

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

April 20, 2004

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 Robert Young called the workshop to order at 5:35 p.m.

Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Neil Johnson, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Cheryle Noble and Councilmember Jim Rackley.

Staff members attending were Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) Don Morrison, Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Interim Public Works Director Bill Gilbert, Judge Jim Helbling, Associate Planner Elizabeth Chamberlain, Special Projects Planner Steve Ladd, City Attorney Jim Dionne and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Agenda Items

1. Presentation - Lind Simonsen – Pierce Transit Public Relations Officer.

Mr. Simonsen said he is touring with a new Pierce Transit bus to show cities the newest buses in the fleet. He said the new 30-foot compressed natural gas (CNG) buses have greater creature comforts for the riders and are more environmentally friendly. He said the new buses went into service April 1 and that the entire daily fleet will be CNG before the end of the year. Mr. Simonsen reported ridership for the bus routes in Bonney Lake.

Councilmember Johnson asked about improved routes and building ridership in Bonney Lake. He also asked if the buses could be used to shuttle people from the park-n-ride to Allan Yorke Park for Bonney Lake Days. Councilmember King asked about a merchant sponsored bus to circulate along the 410 corridor. Mr. Simonsen said that other communities have talked with Pierce Transit about vanpools, supplementing costs for transit passes, shuttling people for open houses, etc. He said that the Pierce Transit planners would be happy to talk to the City about different options.

Councilmember DeLeo asked if there would be a reduction in the number of trips to the City in the coming year. He also asked if Pierce Transit would have a special bus to the Puyallup Fair again this year. Mr. Simonsen replied that he knew of no trip reductions through the end of the year. He also said that the special fair bus had been done in the past. He added that the park-n-ride is considered public space and can be used for other public purposes with appropriate scheduling through the transit district.

2. AB04-63 – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake Confirming the Mayor's Nomination of Scott Spanier, Paul Qualey and Don Weber to the Bonney Lake Salary Commission. [A4.3.1]

Mayor Young noted that Mr. Weber was the only candidate in attendance. He hoped that Mr. Qualey would still arrive. He added that Mr. Spanier was a pilot and was currently

scheduled to work every Tuesday. He asked if Council would like to interview Mr. Weber and confirm the nominees as they have opportunity to interview them. Deputy Mayor Swatman said that the Council preferred to take action at a regular Council meeting. The City Council interviewed Mr. Weber. Councilmember Noble said the Kent Salary Commission had granted salary increases to their Mayor that had resulted in a political quagmire. She asked if the Council could go back once it has moved forward with the commission. City Attorney Dionne said that the Council could go through the process to repeal the salary commission and then set salaries as provided by law. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked why the Mayor had not appointed someone like Quinn Dahlstrom, Richard Bright or Dan Decker. Mayor Young responded that he appoints people that he feels will do a good job on a salary commission, be fair, and give reasoned discussion to the subject. After further Council discussion, there was a majority consensus to interview Mr. Qualey and Mr. Spanier at the Public Safety Committee and Community Development Committee meetings on May 3, 2004. Mayor Young said he would try and make the arrangements.

3. AB04-62 – Ordinance 1026 – Accommodating Zero-Lot-Line Development in the R-2 Zone and in P.U.D.s.

Michael Lewis of the Housing Partnership gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining some of the advantages of zero-lot line development. His presentation included examples of developments where cottage, auto court, alley home, town home and multiplex styles of housing had been used to address housing demands stemming from lifestyle and cost issues. Special Projects Planner Ladd described the proposed ordinance in detail.

The City Council took a 10 minute break starting at 7:20 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:40 p.m. Special Projects Planner Ladd continued his presentation. After Council discussion of the proposed ordinance and related issues, a majority consensus formed to end discussion and remove the item from further consideration.

4. AB04-61 – Ordinance 1025 – Creating A Design Review Process.

Mayor Young announced that this item was pulled from the agenda for this evening.

