Library District Facilities Master Plan – Neel Parikh, District Director.

Ms. Parikh provided the Council with an overview of the Pierce County Library System's 2030 Plan, which describes the vision, potential partnerships, and future needs for the library system. She said since the Bonney Lake Library was built in the 1980s, population growth has exceeded projections and services and expectations have changed dramatically. She described surveys and studies done to identify important issues and needs. Their recommendations include increasing the amount of seating, computers, meeting rooms, and square feet for all libraries in the system. The estimated project cost is \$310 million, which would be funded by a 20-year bond.

She said the current Bonney Lake library is 6,400 square feet and is one of the busier libraries in the system. Their study recommends construction of a new library in Bonney Lake that is about 38,200 to 44,400 square feet. She has met with Mayor Johnson and City Administrator Morrison to discuss potential locations in the planned downtown Civic Center, and said she is particularly interested in a location on Main Street. She said they are willing to partner with a business or the City to share building space.

Ms. Parikh said due to current economic conditions, the Library Board will not put a bond issue on the ballot for some time. The Library System will continue monitoring trends and economic conditions and set up a citizen advisory committee to refine plans for a new library. In the meantime, she said they will implement improved

service designs, floor plans, community engagement, etc. She introduced library staff in attendance: Deputy Director Georgia Lomax, Regional Manager Lynne Zeiher, and Bonney Lake Senior Librarian Lauren Murphy.

In response to a question from Councilmember Hamilton, Ms. Parikh said users can check out e-books from the library, and they plan for at least 20% electronic books in the future. Councilmember Carter suggested the library participate in the Kids Club events at Cedarview Park. Ms. Murphy said is already working with Special Events Coordinator David Wells to cross-advertise events and participate in City events. Deputy Mayor Swatman and Mayor Johnson spoke in support of building a new library in the Civic Center. The Council thanked Ms. Parikh and the library staff members for attending and their hard work to serve the community.

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A. Council Open Discussion: Continued

Comprehensive Plan: Deputy Mayor Swatman said the recently-approved Planning Commission workplan includes the addition of a Historical Element to the Comprehensive Plan, and asked if the Council had specific goals in mind. Mayor Johnson said staff are developing an outline and scope for Council review and direction. Councilmember Rackley said the Comprehensive Plan should provide the City with guidance on all aspects of the City, and should not be written simply to comply with the Growth Management Act. Councilmember Hamilton said he is primarily interested in historic preservation. Councilmember Lewis said he envisions that the element will provide a starting point for staff. Councilmember Carter said the City already has a lot of good information from previous surveys and citizen input, and the Park Board is working on a survey that includes other related questions.

WSU Forest: Councilmember Carter said a recent news article states that a traffic signal will be installed on SR 410 near the WSU Forest Medical Building. Mayor Johnson said there is no plan for a signal and the statement is in error.

Reed Property Tour: Mayor Johnson said he will work to set up a tour of the recently acquired Reed property in late June or July.

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Review of Council Minutes: May 18, 2010 Workshop and May 25, 2010 Meeting Draft Minutes.

Councilmember Carter asked that the May 18 minutes, p. 3, be revised to "~~Orting~~ Washington State plans to move the Orting fish hatchery." She asked p. 3 of the May 25 minutes be revised to move discussion of nuisance ordinances under Citizen Comments, not Correspondence. Councilmember Lewis asked p. 6 of these minutes be revised to "~~Director~~ Councilmember Lewis asked if the cultural resources..." The corrected minutes were forwarded to the June 8, 2010 Meeting for action.

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C. Discussion: AB10-74 - Ordinance D10-74 - An Ordinance Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Updating The Sign Code To Allow Nonpolitical Campaign Signs In The Right Of Way.

City Attorney Dionne said the Council has previously reviewed different versions of this ordinance, but had concerns about restricting the content and type of signs. He said he has reviewed various alternatives, including creating a separate definition for civic versus commercial events, allowing the Director to approve signs on a case-by-

case basis, and posting signs in specific locations. He said this draft includes a revised definition of “special event” signs, which includes non-commercial special events like those held by civic groups and non-profits. He said he included language providing for an appeal process, which is not included in the current code. He said this draft also clarifies and cleans up language he felt was confusing or redundant. He noted that past Councils have discussed changes to the sign code, but were mired in the complexity and other issues and did not approve any changes.

City Attorney Dionne said if the code allowed signs in specific areas in the City, the code could not restrict which entities can place their signs. He said realistically, a business could place their sign advertising a big sale or store closing in the designated sign area, just as civic groups could post their event signs. Mayor Johnson said his original intention in bringing up the issue was to provide civic groups an option to place signs without starting a long process that requires review by the Planning Commission. He said he did not want to open up the code to allow all types of event signs to be posted around the City. City Attorney Dionne said he does not believe changes to the sign code need to go through Planning Commission review. He said the only substantive policy decision before the Council at present relates to the definition and procedures for special events signs in general, and the other changes are based on his legal opinion.

City Attorney Dionne reiterated that the City cannot differentiate between commercial and civic event signs, as it sets up different allowances for specific types of speech. He said the City cannot use a lack of enforcement as a way to allow certain types of event signs, either. He said the current code allows businesses and groups to post signs on the premises, but not elsewhere, which is the main issue for non-profit groups trying to advertise an event. He said the Council could allow groups to post signs on private property with the property owner’s permission. Mayor Johnson and Councilmembers spoke in support of this option. Council consensus was to review a clean draft of the proposed ordinance, including the City Attorney’s suggested legal changes, at the June 15, 2010 Workshop.

IV. Executive Session: None.

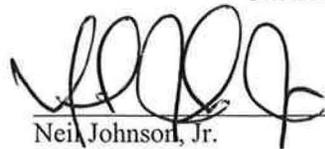
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V. Adjournment:

At 7:10 p.m. Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the workshop. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.


 Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
 City Clerk


 Neil Johnson, Jr.
 Mayor

Items submitted to the Council Workshop of June 1, 2010:

- Pierce County Library System – *Information & Imagination* – Neel Parikh, District Director.