

City of

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

*March 15, 2005*

**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"*

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**Roll Call**

Mayor Robert Young called the March 15<sup>th</sup> Council Workshop to order at 5:32 p.m.

Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Neil Johnson, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Cheryle Noble, and Councilmember Jim Rackley. Councilmember Phil DeLeo joined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Staff members attending were Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) Don Morrison, Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, City Engineer John Woodcock, Deputy City Attorney Jeff Ganson and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson. Public Works Director Daniel Grigsby joined the meeting in progress.

**Agenda Items**

1. Open Discussion

Citizens Academy. Mayor Young announced that he would excuse himself from the Council Workshop at 6:30 pm to address the first session of the current Citizens Academy at the Police Department.

Larios Short-plat. Planning and Community Development Director Leedy reported on the process and next steps the Larios Short-plat. He advised Council that the independent consultant study of the wetland and resultant mitigation plan will be distributed to Council tomorrow. He added that copies will also be provided to those adjacent property owners who cooperated in the mapping of the wetland. He said that others will be able to purchase copies of the document at the Permit Center.

Councilmember King asked if the results of the study could be revealed this evening. Director Leedy said that, although he has not yet studied the report in detail, he understands that the wetland delineation is nearly identical to previous studies. He said the recommended wetlands buffers will be larger, and that the mitigation plan calls for greater restoration than under previous plans. Councilmember DeLeo asked if any of the storm drainage mentioned in Director Leedy's memo would be constructed on neighboring properties. Director Leedy said this plan deals only with the Larios property. Mayor Young added that he suspects there are other drainage issues, but that this action deals only with the Larios Property.

Pancake Breakfast. Councilmember DeLeo asked Councilmember Johnson if a date had been determined for the next City pancake breakfast. Councilmember Johnson said he has had no reply from the Fire District about use of the fire station. He offered to call Chief Packer directly for an answer.

Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast. Councilmember DeLeo announced that the Kiwanis Prayer Breakfast will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. He said all are invited, but should let him know so the Kiwanis can have the proper amount of food prepared.

Community Summit. Councilmember DeLeo reminded Council of the upcoming Community Summit on March 31<sup>st</sup>. He encouraged early registration to allow for the correct number of meals.

Impact of Low Water on City Wells. Councilmember asked if the delayed re-filling of Lake Tapps will have an impact on the City's wells. Mayor Young replied that he thought the temporary lowering of the lake has little impact on the City's wells. Deputy Mayor Swatman reported that the new well dug on Tapps Island by their water district has high levels of manganese.

Retreat Assignments. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked if a spreadsheet similar to the one used in 2004 would be distributed soon. He said the spreadsheet outlines the issues discussed at the retreat and who has primary responsibility for the items. He hoped the spreadsheet would serve as a template for staff preparation of the 2006 budget.

Trial Use of Consent Agenda. Deputy Mayor Swatman said that one of the items discussed at the retreat was the use of a consent agenda to improve the efficiency of the Council meetings. He asked for Council support to propose suspending the rules and procedures at the next meeting to allow for a consent agenda. He said the consent agenda would include approval of the minutes, claims and payroll and other motions or resolutions that appear to be non-controversial. He assured Council that any member could pull an item from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

Clarification of Email. Councilmember Deleo apologized to City Engineer Woodcock for the email sent to the rest of the Council about staff delays on the 192<sup>nd</sup> St. and Old Buckley Sumner Highway. He said he had talked to a consultant who had reported that the permit sat on the City Engineer's desk for a month. He said he realized that report was in error after speaking with John Woodcock and understanding that he had no action or participation in the permit. He again apologized for besmirching Engineer Woodcock's name.

2. Review of Minutes: March 1 Council Workshop and March 8 Council Meeting.

There were no corrections to the minutes.

