

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL
MEETING/RETREAT**

**March 30, 2013
9:00 A.M.**

MINUTES



"Where Dreams Can Soar"

The City of Bonney Lake's Mission is to protect the community's livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services.

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Location: Hartstene Point Club House, 202 E Pointes Drive East, Shelton, Washington.

I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the special meeting/retreat to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Elected officials in attendance were Mayor Johnson, Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis, Councilmember Jim Rackley, and Councilmember Tom Watson.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison and Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson. Also participating was Consultant/Facilitator Martha N. Bryan.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Expectations and Ground Rules:

Ms. Bryan led a discussion with the City Council to identify individual expectations of the retreat and establish group ground rules for discussion of the issues.

B. Policy Questions:

Council Standing Committee Structure and Economic Development. City Administrator Morrison presented background on the topic for the Council discussion. Ms. Bryan led the Council in a discussion regarding whether economic development policy and issues should be handled within the framework of the Council Committees and what that structure would look like.

At the conclusion of discussion, there was apparent consensus to add economic development as a task to the Community Development Committee (CDC) and to allow Councilmembers with specific interest in CDC tasks to substitute in and out of the committee meetings. To give the CDC time to address this new task, there was consensus to have the CDC and staff funnel more of the routine administrative issues to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Establishing a Legislative Agenda and the Need for a Lobbyist. Ms. Bryan invited City Administrator Morrison to frame the topic for Council discussion. The City Council discussed whether there was a need for a lobbyist to promote the interests of the City. The Council reached general agreement that the City needs to bring pressure on the County, State and Federal governments in favor of the City's interests and that the Mayor's Office should continue to be engaged in the promotion of Bonney Lake. The

Council asked that Mayor Johnson analyze the City's staffing in this regard and make a proposal to Council for review and possible action in 2014.

Service Priorities and Assistance to Non-Profit Groups. The City Council discussed whether the City should be involved in supporting non-profit groups and to what extent City resources might be used to support the services these groups provide. There was general consensus from the Council to allow the Mayor's office to coordinate the City's dealings with non-profit groups and to bring issues to the Council's attention on an as-needed basis. However, as a general rule, the Council felt direct financial assistance would not be provided to community-based groups.

Sale of Real Property Surplus to City's Needs. Ms. Bryan led the City Council through a discussion regarding the potential sale of the City's 192nd Street property near Target which was originally purchased as a location for City Hall. At the conclusion of the discussion, Ms. Bryan helped the City Council reach a general consensus to allow the sale of the property. A majority also indicated the sale should not be for a price below the City's original expenditure for the property. The Council also indicated the proceeds of the sale should revert to the General Fund, at which time the Council would consider its allocation within the General Fund. Upon the sale of the property, there appeared to be general support for use of the money to cover the expenditures associated with moving additional staff into the Justice & Municipal Center.

The City Council also considered the sale of the City's parcel to the southeast of the Bonney Lake Library. City Administrator Morrison suggested this may be useful to assist the development of multi-family housing in the downtown area. Again, there was a general consensus to allow the administration to explore this sale and use of the property. Briefly discussed was the Reed property and how it may soon become surplus to the needs of the City's water utility. It was discussed how the proceeds of the future sale of the property would revert back to the City's utilities which funded the purchase.

Review and Update Various Council Vision Statements and Associated Goals. Ms. Bryan invited the Council to consider the Council's vision statements. These included an overall vision statement for the City, and individual vision statements for growth, economic development and public safety. After some discussion, the City Council concluded they were generally content with the direction of the vision statements. There was general consensus that they need to be updated and refined. The Council invited Councilmember Minton-Davis to work with City Administrator Morrison to tackle the proposed wording for a revised overall vision statement.

C. ADJOURNMENT:

At 2:10 p.m., the City Council concluded the special meeting/retreat by common consent.



Harwood Edvalson, MMC
City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

There were no additional items presented to the Council at the March 30, 2013 Special Council meeting/retreat.