5. Open Discussion.

Cedarview Community Park. Deputy Mayor Swatman said that although he is no longer a resident, he still works with the Cedar View Community Board. He said the Board wants to turn their community park over to the City. He added that with an indication of interest from the Council he would work with the attorneys on the legal issues and bring additional information back to the Council. There was a general consensus of interest expressed by the Council.

Fennel Creek Corridor Update. Councilmember Hamilton asked if there was an update available regarding the Fennel Creek Committee. Director Leedy said he would provide a report on the progress-to-date for the Mayor and Council.

Chamber of Commerce. Councilmember Johnson thanked Mayor Young, Director Leedy and Special Projects Planner Ladd for attending the last Chamber of Commerce General Meeting. He noted that the attendance for the meeting was exceptionally large. He said a

lot of those commenting on the meeting asked that Director Leedy be invited to every general meeting. Councilmember Johnson asked the Mayor's support for the Director's attendance. Mayor Young voiced his approval.

Council Corner Newsletter. Councilmember Johnson said the Council Corner Newsletter would be in the mail on April 23rd.

Vision Committee. Councilmember Johnson noted that a letter from the Mayor had indicated Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) Morrison would be helping coordinate the Vision Committee. He asked that ASC Morrison notify him when the committee was ready to meet.

Taping of Committee Meetings. Councilmember Johnson thanked Deputy Mayor Swatman for sitting in for him at the Public Safety Committee meeting. He asked if the committee meetings could be taped to help resolve any future disputes over the meeting discussions.

Boat Storage and Sprinkler System. Councilmember DeLeo asked about public safety boat storage and the sprinkler system at the Public Safety Building. He noted that funds had been approved in the budget, but that no action had been taken to remedy the concerns of the Public Safety Committee on these issues. Property on Lake Tapps adjacent to the boat ramp was suggested for boat storage. Mayor Young said he would ask that staff follow-up on this suggestion and also report back on the sprinkler system.

Separation of Powers. Councilmember DeLeo said that the Mayor's recent memo outlining the ASC's job duties had included oversight of the municipal court operations. He asked if there was a separation of powers issue with executive staff overseeing the court. Mayor Young explained that the oversight was with respect to the administrative details of the court, not the judge or his rulings. He said ASC Morrison would also oversee the Senior Center and City Clerk's Office.

Councilmember Noble said that an email sent by the Mayor said that the ASC would oversee special projects and not have department heads reporting to him. ASC Morrison explained that he was told that would be true on an interim basis, but not for the regular position. He said now that he had been appointed to the regular position, it was anticipated he would supervise these areas.

Abatement of Building. Councilmember King said that the building on the corner of Locust and Bonney Lake Blvd. was in decrepit condition, posed an attractive nuisance, and is a public health and safety concern as well. He asked that the City move forward with alacrity to post the building with appropriate notices and contact the owner or possessor of the lien to abate the dangerous conditions to the satisfaction of the municipal code.

Mayor Young said that he will have staff move forward on this issue. He added that, contrary to comments at the last Council meeting, it is not the City that has allowed the building to fall into such a state of disrepair.

6. Review of Minutes: April 6 Workshop and April 13 Council Meeting.

Councilmember DeLeo asked that the agenda item description on page 2 of the April 6th Minutes be corrected to reflect a different date for the hearing, since the date of March 23rd had already passed. Councilmember Noble asked that the language in that item also reflect

her expressed concern about the wetlands buffer. She said she had talked to the developer about developing the parcel to the City's 200 ft. standard rather than the County's 100 ft. standard.

7. Executive Session: Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a), Mayor Young announced that the City Council will hold an executive session to discuss issues dealing with labor negotiations with an anticipated duration of thirty minutes. The executive session commenced at 8:25 p.m.

The Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:48 p.m.

8. Adjournment

With the common consent of the Council, Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Harwood T. Edvalson, City Clerk

Robert Young, Mayor