

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

**October 6, 2015
5:30 P.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: Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the Workshop 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 Donn Lewis, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis, Councilmember Tom Watson and Councilmember James Rackley.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, City Engineer John Woodcock, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Police Chief Dana Powers, Facilities & Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, and Administrative Specialist II Renee Cameron.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Open Discussion:

White River Communities First Families Coalition Meeting: Councilmember Lewis said he attended the White River Families First Coalition on September 28th. He discussed the bicycle program and where donated bicycles, parts, or helmets can be delivered. He said he mentioned the Milotte Wildlife Film Festival at the meeting, which will be held on October 17th. He said he also discussed the City's successful Beautify Bonney Lake event. He described a new "Get Hired" program that provides free training for high school students and adults, and a program that offers free medical and dental care for children, as well as tutoring.

Pierce County Regional Council: Councilmember Lewis said he attend the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC) meeting on September 17th and advised that will be taking over Councilmember Hamilton's seat. He said he has been attending the meetings the past six months and is overseeing the Operations Committee. He said there was discussion about budgetary issues an attorney who serves in the group discussed the regulations and implementation of bylaws, financial accounting and financial backing. Councilmember Lewis said the PCRC discussed a joint land use study which provides \$50,000,000 in federal funds which will be going to Steilacoom, DuPont and Joint Base Lewis McChord for 15 traffic/transportation needs. He said the PCRC also discussed that Sound Transit will be looking for support from PCRC for the Phase III rail link extension.

Pierce County Trails Conference: Councilmember Lewis said there will be a Pierce County Trails Conference on October 14th in Puyallup to map out trails throughout Pierce County from Auburn to Buckley and Enumclaw, and south to Olympia.

Communities for Families Meeting: Councilmember Watson said he attended the Communities for Families meeting at Sumner High School on October 1st. He provided a report on the number of backpacks, school supplies, and haircuts that the family center provided. He said on December 18th they will have the Family House gifts giving, as well and dinner for the families, and that the Youth Forums will be held on October 21st and November 10th, with plans to schedule two more dates. He said they were introduced to Kylie Atkinson who is the new Behavior and Family Support Specialist at the Family Center. He said they also met the new coordinator for Communities for Families who is looking to establish next year's programs asking past and new volunteers to get involved.

Assistant Public Works Director: Councilmember Watson asked for an update on replacing the City's retiring Assistant Public Works Director. Mayor Johnson said the working on a larger plan, and in the interim will probably hire a temporary staff person. Mayor Johnson said the City is considering reorganizing and combining departments, but this is still in review. A temporary staff person will probably be hired in the interim.

Bonney Lake High School Career and Technical Advisory Meeting. Councilmember Rackley said on October 8th Bonney Lake High School will hold a Career and Technical Education Advisory Council Meeting, where students can hear about different career options available. He said there will also be an optional dinner.

Milotte Film Festival: Councilmember Hamilton reminded all of the Milotte Wildlife Film Festival at Midtown Grill on Saturday October 17th from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., which is free to attend. He encouraged everyone to come to the festival to see the movies, and learn about the Milottes and what they brought to the film industry and wildlife conservation. He said this year's theme is Monarchs of the North, about the types of bears in the north. He said one film has been submitted for the film entry contest, and a few others may still be submitted. He also reminded everyone of the raffle for a trip to Mexico and other items.

Tiered Water Rates Structure: Mayor Johnson said City staff, particularly Finance, have been receiving a number of calls from customers about increasingly high bills due to the summer water rates. He said the Finance Department has done a great job explaining the rate structure and the city code to customers. Councilmember Lewis said he too received his bill a few weeks ago, which includes the months of July and August. Councilmember Watson also spoke regarding a citizen, who contacted regarding a leak he has on his boat launch. Mayor Johnson said the City did a good job relaying the bill increase information to customers as they took effect, however, now that the summer rates and bill are being received, some customers have expressed frustration.

B. **Discussion:** Review of Minutes: September 15, 2015 Council Workshop, and September 22, 2015 Council Meeting.

The minutes were forwarded to the October 13, 2015 Meeting for action with minor corrections.

C. **Discussion** pursuant to Town Hall Meeting: Fireworks Regulation in Bonney Lake.

Mayor Johnson said the Town Hall Meeting held on September 29, 2015, regarding fireworks regulations in Bonney Lake went well and was glad to hear the public's comments and input regarding the pros and cons of banning fireworks within city limits. Councilmember Watson spoke regarding research he has done of other cities which have banned fireworks. He supports banning fireworks.

Councilmember McKibbin said he hopes there is a consensus of the Council before Administration brings an item for action. He doesn't believe a ban will help the entire community with the concerns Councilmember Watson expressed. Councilmember Rackley said he would not support a ballot measure. Councilmember Minton-Davis said she believes fireworks have gotten out of control within the City, but doesn't believe a ban will work.

Councilmember Watson suggested having a family fireworks event sponsored by the City. He said allowing fireworks causes too many issues and safety concerns. He said if the City doesn't start enforcing now, the problems will just increase. Councilmember Lewis suggested moving the fireworks show from Bonney Lake Days to the 4th of July. He agreed there should be a ban in the future that gives police the capability to issue citations and to enforce any future full bans. Mayor Johnson said if a ban passed, it would not take effect until the 4th of July celebration of 2017. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he doesn't have a good concept of where to go with the ban, and thought it may be better for the Public Safety Committee to review and make a recommendation. Councilmember Rackley said he thinks the Prosecuting Attorney and Public Safety Committee need to keep working on enforcement issues with the Police Department.

