

**CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP**

**February 17, 2015
5:30 P.M.
MINUTES**



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

- I. Call to Order** –Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call:** Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember James Rackley, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis arrived at 5:39 p.m.

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

III. Agenda Items:

A. Presentation: Pierce County Conservation District.

Ryan Mello, Executive Director of the Pierce County Conservation District (PCCD) provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the PCCD Partnership with the City and other local jurisdictions that they serve. He summarized who the PCCD is and provided a brief summary of how conservation districts were born. He advised that PCCD are not an agency of Pierce County and they are 110% non-regulatory authority. He said they are problem solvers who work with municipalities and private land owners to solve natural resource problems to provide technical and financial assistance when needed. He spoke regarding the funding and governance of PCCD and explained they leverage funds through private philanthropy, earned revenue, and state and federal grant programs. He explained how revenues and assigned staff would work for the City and the core programs that PCCD would assist with, if the City chose to join the PCCD. He said the PCCD's mission is to do hands-on work, and they engage the community on habitat issues. He provided a next steps timeline if the City chooses to join the PCCD, and advised that the deadline is October 2015 so that fees would be billed on the PC property tax statement in 2016. He advised that the fees are not a property tax. He provided Council with the current PCCD annual report.

Councilmember Watson asked about the cost per residence and Mr. Mello advised that each residence would be charged \$5.00 on their annual property tax statement, though the fee is not a tax. There were questions from the Council and Mayor regarding lake water monitoring, community garden(s) support, Beautify Bonney Lake assistance, and assistance with plantings for Tree City USA. Mr. Mello said many jurisdictions consider PCCD on-call consultants to give advice to the participating jurisdictions.

Mayor Johnson said obviously the decision on whether the City should join the PCCD is in educating the public and community as to their habitat needs and the ways the PCCD can assist the community. Mr. Mello said assistance with educating the community public is key, but advised that PCCD's current website is not what it should be. He said they spend their

resources on other communication items, but more importantly the program on the ground. City Administrator said if the Council approved joining the PCCD by October 2015, fees would be incurred in 2016 tax statements, and assistance and work would begin between the City and PCCD in 2016. Mr. Mello advised how the rates were derived and that the state caps the rate to \$5.00. If the City determines the program is no longer beneficial, the City has the option to opt out of the program. No action was taken, as this item was for presentation purposes only.

B. Council Open Discussion.

White River Communities for Families Meeting. Councilmember Watson said he attended the February 5th meeting and they discussed the Beyond the Borders Program, with South Sound 211 Program working to help those in need of transportation/bus service. He said the upcoming Community Summit will have speaker Jim Martinson, who is a Vietnam Veteran who lost both of his legs during the war. Mr. Martinson shows disabled veterans all the programs that are available to them and is very inspirational.

Project Homeless Connect. Councilmember Watson said the Project Homeless Connect event will be held at the Washington State Fairgrounds on March 31st.

Prairie Ridge Food Bank. Councilmember Watson said the Prairie Ridge Food Bank will be graduating their first family from the One Gen Central program, and discussed the program and the goal to help families succeed.

Death by Chocolate Event. Councilmember Watson said the Death by Chocolate Dinner/Event will be on March 21st and The Coats will be performing. He said tickets are currently available, and if Council wants to attend, they can coordinate getting a table. He said the funds raised all go the plateau helping needy people. Mayor Johnson said for those who cannot attend the event, that donations are welcome.

Mayor Johnson thanked Deputy Mayor Swatman for covering for him while he was out last week. He advised that he would be able to attend the retreat on February 21st as scheduled.

C. Review of Draft Council Minutes: February 3, 2015 Council Workshop, February 6, 2015 Special Council Meeting, and February 10, 2015 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Lewis noted a suggested correction on the February 10th minutes, Council agreed with the revision. Other minor corrections were made to the minutes, which were forwarded to the February 24, 2015 Meeting for action.

D. Discussion: Council Retreat Agenda

City Administrator Morrison advised that the retreat is scheduled for February 21st at C.I. Shenanigans. He said Council consensus was first to focus on the three main vision statements that will be discussed regarding Parks and Community Center, Transportation, and Community Outreach. He said those three items were worked into the agenda and he then summarized the remaining agenda topics and time allocated for discussion. No action was taken, as this item for discussion purposes only. Council consensus was that if retreat time is not sufficient to complete the agenda, they will continue discussion during a Council Workshop. It was determined that City Administrator Morrison will be the facilitator for the retreat. The retreat is scheduled to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Lewis moved to adjourn the Workshop at 6:34 p.m. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Motion to adjourn approved 7 - 0.



Harwood Edvalson, MMC
City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items presented to Council for the February 17, 2015 Workshop: None

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