

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**March 1, 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, Councilmember Randy McKibbin and Councilmember James Rackley.

[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.]

III. Agenda Items:

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A. Council Open Discussion:

Council Retreat: City Administrator Morrison said the Council Retreat is scheduled to start at 8:30am on March 5, 2011 with a continental breakfast. He said each Council Board and Commission will have a representative at the table for discussion.

Native Plant Salvage Alliance: Councilmember Hamilton said the Alliance removes native plants from areas that are going to be developed and replants them in new undeveloped areas. He said he would like to see the City work with the group to take advantage of the native vegetation for use on City projects.

Reed Property: Councilmember Hamilton asked about the cost of repairs to the roof of the Reed property located at 7109 Barkubein Rd E. City Administrator Morrison said the damage to the roof is extensive and an initial bid for replacing the roof is \$18 - \$25,000. Police Chief Mitchell said a temporary repair has been completed and most of the damage has been fixed. He said the repair should last about 8 months. He said the tiles on the roof are very old and replacement tiles are no longer available, so the roof would need to be replaced. Community Services Director Leaf said the City only has one estimate on repairs, and if the City is going to replace the roof, it would need to go out for bid. He said the initial bid is for a composition roof. Councilmember Decker said if the City is going to replace the roof all options need to be examined, including a metal roof.

Citizen Recognition: Councilmember Hamilton said he would like to recognize Alford and Elma Milotte, who received six academy awards and retired to the Bonney Lake area. He wants to preserve the history of notable people from the area. He said his concern is the loss of history as time goes on. Councilmember Carter suggested the City host a film festival with their movies. Mayor Johnson said the Council needs to gather information and set up criteria on whom and how citizens are recognized.

Sales Tax Report: Councilmember Hamilton said he is concerned with December's sales tax decline. He said Pierce Transit and Washington State also showed a decline in sales tax for December. Councilmember Rackley said the state announced 11,000 jobs were created last month, and he believes the economy is getting better.

Families First Coalition: Councilmember Carter said she attended the February 28, 2011 meeting, and the coalition thanked the City for their participation.

DB Cooper Video: Councilmember Carter said she received the History Channel's DVD about the life of D.B. Cooper. She suggested the City have a public viewing of the movie.

Permits: Councilmember Carter said she received information that Miles Sand and Gravel have requested a permit for mining and Plateau 465 has requested a permit for logging. She said a permit has also been issued for logging 20 acres on Inlet Island. She said she has a concern about this affecting the Victor Falls aquifer.

Small Farm Animals: Councilmember Carter asked about the regulation for chickens within City limits. She said the Public Safety Committee is looking for Council consensus in terms of how many chickens a person can have on a residential lot. She said the county code allow twelve chickens per 5-acre lot or six on a 1-acre lot. She said the City's original legislation is three per residential lot. She said other cities in the area allow three per residential lot. Councilmember Hamilton said the City needs to be sensitive to homeowners that have been in the County. Councilmember Decker asked if homeowner's association rules can supersede a City ordinance. City Attorney Ganson said HOA covenants are often times valid contractual obligations. He said people can agree to additional restrictions beyond the City code for an area, but a HOA could not have less restrictive rules.

Legislative Update: Councilmember Carter said House Bill 1014, which gives water and energy companies the ability to invoke eminent domain, was passed. She said House Bill 1188 concerning suffocation and other domestic violence offenses also passed. She said the City already has a similar domestic violence law in place. Councilmember Rackley asked about the proposed change regarding when and how impact fees are due. City Administrator Morrison said he does not believe this is moving forward and the Association of Washington Cities will continue to update the City on this issue. Councilmember Carter said there are no hearings scheduled at this time.