Councilmember Minton-Davis said that ban or no ban, the issue is enforcement. Councilmember Hamilton agreed and said the Public Safety Committee has already met, and the existing laws are not clear. He said to get a handle on fireworks there needs to be an outright ban on fireworks and a drastic increase in enforcement. He spoke about the intensity of fireworks today versus what was done twenty years ago. He said he told the TNT fireworks display industry that their days are numbered, and he doesn't believe they did a good job supporting their stance regarding the sales/use of fireworks. Councilmember Watson asked if other larger cities cannot enforce a ban on illegal fireworks, how can the City of Bonney Lake control enforcement. Mayor Johnson said he met with Renton's Mayor who said the most critical component of a ban is education. He said both their fire department and police department have authority to issue citations and they have seen improvement with their strategy and enforcement.

Mayor Johnson suggested having celebrations with individual homeowners associations and issue them a permit for the celebrations to include fireworks. Councilmember Minton-Davis said she could see the City compromising to allow permitted neighborhood displays. Chief Powers talked about the difficulty of enforcing and having to obtain search warrants. Chief Powers said if there was a ban, then it would be easier for enforcement due to probable cause. Mayor Johnson reminded everyone about the cost of risk insurance for a City sponsored event. Deputy Mayor Swatman spoke of the difference between "safe and sane fireworks", versus illegal fireworks and rockets. Council consensus was to send the issue to the Public Safety Committee for further review and recommendation regarding a ban, and to consider allowing permitted displays subject to certain criteria. Mayor Johnson asked that the Public Safety Committee recommendation be focused and not have numerous options.

D. Discussion: AB15-110 – Resolution 2485 – Changing the Meeting Date of the Council Public Safety Committee to the Third Monday of the Month.

Councilmember Watson, Public Safety Committee Chair, said Resolution 2485 would change the date of the Public Safety Committee from the first Monday of the month to the third Monday of the month. He said establishing the third Monday of each month as the primary meeting date is desirable to the Committee, and it would help to alleviate meeting dates falling on holidays. This change would still allow additional special meetings during the month on an as-needed basis. Chief Powers said the change worked for her schedule. This item was forwarded to the October 13, 2015 Council Meeting for action on the consent agenda.

- E. **Discussion:** AB105-106 – Resolution 2483 – Declaring Surplus Real Property, And Authorizing The Mayor To Sell Said Property as Outlined In BLMC Section 2.70.100 - Portion of Parcel 9200000070.

City Administrator Morrison summarized the agenda bill for this item. He said the property can be formally sold, if the Council desires. Councilmember Rackley expressed concern that there is no estimate of the property's actual value. Councilmember Watson asked about the possibility of the future City needs for expansion of the road. Councilmember Hamilton asked about the amount to be paid, and City Administrator Morrison said with this resolution the property would be considered surplus and sold for whatever amount is determined. Councilmember Minton-Davis said the City pays to maintain this property and for taxes, and she supports surplus the property. Council consensus was to surplus the property with the purchaser paying all of the costs. This item was forwarded to the October 13, 2015 Council Meeting for action.

- F. **Discussion:** 186th Corridor Improvements Project Update.

City Engineer John Woodcock provided an update regarding the 186th Corridor Improvements Project, an updated memo, and a table regarding the status of the right-of-way acquisitions of the properties affected by the project, and the costs associated with each property. He summarized the use of each property, depending on whether the city purchased right of way. He discussed the design team construction cost is at 90%, the status of the joint utility trench design, and the costs of the phases of the project. Councilmember Hamilton noted the City of Auburn's downtown project has taken almost ten years to complete. This item was for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

- G. **Discussion:** Fennel Creek Trail Segment 2 Budget.

Facilities and Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf provided budget information for the Fennel Creek Segment 2, as outlined in the September 25, 2015 information provided by Parametrix that was included in the agenda packet. He said this project is turning out to be costly, and adding the tunnel and relocating the trail have increased the costs of the project significantly. He said the right of way acquisitions with the property owners has been difficult. He said the public is behind this project, and he sees the project being completed by the end of 2016 or mid-2017. He said he plans to apply for a non-motorized construction grant which would cover 85% of the \$2.8 million costs. Councilmember Lewis questioned the costs and Mr. Leaf clarified the City's costs with the construction grant. He said a state recreation grant covers only 50% of costs. Mr. Leaf said with Council consent he would work on a contract proposal with Parametrix to bring back to the Community Development Committee. Councilmember Hamilton supported this request and said that Bruce Dees has done an outstanding job on the design and estimates and the City was fortunate to work with him on this phase. Council supported moving forward. Mr. Leaf spoke regarding the trail using the City's 2 acre parcel, and utilizing the City's parcel would keep the tunnel where the public liked it, and not jeopardize federal funding for construction or design. John Woodcock said the City recently won an award for excellence from the State, and the State will be doing a presentation to the City in November. Mr. Leaf said this is the second award that the City has won for the Fennel Creek Trail. Mayor Johnson also said staff are working with the Sumner School District to get action photos of children using the Safe Trails path.

IV. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.

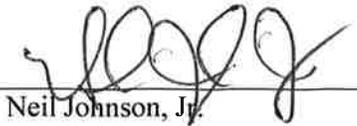
V. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:20 p.m., Councilmember Watson moved to adjourn the Council Workshop. 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 October 6, 2015 Workshop:

- John Woodcock - *Updated Memo, Cost Estimate, and Right of Way Acquisition Table regarding the 186th Corridor Project Update.*

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