

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

November 18, 2014
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES



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Location: Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

I. Call to Order – Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, elected officials attending were Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. was absent.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson, Police Chief Dana Powers, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, Senior Planner Jason Sullivan, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, and Administrative Specialist II Renee Cameron.

Planning Commissioner Chair Grant Sulham was also in attendance.

III. Agenda Items:

A. Council Open Discussion.

ADA Requirements for Crosswalks: Councilmember Lewis said he and Public Works Director Grigsby attended a meeting with Pierce County regarding Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements for crosswalks. He said though the City only has a number of crosswalks to address, the County is dealing with a 20 year plan to address the ADA requirements for all the crosswalks located throughout the County.

Bonney Lake Municipal Court Jury Duty Service: Councilmember Watson said he received a letter from a citizen regarding his frequent jury duty summons and he is going to pass the letter on to the Court Administrator for the reasoning for such frequent jury duty summons. Councilmember Lewis said he was affected by the same situation.

Marijuana Business Safety Concerns: Councilmember Watson said he heard in the news today of a marijuana retail store owner and others in Pierce County, who were attacked and robbed at his home, apparently because the employee and his staff cannot deposit their money into a local banking institution due to current federal regulations relating to receiving/depositing of funds relating to drugs. He expressed concern about violent activity that could be triggered here in the City, if a retail marijuana business is to open. He also said he heard that there has been an increase in calls to Poison Control due to the increased access to children of marijuana and marijuana edibles, which is another reason why he does not want to see marijuana retail businesses located in the City. He said he has also heard that the local schools are concerned about student and school safety, if a marijuana retail business is

allowed in the City. Deputy Mayor Swatman agreed with Councilmember Watson's concerns.

Icy Intersections: Councilmember Minton-Davis expressed concern about a few local intersections she has encountered that are dangerous on icy days and are extra slick due to their location and inclines. She would like to see if Public Works could consider roughening the road surfaces in these locations, or other options available, to increase the safety of these intersections.

Affordable Health Care Issues: Deputy Mayor Swatman said he attended the Communities for Families Meeting this month, where he said there were a number of providers there that had Affordable Care Act compliant plans with public resources available to help lead families through the process of selecting plans. He said the plans are required to be selected annually.

December 23rd Finance Committee Meeting: Deputy Mayor Swatman inquired how many Councilmembers will be available to hold a Special Council Meeting/Committee of the Whole Meeting (Finance Committee) on December 23rd at 5:30 p.m. It was determined that a quorum would be available in order to discuss a proposed excise tax, and a business and occupation tax (B&O) proposal.

Joint City Council/Park Commission Meeting: Deputy Mayor Swatman asked Council about dates for the Joint City Council/Park Commission Meeting. They choose December 8th at 6:00 p.m. for a Joint Meeting with the Park Commission, during the Park Commission's regular meeting time, and which the Park Commission advised would work for them as well.

Medical Insurance: Councilmember Rackley said he just transferred from his company's Medicare supplement to an Affordable Care Act supplement through Regence/Blue Shield and he saved approximately 60%. He said plan selection assistance is free to the consumer and Deputy Mayor Swatman said there are professionals available to assist through the plan selection process.

B. Review of Council Minutes: November 4, 2014 Council Workshop.

Minor corrections were made to the minutes and this item was forwarded to the November 25, 2014 Council Meeting for action.

C. Discussion: AB14-141 – Ordinance D14-141 – Preliminary 2015-2016 Biennial Budget.

Councilmember Rackley said he would like to have further discussion regarding parks. Chief Financial Officer Gibson said there are no other current updates for the proposed budget. Councilmember Minton-Davis said she has partially reviewed the proposed budget and suggested having the individual department heads present their budgets so duplicative questions and answers do not occur. City Administrator Morrison directed Council to provide him any budget questions they may have. Councilmember Watson addressed some questions regarding the money budgeted for the lights at Allan Yorke Park, increases to service charges, and his concern with allocation of staff for maintaining the Victor Falls Park and Midtown Park. City Administrator Morrison responded accordingly and said he will verify the information and funds allocated. Chief Financial Officer Gibson provided information pertaining to questions regarding payroll information, as well as the substantial

increase in credit card fees. There was discussion among Council regarding how to remove an item from the preliminary budget and how the different fund levels are budgeted. Council asked for clarification and justification as to why certain monies were allocated and/or considered a place holder in the budget. Councilmember Watson expressed his concern about the lack of funds allocated to improvement at Midtown Park. In Mayor Johnson's absence, Deputy Mayor Swatman said he believes that Mayor Johnson is sensitive to the Council's budget concerns. There was discussion about the \$95,000 allocated for park planning, survey of the community's needs, the master park plan, and the revenue and funding to proceed with park projects.

Councilmember Minton-Davis said she would like to see a list of what the City's revenue sources are. Councilmember Watson inquired about what it would cost to outsource the Senior Center, though he is very supportive of the Senior Center. Deputy Mayor Swatman said there is no plan to remove the Senior Center from the budget. Councilmember Rackley suggested a way to save money would be to allow membership to the Senior Center only to City residents. Councilmember Minton-Davis mentioned possibly turning the Senior Center into a Community Center and allowing service to the entire community and all of the City's residents. Councilmember Hamilton said he too would like to see a list of the City's revenue sources, as the City cannot continue to maintain its services with the proposed existing revenues. There was no action taken on this item, as a Public Hearing is scheduled to occur on November 25, 2014.

D. Discussion (Pursuant to Public Hearing held 11/4/14): AB14-142 – Ordinance D14-142 – Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy.

Deputy Mayor Swatman advised that there were no speakers at the November 4, 2014 Public Hearing, and advised that the proposed ordinance followed the standard annual procedure. This item was forwarded to the November 25, 2014 Meeting for action.

E. Discussion: AB14-133 – Resolution 2321 – Comprehensive Plan Update – Updated Cultural Arts and Heritage Element.

Planning Commissioner Grant Sulham summarized the November 5, 2014 Planning Commission Memorandum and stated that the update is required by RCW 36.70A.130, and that staff and the Planning Commission have identified changes that are required to ensure compliance with the Growth Management Act (GMA). Also, in addition to the required changes, optional changes have been proposed to be made as part of the update process. He said the Cultural Arts and Heritage Element is not a mandatory element, but is an optional element that is currently part of the City's Comprehensive Plan. As part of the update process, the structure and look of the element was updated to be consistent with the new template for all Comprehensive Plan elements. Councilmember Minton-Davis said she likes the addition of the Arts Commission opportunity for review and comment. Senior Planner Jason Sullivan advised Council that staff will continue to engage with the Arts Commission during implementation of this chapter. This item was forwarded to the Consent Agenda for the November 25, 2014 Meeting for action.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

**At 6:50 p.m., Councilmember Watson moved to adjourn the Council Meeting.
Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.**

Motion to adjourn approved 7 - 0.



Harwood Edvalson, MMC, City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Items presented to Council at the November 18, 2014 Workshop:

- Councilmember Donn Lewis, City of Bonney Lake - *E-mail from Polly DeLapp dated November 17, 2014, Subject: Please vote no re: Marijuana shop in Bonney Lake.*

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