Call to Order:
Mayor Robert Young called the October 18th Council Workshop to order at 5:33 p.m.

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

Staff members attending were Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) Don Morrison, Finance Director John Weidenfeller, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Interim Police Chief Buster McGehee, Deputy City Attorney Jeff Ganson and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson. Also in attendance were City Engineer John Woodcock, Senior Human Resources Analyst Jennifer Young, Payroll Officer Annette Maib, Purchasing Coordinator Debbie Crosier and Accounting Assistant Mona Musgrave.

Agenda Items

1. Presentation: Finance Department Review – Peter Moy, Project Manager – Financial Consulting Solutions Group, Inc.

Mayor Young introduced Peter Moy of the Financial Consulting Solutions Group, Inc. Mr. Moy also introduced Stephen Land of the same firm. Mr. Moy narrated a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the study objective and scope of work, the key functions and issues reviewed and the key recommendations. Included was an explanation of the comparison cities used for the study.

The City Council asked questions and discussed the consultants’ recommendations on such topics as budgeting and financial management, utility billing and customer service, purchasing and accounts payable, payroll, accounts receivable and general and fixed asset accounting. Noting that the Finance Department had the opportunity to review and comment on the study draft, Councilmembers asked Mr. Moy if he believed the study was independent. Mr. Moy responded that it was his firm’s practice to request such input, but that the study was fully independent. He said there were few changes to the recommendations as a result of the comments, and added that the comments mostly served to correct errors in their observations and increase their understanding of current operations and conditions. At the conclusion of the Council discussion, Mayor Young thanked the consultants for their presentation.
2. Presentation: 20 Year Transportation Plan.

Director Grigsby reviewed scopes of work for the Non-Motorized and 20-Year Transportation Plans being prepared by the Transpo Group. He said their intent this evening is not to address specific projects, but to discuss the process involved in the studies and some of the data collected to date. He noted that there will be a public open house on October 26th that will also include information regarding the transportation issues associated with the City’s planning for Eastown. Director Grigsby introduced Andy Mortensen and Jon Pascal of the Transpo Group.

Mr. Mortensen discussed the Non-Motorized Plan. He spoke of sidewalk inventories and data collection, identification of needs and the establishment of priorities. He said the next three weeks should bring the identification of specific projects and recommended priorities. He acknowledged the need to address drainage issues in the proposed designs and projects. Director Grigsby said this plan will focus on development of a backbone system of trails, paths and sidewalks for the City. The potential for neighborhoods to participate in the funding of projects was discussed as a possible way for individual projects to be moved up on the list of priorities.

Focusing the PowerPoint presentation on the 20-Year Transportation Plan, Mr. Pascal said the current update builds off of the impact fee work done three years ago. He identified the key tasks of the present project. Addressing a question about accuracy of the traffic models, Mr. Pascal said that his firm diverged from the Pierce County assumptions for the area in and around Bonney Lake and updated data for the Plateau area. He added that he used the latest 2025 population projections provided by Pierce County for Bonney Lake and the Plateau, including Buckley. Mr. Pascal said the firm’s approach to transportation planning for the project is to be conservative and try to anticipate and plan for areas of future growth. He displayed charts of projected traffic growth at key intersections and roadways of the City. He said the final report will include projections for the 2015 horizon as well as for 2025. There was a question and answer period during which Council asked about potential impacts from Cascadia and rising gas prices. At the request of Council, Mr. Pascal agreed to provide a graphic projecting when the service levels of key intersections will change in the future.


Mayor Young asked that the Council consider an additional item. He said an offer has been made on an engineering position and reminded the Council that they agreed to consider relocation costs for the candidate. Mayor Young said the estimated relocation costs are $7,000 to $8,000. He said the candidate has been offered $4,000.

Councilmember DeLeo moved to suspend the Council rules and add Resolution No. 1503—Relocation Costs to the agenda. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion. Motion approved 7 – 0.

Senior Human Resources Analyst Young explained that the position was created back in January and recruitments to fill it failed twice. She said this candidate saw the City’s advertisement in one of the national trade publications. She added that he is highly qualified and ready to jump into the job as soon as the Council approves the resolution. Director Grigsby noted that the candidate has a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering and a master’s degree in civil engineering. He added that the candidate has been working the last eight years as a consultant to cities 15,000 in population and smaller doing their utility projects. Councilmember Rackley said he had the opportunity to meet the person and found him intelligent and personable. He asked if
the candidate has agreed to sign a two year agreement for reimbursement. Analyst Young said
the full amount of the reimbursement for moving expenses will be paid to the City if the
candidate leaves the City’s employ prior to the completion of the two years. Deputy Mayor
Swatman asked if the City Attorney’s Office had reviewed the agreement for loopholes. Deputy
City Attorney Ganson said it is complete.

