

City of

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

May 20, 2003

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 5:35 p.m.

Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman; Councilmembers Stephen Bricker, Phil DeLeo, Neil Johnson, Dave King, Cheryle Noble and Jim Rackley.

Staff members attending were Administrative Services Director Tom Reber, Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Judge James Helbling, Planning & Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Public Works Director Seth Boettcher, 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. Executive Session—After brief discussion about changing the agenda order, Mayor Young announced that Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) the City Council would go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining. The session started at 5:37 p.m. and concluded at 5:52 p.m.
2. Presentations:
 - A. 2001 Audit Exit Report. Finance Director John Weidenfeller introduced Mark Rapozo, CPA, Audit Manager and David Knechtel, CISA, Assistant Audit Manager, from the State Auditor's Office. Mr. Knechtel presented a hand-out and said that they had taken a risk-based approach to the Fiscal Year 2001 audit. He said there were three levels of possible action, i.e., audit findings, management letters and suggestions. He said that the City of Bonney Lake had no audit findings, nor management letters associated with this audit. He congratulated the City on a good, clean audit. He added that the policies and procedures in place were sufficient to protect the public. Mr. Knechtel said that they had spent two days responding to citizen concerns. He said that although they had not finalized the response letters, he would summarize by saying that there were no apparent violations of law, or of the City's policies and procedures.

At the conclusion of questions from the City Council, Councilmember King noted that this audit covered a period of time that was very difficult for Mr. Weidenfeller, with many changes occurring in the finance department as well as his increased administrative duties. He said that to have an audit with no findings during those difficult times was an outstanding endorsement of the finance department as a whole and Mr.

Weidenfeller in particular. Councilmember Rackley followed with a suggestion for a Council resolution to express appreciation.

- B. Youth Assessment Center. Ron Hanna, Pierce County Juvenile Court distributed a handout and described the Youth Assessment Center as a partnership with the Pierce County Juvenile Court and A Chance To Change, a non-profit organization. He said the goal of the program was to reduce the use of secure detention for youth without increasing risk to the public. He outlined seven objectives to the program: (1) To develop a youth assessment center serving 500 youths/families in the first year; (2) develop youth detention alternatives to reduce the number in secure detention by 50% after three years; (3) to increase parental/family involvement in the treatment of project youth; (4) reduce the disproportionate number of minority detainees over the first three years; (5) significantly reduce the number of status offenders in secure residential centers over three years; (6) to secure strong, long-lasting support of law enforcement agencies in the County; and (7) secure research funds to develop innovative strategies to engage and motivate parents in the process. He said the program was looking for funding of up to \$300,000 in the second year from the 23 municipalities in Pierce County. He said the proportionate share for Bonney Lake was \$9,400. Mr. Hanna concluded with responses to Council questions.

Mayor Young called a 5 minute recess.

3. Open Discussion

- A. Angeline Heights PUD Landscaping. Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy briefly summarized a memo that was previously distributed about the current status of efforts to enforce completion of the buffer landscaping in the Angeline Heights Planned Unit Development. He said that efforts had been successful to secure agreement from the developer to pursue the required landscape improvements. He added that staff contacts with property owners indicated that about 50% were satisfied with their own landscape improvements. He said the Angeline Heights property owners had been contacted and been given an opportunity to indicate which elements of the landscaping should still be installed. He expressed regret that the process had taken so long, but was unable to piece together the history that led to the breakdown in the original installation of the landscape improvements.

Evelyn Rees, resident of Angeline Heights, provided a history of the project, its improvements and her requests for assistance in requiring the completion of improvements. She referenced a letter wherein she and the property owners asked for assistance to guarantee the good working repair of the association-owned storm water system, the removal of several large, dead trees; and completion of landscaping and installation of equipment in the park. She said the storm water pipe lacked a cover to secure a dangerous condition.

Steve Boerstler, 90301 185th Ave. Pl. E., said he had heard there was a schedule for landscape installation and asked what that schedule was. Mr. Leedy responded that the landscaping was supposed to be completed by May 30.