3. Action: AB05-84 – Motion to set public hearing to surplus utilities equipment.

**Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to set a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. during the regular Council meeting of March 22, 2005, which is held in the Bonney Lake Council Chambers at 19306 Bonney Lake Blvd., for the purpose of receiving public input on the proposal to surplus utilities equipment. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 7 – 0.**

4. Discussion: Old Sumner-Buckley Hwy/192<sup>nd</sup> Intersection project.

Director Leedy said that a memorandum was placed earlier in the Council mail boxes that lays out the sequence of events and the City's minor involvement in the issuing of permits for the improvement of the intersection at Old Buckley Sumner Highway and 192<sup>nd</sup> St. He said he is aware of a number of emails circulating that puts the blame in various places. He apologized for any role the City staff may have had in the delays. He explained the memo and its attachments. He introduced Ray Frey, representing T & S Properties, who confirmed that T & S is owned by Corliss.

Mr. Frey called attention to the dates on some of the correspondence and noted that the Pierce County permit application to improve the intersection was first submitted in March 2004. He said he never would have predicted that it would take a year to complete the permit process with the County. He said the permit was finally issued on March 8, 2005. He described the difficulty in securing the title to a small parcel of property necessary for the intersection improvements and the extra delay required to obtain the specific forms of documentation required by the County. Mr. Frey also explained that the traffic analysis does not call for a signalized intersection there for at least another five years, but that T & S Properties and the major tenants agreed to the early installation of the traffic signal along with the intersection improvements. He said that he had recently received assurances from the Pierce County Traffic Division that they would do all that they can to help the project proceed smoothly from here on out. He added that they went so far as to offer to allow the intersection to open, once the street construction was done, while the signal standards are on order. He said he was shocked, because he had proposed this same solution in 2004, and was rejected. He noted that there are strong feelings toward the City of Bonney Lake from the County Traffic Division. The City Council discussed with Mr. Frey what he believes is the basis for these strong feelings. Mr. Frey said he feels it started with the City's Comprehensive Plan back in 1995. He said there was and is a lot of acrimony with the County's long-range planning staff.

The City Council discussed the intersection improvement project further with Mr. Frey. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he believes the problem with this situation is that the Council has not been kept properly informed and may have been misled. He attributed Pierce County's recent positive assurances to phone calls placed by Bonney Lake Councilmembers to County Councilman Shawn Bunney. He added that with earlier information, the Council could have placed those calls earlier to help move things along. Mayor Young said that Mr. Corliss called him about 30 days ago to say that there may be a problem. He said he became aware there was a definite problem about the same time as the Council noted the sign advertising Applebee's Grand Opening. He emphasized that this is a County project and is largely under their control. Councilmember King expressed appreciation for Pierce County Councilman Bunney's intervention with the County staff. Councilmember Hamilton said that knowing the timelines required to construct a signalized intersection, the City staff should have been able to gauge that there was a problem as the Applebee's Restaurant was nearing completion. Mr. Frey estimated that depending on the weather, the initial intersection improvements could be completed within 30 days. He said the final installation of the traffic signal and full completion of the intersection could take from 90 to 120 days.

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Young turned the meeting over to Deputy Mayor Swatman. Mayor Young announced that he will be addressing the opening meeting of the Bonney Lake Police Department Citizens Academy.

The City Council continued their discussion about the intersection and the history of the development and permits. There was a consensus that no further Council action is required. Mr.

Corliss, who was in the audience, confirmed that the traffic signals have been ordered.

5. Open Discussion.

95<sup>th</sup> Street Local Improvement District. Deputy Mayor Swatman said that he had one other item he should have announced under Open Discussion. He said that the 95<sup>th</sup> Street LID will be coming soon to the Council for consideration and that all the property owners have signed off on the improvements.

6. Adjournment.

With Council's consent, Deputy Mayor Swatman adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Documents submitted for/at the Council Workshop of March 15, 2005:

- City of Bonney Lake – *Memo from Steve Ladd to Bob Leedy – Larios Short Plat Next Steps in Process* – Bob Leedy, Director of Planning and Community Development.
- City of Bonney Lake – *Memo from Bob Leedy to Mayor – Sumner-Buckley/192<sup>nd</sup> Intersection Discussion* – Bob Leedy, Director of Planning and Community Development.

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Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC, City Clerk

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Robert Young, Mayor