Councilmember DeLeO moved to adopt Resolution No. 1503. Councilmember Noble
seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

4. Amended Agenda – Ordinance XXX

Councilmember DeLeo said he received word this past week that the Mayor was registered to
attend some classes. Mayor Young acknowledged that he is signed-up for several classes. He
said the classes were budgeted and planned for this year and only offered in the Fall.
Councilmember DeLeo asked how the City will benefit from the Mayor’s attendance with the
Mayor’s tenure in office ending in January. Mayor Young responded that he may become a
lobbyist for the City and that there may be other uses that will benefit the City. He said the
training was planned for and that he hasn’t been to much training this year. He added that his
training budget is about half of what it usually is.

Councilmember DeLeo said he prepared an ordinance for Council consideration that will bar
travel and training for elected officials and staff from now until the end of the year. He said
exceptions are free training, where classes have already been signed-up for and travel is less than
$50.00.

Councilmember Hamilton moved to place the proposed ordinance on the agenda.
Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 1.
Councilmember King voted no.

Councilmember Noble moved to adopt the proposed ordinance. Councilmember DeLeo
seconded the motion.

The City Council discussed the proposed ordinance. Councilmember King observed that this
ordinance appeared to be an attempt to be punitive to an outgoing mayor. He added that it will
restrict all training for city employees until the Council considers requests individually.

Councilmember Noble moved that the ordinance be amended to limit the restriction to
elected officials. Councilmember DeLeo seconded the motion.

Councilmember Rackley noted that the Mayor is already registered and the classes paid for. He
added that the ordinance appears to have little practical effect. Councilmember Hamilton
suggested that the training be offered to another elected official. Councilmember King asked
Deputy City Attorney Ganson to comment on the legality of the ordinance. Deputy City Attorney
Ganson suggested corrections to the various sections of the ordinance to make it legally
conforming.
Motion to amend approved 5 – 2. Councilmembers King and Rackley voted no.

Councilmember Johnson said he will vote no on the ordinance, but said he wants to see how the Mayor will defend the registration for classes.

Councilmember DeLeo moved to amend the ordinance further with the technical corrections offered by Deputy City Attorney Ganson. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.

Councilmember King suggested that the ordinance be voted down in its entirety and be brought back in final draft form to the next workshop for further discussion and action. Councilmember Rackley said the ordinance is trying to correct a situation that has already been allowed to occur. He said the action will look petty and punitive. Deputy Mayor Swatman observed that it does have purpose because the Mayor indicated there may be further classes he intends to attend before the end of the year.

Motion to amend approved 5 – 2. Councilmembers King and Rackley voted no.

Mayor Young said the debate is back to the original motion. Deputy Mayor Swatman encouraged the Mayor to obviate the need for this ordinance by stating his intent to not attend future training or offer it to another elected official. Mayor Young replied that the two immediately pending classes are scheduled for this time of year only, and he will be taking them. He said there were some other classes he would have liked to attend, but will not. He said he will consider whether the second class could be attended by another elected official in his place. He said he has canceled his trip to the National League of Cities scheduled for the beginning of December.

Councilmember King said the Council does not have all the information it should have in order to make a decision on this ordinance. He recommended not approving the ordinance. Councilmember Hamilton said he will not support the ordinance. He encouraged the Mayor to reconsider the current expenditures for training, but said he would not like to see this ordinance adopted on-the-fly as this one has been constructed.

Motion to adopt the amended ordinance failed 2 – 5. Deputy Mayor Swatman and Councilmembers Hamilton, Johnson, King and Rackley voted no.

5. Adjournment.

With no objection from Council, Mayor Young declared the meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.
Documents submitted for/at the Council Workshop of October 18, 2005:

- FCS Group – *Finance Department Review – October 18, 2005* – Peter Moy, Project Manager.
- The Transpo Group – *Non-Motorized Plan & Transportation Plan Update* – Andy Mortensen and Jon Pascal, Consultants.
- City of Bonney Lake – *Resolution No. 1503* – Jennifer Young, Senior Human Resources Analyst.