Richard Breedlove, 90202 184th Ave. E., said that he lived just beside the properties and that he had complained about the continued sales without the installation of the buffer. He expressed concern about the impact to his property of allowing the PUD property

- owners to pick and choose the elements of landscaping they want installed. He said it was not fair to him. Ms. Rees said that a planned fence would provide greater screening than what was originally planned. Mr. Leedy said that his staff would contact Mr. Breedlove about his concerns. Mr. Breedlove concluded by stating that the builder's had saw cut and cracked his driveway. He asked about his remedies.
- B. Mayor Young mentioned the memo from the Planning Department on the fence construction at 93rd and 205th. He said it looked like the issue was being taken care of.
 - C. Mayor Young also announced that the Puyallup Herald was sponsoring some domestic violence forums, one tentatively to be held in Bonney Lake on June 30.
 - D. Councilmember DeLeo reported that Councilmembers King and Noble joined him at a meeting of the Pierce County Park System to discuss a regional park in the area. He said that the County was looking for contributions from Bonney Lake, Sumner, Buckley and the school districts in the development of a park. He added that they had mentioned a study contribution of two thousand to ten thousand dollars. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he would support two thousand for the study. Councilmember Bricker asked if water was part of the discussion, and Councilmember DeLeo said it was to be studied. Mayor Young concluded by saying that staff would investigate further and bring information back to the Council.
 - E. Councilmember DeLeo mentioned the existence of graffiti at the new skate park and asked about the installation of locking gates. He suggested that the park could then be closed to for a week to clean the graffiti and to send a message that abuse of the park would result in closures. He also suggested naming the skate park for Jack Kobelin and Gary Campbell who had made significant contributions to the community in the interest of youth. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the proposed turn-style or gate for the skate park. Public Works Director Boettcher said that they anticipate a proposal and would solicit additional proposals once a design was decided upon. Councilmember Rackley offered his help to remove the graffiti.
 - F. Councilmember DeLeo also mentioned a proposal from the Rainier Cable Commission to change the status of the City of Tacoma to a non-paying, non-voting member. He said that they had their own cable system, but offered the strength of a larger community to the Cable Commission. He asked for and received verbal consensus for support of the concept.
 - G. Deputy Mayor Swatman reported his concern for a lot across the street from Kentucky Fried Chicken and A&W, next to the muffler shop. He said that vehicles were often left for sale on the undeveloped lot. He was concerned for safety as vehicles entered and exited the property. Councilmember DeLeo said that there was currently a portable shed advertised for rent on the property. They asked that staff contact the owner about the use of his property.
 - H. Councilmember King mentioned the proliferation of homemade advertising and excess real estate signs, balloons and banners in the City. He asked if the City could have another campaign to control these types of signs. Several of the Council offered to assist in the campaign. Mayor Young said an announcement would be posted on the City's website.

- G. Councilmember Rackley said he'd received phone calls and letters complaining of the proposed cell tower disguised as a flag pole. He said that one of the complaints is that the tower is within 50 ft. of a residential area. Director Leedy said that the tower was properly applied for and would soon be before the hearing examiner where their concerns could be heard and considered. He said that he would follow up on the regulations in the Municipal Code regarding the proximity to residential areas.
- H. Councilmember Rackley introduced a brief discussion on the elimination of the ward system of election for Councilmembers. He said that he had discussed the possibility with a couple other Councilmembers. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he supported the concept, Councilmembers DeLeo, King and Bricker registered initial disagreement. It was agreed that the topic be scheduled at an upcoming workshop.
4. Length of Agenda – Councilmember King asked the Council to consider the items on the agenda and the potential length of time involved to address them.

Councilmember Rackley moved to table items 12 (AB03-134), 13 (AB03-133) and 14 (Presentation on the Council Retreat) to the next workshop. Councilmember Bricker seconded the motion.

There was consensus that the Council Retreat presentation be placed at the top of the agenda.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

Councilmembers expressed concern for the need to begin implementation of the goals established in the retreat. Mayor Young said that staff was already beginning to pursue the Council's direction from the retreat. Councilmember DeLeo added that from his attendance at the Design Commission he was concerned that they had been constituted for a year and still expressed uncertainty about their role. Director Leedy agreed that a meeting with the Council might be beneficial for both Council and Commission. He said that the strategic districts commercial plan had been presented to them.

5. AB03-145 – Resolution 1111 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Award Of The Concessionaire Contract To Connie Swarhout.

