

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

January 4, 2011
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 5:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call: [A1.3]

Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood 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, and Councilmember Randy McKibbin. Councilmember James Rackley was absent.

[Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Chief Financial Officer Al Juarez, Police Chief Mike Mitchell, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, City Attorney Jeff Ganson, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, and Administrative Specialist Shawn Campbell.]

Councilmember Decker moved to excuse Councilmember Rackley from attendance at the meeting. Councilmember McKibbin seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

III. Agenda Items:

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A. Council Open Discussion:

Senator Patty Murray: Mayor Johnson stated that Senator Murray's Representative Sean Murphy, who represents the South Sound Regional Area, met with him, City Administrator Morrison and Executive Assistant Hartsell. He said they spoke about the City's plans for different projects, transportation, earmarks, Easttown and Downtown. He stated Mr. Murphy is charged with coordinating the veterans' memorial committees in the area and the Mayor shared the City's plan for a veteran's memorial. He stated that after lunch City Administrator Morrison and Executive Assistant Hartsell took Mr. Murphy on a tour of the City.

Pierce Transit: Mayor Johnson stated he sent a letter to all the small cities that he represents as the Small Cities Representative on the Pierce Transit Board, asking for their input on the transit tax. He said he only received responses from Councilmember Carter and the City of Steilacoom. He thanked Councilmember Carter for her detailed response.

He stated as of December 24, 2010 a "No" Committee had not been established for the voters' pamphlet. He added the "Yes" committee is being led by Terry Lee and Claudia Thomas. He said Pierce Transit will hold Town Hall meetings to inform the public about the different budget options.

Park Place Condos: Councilmember Hamilton asked if the development has tenants living in it. Community Development Director Vodopich said the development is abandoned and bank owned. He said there is no one living in the units and they are secure.

WSU Forest: Councilmember Hamilton stated a citizen informed him a large tree fell across one of the main trails in the forest. He asked if it had been cleared or what the procedure is for taking care of it. Community Services Director Leaf said he had not heard about it and the City does not patrol the trails. He said he will have a staff member go out and make sure the trail is clear.

Sumner School District: Councilmember Lewis asked for a status update on the traffic light on 104th St. Public Works Director Grigsby stated Pierce County has signed off on the project. He will contact the County and report back with a status update.

Mayor Johnson said Bonney Lake High School is holding a Youth Summit on January 11th from 8:00am to 12:00pm. He stated all of the directors in the City will be attending the summit and the students are excited to have the opportunity to work with them.

Eastown Easements: Councilmember Lewis asked for a status update on the easements for the Eastown project. Director Grigsby stated several easements have been received; he is working on getting a few more. He said Compass Point has not submitted anything to the City at this point.

Charitable Donations: Councilmember Carter asked about the City's policy on payroll deductions for charitable donations. Chief Financial Officer Juarez said the City does payroll deductions, and he will prepare a report on how it would work for charitable organizations. Councilmember Carter said Marilee Hill-Anderson from the Sumner School District plans to hold a training class to help nonprofits in the area fill out the paperwork for grant programs.

Bonney Lake YMCA: Councilmember Carter said the Bonney Lake YMCA now has a fund raising account. She said donors can specify on their check "restrict to fund Bonney Lake YMCA" and the funds will only be used toward the Bonney Lake YMCA.

Business Licensing: City Attorney Ganson stated the City has received a business license application for a marijuana dispensary. He said he met with staff and drafted a letter to the company stating the type of business they have applied for is illegal in the State of Washington. He said the City denied their application and returned their application fee.

Condolences: Councilmember Carter shared that Duane Tidball passed away on December 31, 2010. She said he was a great member of the community. Director Vodopich pointed out the contributions the Tidball family made to the 90th St E project. Council expressed their condolences to the Tidball family.

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- B. **Review of Council Minutes:** December 7, 2010 Council Workshop; December 14, 2010 Council Meeting.

The corrected minutes were forward to the January 11, 2011 Meeting for Council action.

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- C. **Discussion:** City/County Staff Meeting Regarding the CUGA Annexation Proposal on January 3, 2010.

City Administrator Morrison said he and Community Development Director Vodopich meet with staff from Pierce County to discuss the proposed annexation. He said the County asked the City to withdraw the application for annexation and work on an annexation agreement for the area. He said the City has tried to work on an annexation agreement previously and had no response from the County. He said if the County invokes jurisdiction the election process could be delayed by several months and would be difficult to complete in 2011. He said the City could offer to dedicate all Park and Traffic development Impact Fees for use only in the area for which they are being taken. Alternatively, the City could withdraw their application in good faith and negotiate with Pierce County for an annexation agreement. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he would want to make sure the resources were not taken off the plateau. He said he liked the idea of dedicating the funds to the area from which they are taken. Mayor Johnson said the County has not had a plan for this area and he wants the City to move forward with the annexation. City Attorney Ganson stated if the County does invoke jurisdiction the City and the County can still negotiate and work toward an agreement. City Administrator Morrison said any group that is affected has the right to invoke jurisdiction. He said the City has received a letter from the Pierce County Health Department in support of the annexation. Mayor Johnson said he will schedule a meeting with County Commissioner Dan Roach to discuss the annexation. Council consensus was that the Mayor send a letter to Pierce County and move forward with annexation.

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- D. **Discussion:** Council Retreat Dates, Including Potential Agenda Items and Participants.

City Administrator Morrison discussed several options for the 2011 Council Retreat. He asked the Council if they would like to have a retreat, who they would like to invite, and when they would like to have the meeting. The Council expressed a preference to have the 2011 Retreat on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at the Reed Property, and to invite one representative from each commission to give a presentation at the retreat. Mayor Johnson asked that the suggested list of agenda items be ready to discuss at the next workshop.

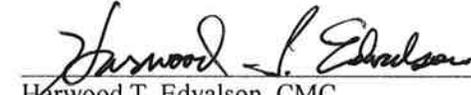
IV. Executive Session: None

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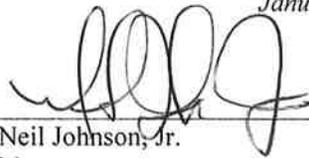
V. Adjournment:

At 6:37 p.m. Councilmember Lewis moved to adjourn the Workshop. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.



Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items submitted to Council at the January 4, 2011 Workshop: None