

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

May 6, 2003

DRAFT 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.

"Where Dreams Can Soar"

Roll Call

Mayor Young called the workshop to order at 5:33 p.m.

Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman; Councilmembers Neil Johnson, Dave King, Cheryle Noble and Jim Rackley. Councilmember Stephen Bricker was absent from the meeting.

The following Park Board members were in attendance: Chairperson Carol Ujick, Margaret Farrell and Dan Totten. Leota Musgrave was absent.

Staff members attending were Administrative Services Director Tom Reber, Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Public Works Director Seth Boettcher, Police Chief Bryan Jeter, City Attorney Jim Dionne, Deputy City Attorney Jeff Ganson, and Pro Tem City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Agenda Items

In order to accommodate legal counsel, Mayor Young suggested that the meeting agenda be altered to place the executive session between items A and B of Agenda Item 1.

1. Presentations:

A. Angie Voiles – 2003 Daffodil Queen and a senior at Sumner High School, announced that her senior project was fund raiser for the American Cancer Society. She said a catered dinner and silent auction would be held May 10 at the Puyallup Elk's Lodge. Tickets were available for \$15/ person and \$25/couple.

2. Executive Session: Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(c) and 42.30.140(4)(a) Mayor Young announced that the City Council would go into executive session to discuss property acquisition and collective bargaining. The session started at 5:40 p.m. for 20 minutes. The session was extended for another 20 minutes at 6:10 p.m.

3. Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Park Board.

The anticipated representative of WSU Forest Demonstration Projects did not appear to address the Council. Consequently, Mayor Young convened the joint meeting with the Park Board and welcomed the Boardmembers, inviting them to make their presentation. Boardmember Totten indicated that he would be narrating a power-point presentation. Assistant Public Works Director Leaf distributed printed copies. During the presentation, Boardmember Totten provided an outline of the Park Board's roles. On behalf of the Park Board, he expressed appreciation for the support of Gary Leaf and Rick Shannon of the

Public Works Department. He reviewed a land and facilities inventory for recreational opportunities, identified major potential park properties and provided nation-wide park comparisons. He concluded the presentation with a list of recommended actions and funding priorities.

The City Council and Park Board discussed such issues as parks impact fees, potential park sites, bonding for property purchase, partnerships with the County, and IAC grants. Other than completing the park comprehensive plan, there was consensus between the Park Board and Council that the top priority ought to be working with Pierce County on the 230th – 234th park site. Mayor Young directed staff to participate in the coordinating meetings with the County and express the City's interest in the project. He asked that staff bring back more specifics about the County's proposal for the City's participation in the project.

Mayor Young called for a five minute recess.

Mayor Young invited the Park Board to address the final item on the proposed joint meeting agenda—the Cingular One Cell Tower. Boardmember Totten explained that the Park Board had approved in concept the proposal to site the tower in the back part of Allen Yorke Park, but that the Board was interested in maximizing the return to the City. Assistant Public Works Director Leaf added that a counter-proposal from Cingular had been passed on for legal review. Councilmember DeLeo reminded the Board and staff that the Rainier Communications Commission could be a valuable resource for reviewing the proposed agreement.

4. Council Workshop (Cont'd.)

A. Open Discussion

Mayor Young reminded the Council of the savings to the City for “early-bird” registration for the AWC Annual Conference. Councilmember DeLeo suggested that the Councilmembers coordinate their attendance at the various sessions to avoid duplication and provide a broader range of information made available to the City. Councilmembers DeLeo and Rackley volunteered and were appointed by Council consensus as voting delegates to the conference.

Mayor Young reminded the Council that group pictures would be taken at the next council meeting.

Councilmember Rackley reported on his attendance at the Wastewater Treatment Facility Committee meeting. He said that the base bid was received at \$3 Million over the projected bid for the project. He added that the was receiving close scrutiny for ways to reduce the project and system costs. Public Works Director Boettcher said the consensus at that meeting was to move forward with the project, and that the bids would be carefully reviewed. He added that the bid was \$10.8 Million for the City's share of the project and that the City had currently set aside \$8.3 Million. The staff recommendation was to seek the needed funding through an additional loan from the Public Works Trust Fund.

Councilmember Noble proposed that the City Council adopt a resolution welcoming home and supporting the enlisted men and women of the military. She had contacted

other cities for samples and hoped that there was some language upon which the Council could all agree. Councilmember Rackley said that despite his own military background and service he did not feel it was within the Council's purview to take such an action. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he would support a brief resolution as long as it didn't take an inordinate amount of time away from the Council's other business. Councilmember Noble suggested a proclamation was perhaps an acceptable solution. Mayor Young said that there was a Puyallup citizen that was making welcome home banners and offering them at cost. He said it would be pursued. Councilmember DeLeo asked that specific mention be made of the families' sacrifices. Councilmember King noted that the City of Bonney Lake has a long tradition of patriotism with many veterans as residents. He said there was little doubt that the City stands in support of the troops. He said that he would support a proclamation. Mayor Young agreed to make a proclamation. He noted that he had also been requested to proclaim May as Neurofibromatosis month.