Councilmember Rackley moved the approval of Resolution 1111. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Councilmember Rackley said the Community Development Committee had reviewed and approved this resolution for Council consideration due to the urgency to award the contract before the Memorial Day holiday, a major sales period for the Snack Shack.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

Councilmember King asked if the docks would soon be completed. Public Works Director Boettcher responded that the bid selection had been made for the work. Mayor Young anticipated the work would be completed this summer.

6. Review of Draft Minutes: May 6, 2003 Workshop and May 13, 2003 Council Meeting— Mayor Young asked if Councilmembers had comments on the draft minutes. Councilmember

DeLeo asked that the May 6 minutes reflect his attendance at the meeting. There were no other suggested corrections or additions to the minutes.

7. AB03-54 – Test Project to Install Traffic Calming Devices - Church Lake Rd. E., Locust Ave. and Myers Rd.—Councilmember Bricker announced that the work on the traffic calming improvements would be completed within a couple of weeks. Councilmember King suggested that the website include information about the new 3-way stop on Myers Rd. Judge Helbling asked about the new signs for park zones. Director Boettcher said he would follow up on the timing of installation. Councilmember King expressed appreciation to Councilmember Bricker for his leadership on the traffic calming measures.
8. AB03-142 – Resolution 1112 – Authorization to Apply for Federal Homeland Security Grant – Police Overtime—Mayor Young said that he had agreed to bring this item to the workshop for Chief Jeter, who was at a Chief’s conference. He said that time was of the essence for submitting the grant. He added that the funds would be used for police overtime to supplement the department’s planned overtime expenditures.

Councilmember Bricker expressed concern that this item had not come first to the Public Safety Committee. He asked that there be consistency regarding what is assigned to committees for review. Councilmember King asked if there was additional documentation to explain the grant other than the Council agenda bill. Mayor Young offered to provide additional documentation at the next meeting. There was general consensus to move the item forward to the next meeting.

9. AB03-136 – Ordinance 991 – Update to Salary Ordinance and AB03-137 – Ordinance 992 – Merit Step Increase for Chuck McEwen. Mayor Young said that these items had been presented to the Finance Committee but were referred to the full Council for discussion. Councilmember Bricker explained that combined action was intended to allow for a mid-year increase for Chuck McEwen. He said that Councilmember Rackley and he had supported the proposal. Finance Director Weidenfeller explained that Council’s direction to the Mayor was to hire unproven employees at a low starting salary step and reward them later for good performance with a step increase. He added that consequently, Mr. McEwen had been brought in at a step two out of ten, and that his performance since hire had been outstanding.

A majority of Councilmembers expressed discomfort with the proposed increase, particularly in the first year of employment, and were not in favor of moving these items forward.

10. AB03-141 – Resolution 1108 – Agreement with Pierce County District Court Probation for Alternative Programs—Councilmember Bricker said the Public Safety Committee had considered the issue at its meeting. He said there were two parts of the program including a day-reporting component and a work-crew assignment component. He said the Committee supports the work crew concept but would not like the City to participate in the day-reporting portion. He added that Judge Helbling had reported that those sentenced under this program could be required to pay for the cost to the City for this alternative. Judge Helbling discussed briefly how the alternative sentencing would be used. He noted that there would not be a lot of money coming back to the City, but there would be some. There was Council consensus to move this item forward to the next Council meeting.
11. AB03-144 – Resolution 1110 – Real Estate Listing of City Property at 18802 Mountain View Drive E—Finance Director Weidenfeller explained his process for selection of the proposed realtor to represent the property. Councilmember Rackley said that he would recuse himself

from further discussion because he had had dealings with the realtor. There was consensus from the Council to ask Mr. Weidenfeller to investigate other realtors and make a different recommendation. He said he would bring it back at the next Council meeting.

12. Proposed Amendments to ADU Ordinance—Councilmember DeLeo asked that there be brief discussion on this proposed ordinance. He suggested that the ordinance not allow ADUs to be separate from the primary residence in the R-1 zones. The consensus was to defer further discussion until the next workshop.

Adjournment

Mayor Young declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Robert Young, Mayor

Harwood T. Edvalson, Pro Tem City Clerk