Mayor Young called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m. In attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Council Members Stephen Bricker, Phil DeLeo, Neil Johnson, Dave King, and Jim Rackley. Staff members attending were Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Planning & Community Development Associate Planner David Renaud, Judge James Helbling, Public Works Director Seth Boettcher, Building Official Ray Cockerham, City Attorney Jim Dionne, and Kerri Murphy. Council Member Maureen Palecek excused.

Agenda Items

1. Linda Masteller, Planning Principal, Sumner School District, presentation on progress of new school (Introduction by Deputy Superintendent William Nolan)

Deputy Superintendent William Nolan explained that the high school is the single largest capital project that the District has ever undertaken. He thanked the staff at the City for their cooperation and support.

Linda Masteller gave a brief presentation on the progress of the new Sumner High School and thanked the Council and staff for their help and support of the project. Visual boards were displayed showing elevations and layouts of the school. The school is a two-story building with the student commons set up with a mall type theme. Storefronts are all the way around the commons with information for the career center and other services, a food court and a bank. The school plans to be complete and open in 2005.

1. Open Discussion

Discussion of e-mail accounts and when email would be forwarded to Council’s personal email accounts? Deputy Mayor Swatman requested to have his city email address deleted.

Status of the School Resource Office (SRO) was discussed.

Status of Street Sweeping, Mayor Young explained that it had not changed since the last time and he has not spoken to the Chief yet.

There was discussion of the vote of no confidence for the Finance Director, it was suggested by Councilman DeLeo that a committee be formed to find out if there is any real problem.

The Mayor said he was in contact with the Labor Attorney. There are still no specifics as to what their issues are. Council has final say on what is negotiated with the union.

City Attorney Dionne said that Council’s only interest is that the parameters and budget interest are carried out effectively. Someone needs to represent the city at the bargaining
table. If there were confusion, that would be something that the Council would want to clarify.

Councilman DeLeo asked if a copy of the AWC Salary book could be put in the Council library, and Mr. Weidenfeller said yes.

Deputy Mayor Swatman reminded the CDC Committee of the ongoing issue of streetlights. Council Member Johnson asked if there were any new businesses or remodels coming up in Bonney Lake? Staff responded that Tarragon has submitted a site plan to develop the site. Wetland issues need to be addressed for the site. Bank of America has an application for a space. There is a pre-application meeting for the relocation of the Mazatlan Restaurant.

There was discussion of future plans to widen Hwy. 410, from 214th Ave E and 234th Ave E. The Department of Transportation project engineer, Neil Campbell, will spearhead the meeting for the project with the City. Referendum 51 stopped the actual meeting and the widening project. The project will require a study from the City to show future plans with no impact to traffic flow. There is a lack of funding at the state level. We want development that is consistent with the city. There are topographical issues in that area.

Mayor Young will provide Council Member King with a copy of the plan.

Sprinkler systems in the older buildings in town get tested annually. Fire extinguishers are also tested on an annual basis.

Garbage pick-up has been completed once around. He said that he would have to confer with the Mayor concerning budget and mobility of labor. It was suggested that the trash on the streets be picked up on a regular schedule to keep it from getting out of hand.

2. Draft Minutes: None

Mayor Young explained that the Court Clerks have been working to complete the minutes and will be provided at the next workshop.

Old Business

1.) Res 1021 – Purchasing & Travel

Finance Director, John Weidenfeller, provided handouts and explained there were some concerns with the credit card policy. The resolution was discussed and passed in August 2002, then Council asked that the original resolution be rescinded. Council Member DeLeo motioned to have Resolution 1021 tabled. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion. Tabled to the next workshop 02/04/03.

2.) Ord 928 – Credit Card Usage

Finance Director, John Weidenfeller provided handouts and explained he has tried to comply with any ordinances that were brought up. Balances are not carried on the cards and the town has several revolving accounts. Concerns over credit card limits being raised were discussed.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked what the Council’s direction was on the use of credit card as an overall concept for regular purchases? Council Member DeLeo motioned to table until the next workshop.
Council Member Rackely seconded the motion. Tabled until the February 4th workshop.

3.) Ord 984 – Adding a new Chapter 19.04 to the BLMC relating to Transportation Impact Fees*
Larry Toedtli with Department of Transportation gave a brief presentation on Traffic Impact Fees for the City.
Council had concerns with fees and whether or not the City could have impact fees even if there is an inter-local agreement with Pierce County. It was suggested to possibly look to the Master Builder Association for some information that the Council is looking for in the way of fees and keeping with the City’s local cost. Council had concerns with the latitude that the Public Works Director would have. The Public Works Director’s job would be easier if the fees were in black and white. A Public Hearing will be set at the next Council Meeting scheduled for 01/28/03. Mayor Young said that he is still struggling with the decision of Traffic Impact Fees but understands the reasoning for them. It will add cost to the developments and buildings.

New Business

1. Year 2004 Comprehensive Plan Update: Natural Environment, Land Use and Housing Elements*
Councilman Bricker motioned to table the discussion until the next workshop.
Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

2. Hyon Property Payment – Action Item*
Deputy Mayor Swatman gave approval to do a pre-write if necessary. City Attorney Dionne explained that the Council could vote on it, that it is an authorization for payment.
Deputy Mayor Swatman motioned to accept the pre-write.
Council Member Rackley seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

3. Discussion of an Access Road in Panorama Heights
A handout was submitted to Council, the main concern is no connecting road between Panorama and Sky Island. Without the completion of the road, traffic would be routed through a residential area that is not designed for this traffic. Northwest Heritage, in Sky Island, has requested an extension on the plat. The Planning Department is coordinating with East Pierce Fire and Rescue and Bonney Lake PD, and writing a letter to Hearing Examiner who must make a decision on the request for the pending Sky Island plat extension. There are two connecting routes, one through phase 5 and one through phase 4. Council consensus is to wait and see what the Hearing Examiner has to say.

4. Discussion of the status of the Tidball Permit
The Council received a handout from the Planning Department giving Council a sequence of events at the Cedar Grove Mini-Storage Project. A stop work order was never lifted, activity has been documented, and the City can assessed fines. Several letters reiterating the requirements were provided and the code is being enforced. The issue of storm water retention has not been resolved; it must be contained onsite. Every application is handled in the same manner. When the issues in the letter are addressed applicant will receive his permits. Mayor Young asked Mr. Tidball to respond in writing to staff.
There being no further business to come before the Council. Mayor Young adjourned the workshop at 9:13 p.m.

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Dan Swatman, Deputy Mayor  Kerri Murphy