CUGA Annexation: Councilmember Decker asked for a status update on the annexation process. City Administrator Morrison said Pierce County has invoked jurisdiction and filed a 20 page brief detailing why they do not want the Boundary Review Board to allow the City to proceed with the annexation. He said the County's

brief focuses on Plateau 465 and does not mention the residents in the area. He said Plateau 465 also opposes the annexation. He said the Boundary Review Board Hearing is scheduled for March 8, 2011 at 10:00am. Mayor Johnson said he questions other cities being able to annex farmland if the City is not able to annex a truly urban area.

Pierce Transit: Mayor Johnson reported on the Pierce Transit Retreat. He said the Transit Board reviewed a map of districts in the transit area and how each area voted. He said the board is focused on continuing delivery of services, implementation of system redesign, greater efficiencies, a lean organization, and communication and engagement with the public. He said there was talk about the east Pierce area being unwilling to support transit, unwilling to vote for any further taxes, and boundary revision eliminating Bonney Lake, Buckley and Orting. He said most of the options that were put forward included new taxes. He said at the end of the meeting they discussed the desire to keep the service area the same and the need to find creative ways to serve the needs of the outlying areas. He said if Pierce Transit cannot find a way to service the outlying areas then they will look at a boundary revision allowing the smaller communities to provide their own public transit. The board voted to implement the reduction plan by October 2011. They are going to look at executive members, bus drivers and reduction of routes.

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B. **Review of Council Minutes:** February 15, 2011 Workshop and February 22, 2011 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Hamilton asked the February 15, 2011 Workshop minutes be amended; p. 3 to say "less likely to run unopposed".

The corrected minutes were forward with corrections to the March 8, 2011 Meeting for Council action.

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C. **Discussion:** AB11-28 – Ordinance D11-28 - At-large vs. Wards for Council representation.

Councilmember Rackley said he contacted Fred Jacobson and Patch.com to ask their readership for input on the Wards vs. At-Large options. He said he received no response from Patch readers and very few from Fred Jacobson's blog readers. He said he still wants to move this ordinance forward. He said it would show the Boundary Review Board that the City is preparing for the future. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he feels the At-Large system is better for the City's future. He said the At-Large system better meets the City's mission statement. He said it makes each Councilmember accountable for all areas for the City and all citizens. He said it allows citizens the ability to vote for all Councilmembers. He said the ward system has worked well in the past but it is time to move forward. He said a qualified person in his mind is anyone who is able to connect with the voters. Councilmember Lewis said he has received emails both for and against the change. He said some people like the idea of having a particular councilmember closer to their home in their neighborhood. He said he does not think that will change. He said he had a booth at Bonney Lake Days, and citizens were surprised that they were unable to vote for him because they lived outside his ward. Councilmember Decker said he wants to table this ordinance until May 2011. To allow citizens more time to comment. He said he is concerned about Councilmembers not being able to make as

much of a connection with citizens. He said he has had to deal with issues outside his ward in the past. Councilmember Hamilton said that having only one Councilmember is only one voice for the citizens concerns. Mayor Johnson said it would make the Council responsible for citywide decisions. Councilmember Carter said citizens can also utilize the City Boards and Commissions to voice concerns.

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- D. **Executive Session:** RCW 42.30.110(i) – The Council recessed to an executive session with the City Attorney at 6:53 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation. The Executive Session was extended at 7:04 p.m. for 5 minutes. The Council returned to Chambers at 7:11 p.m.

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- E. **Discussion/Action:** (Tabled From 02/22/11) AB11-29 – Resolution 2104 – A Resolution Amending Resolution 2065 and Extending the Timeline for Consideration of the Proposed Annexation of a Portion of the CUGA Adjacent to the Southern Border of the City.

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 2104. Councilmember Decker seconded the motion.

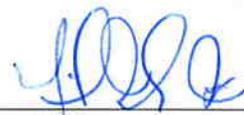
Resolution 2104 Approved 7-0.

- F. **Adjournment:**

At 7:11 p.m. Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to adjourn the Workshop. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.


Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk


Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items submitted to Council at the March 1, 2011 Workshop:

- City of Bonney Lake - "Prop 1 Results by Precinct" - Mayor Johnson.