Deputy Mayor Swatman noted the communication received from Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy and asked if he understood correctly that action was going to proceed on the fence violation. Director Leedy said that having had discussion with the property owners, as a matter of routine that would be where the issue would have ended. He said that from all street-side appearances and from drive-by review it complied with code. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked for further clarification. Director Leedy said that he would not debate the issue, that staff was prepared to serve the necessary civil notifications, obtain access to the property and take the appropriate measurements. Deputy Mayor Swatman noted that Director Leedy had stated earlier that the fence appeared to meet code, and expressed frustration that what appeared to be a clear violation was not being enforced. He asked Deputy City Attorney Ganson to comment on the situation. Deputy Attorney Ganson said that he was unfamiliar with the situation and was reluctant to comment on code enforcement proceedings in open session. Deputy Mayor Swatman expressed his strong dissatisfaction with the handling of and amount of time taken to address this issue. Mayor Young said that the administration would see what could be done to solve it.

Councilmember Johnson asked if the paving from the basketball court to the road would be finished. He said it gave a shoddy appearance that did not seem consistent with our efforts to have the park look good for the skate park grand opening. Director Boettcher responded that that paving project had been identified during the annual budget adoption as one that would have to wait for future funding. Councilmembers DeLeo and Noble offered to contribute \$1,000 each from their Councilmember Discretionary Funds to complete the described paving. Mayor Young invited Council input on other items that could be pursued to further prepare the park for the skate park dedication.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the business license process in the City and if people were able to readily obtain a business license. Pro Tem City Clerk Edvalson explained that with the change of the business license administration to the permit center there had been a backlog created in the issuance of business licenses. He explained that the majority of the backlog had been cleared and issued and that he had observed some licenses issued over the counter. Deputy Mayor Swatman said that the license information was important for the City's interests. He suggested that perhaps the Finance Committee should review the involvement of the fire marshal in the review process.

Councilmember Rackley asked again about the junk cars on private property. Councilmember DeLeo said that it had been discussed this past week at the Public Safety

Committee meeting. He said that they were waiting on some more information and proposed solutions. Councilmember King said that the committee was working on revisions to the Bonney Lake junk vehicle ordinance that will improve its enforceability. He felt, however, that notice should have at least gone out to the property owner at issue. Mayor Young responded that notice of violation had been provided.

- B. AB03-122 – Authorization for Public Works Trust Fund Loan Application. Mayor Young stated that this item was presented for Council action and that a motion was needed to authorize the Mayor to sign a Public Works Trust Fund Loan application for \$10 Million for the Ballpark Well, water main replacement projects and the additional monies needed for the sewer project.

**Councilmember Rackley moved the motion as stated by the Mayor.
Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.**

Director Boettcher noted that the project had been applied for previously and had not quite qualified. He said the City would be more likely to receive favorable consideration this year. He added that proposed water main projects 19 & 20 would be pushed back to later years in order to accommodate the additional sewer project needs in the loan request. He noted that \$10 Million was the maximum amount that could be requested in any two-year period. The Council discussed the proposed water main projects.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

- C. Draft Minutes

The City Council reviewed the draft minutes from April 15, 2003 Workshop; April 15, 2003 Special Meeting; and April 22, 2003 Council Meeting.

Police Chief Jeter asked the Council to note that the reference to Detective Cantrell in the April 15 minutes should be changed to Officer Cantrell. There were no further corrections or additions identified.

- D. AB03-54 – Test Project to Install Traffic Calming Devices on Church Lake Rd. E., Locust Ave. and Myers Rd.

With Councilmember Bricker absent from the workshop, Mayor Young said that the discussion on this item be tabled until the next workshop.

- E. AB03-131 – Proposed Use of Ludwig Chiropractic Bldg. For Visitors/Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Deputy Mayor Swatman introduced the topic. He said that based on comments from Mr. Davidson during the Council vacancy interviews, it appeared the Chamber could use some space. He proposed that if the City is going to retain the building then the Chamber be approached about renting or leasing space along with a Visitor's Bureau. Councilmember DeLeo suggested that there may be space as well for the Food Bank.

Mayor Young said that the Finance Department had done some calculations to generate options for the Council to consider. He distributed a handout for Council consideration. Mayor Young said a state representative was looking for office space to rent in the City.

Councilmember Johnson asked about an economic development committee for Bonney Lake. Director Leedy said that an economic development element of the comprehensive plan is in the work plan for 2003. He said there appeared to be little interest in economic development on the plateau among the economic development movers and shakers of Tacoma/Pierce County. He said a strong economic development element would emphasize promoting the plateau including Bonney Lake and the development of those things that would eventually attract visitors to the City. He agreed with Councilmember Johnson that the Chamber is a key element of an economic development plan, and a key contact for business interests in the City.

Mayor Young said that the state representative could pay up to \$550 per month for two of the offices in the building. He said the rest could be used for the Chamber. He agreed to talk to the Chamber to see if they had an interest in using a portion of the building.

F. Summary of March 28-29 Council Retreat.

Due to the lateness of the hour, Councilmember Rackley moved to table the presentation and discussion until the next regular workshop. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

Adjournment

At 8:55 p.m. Mayor Young declared the meeting adjourned.

Robert Young, Mayor

Harwood T. Edvalson, Pro Tem City Clerk