

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City of

**January 10, 2006
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES



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I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Neil Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

- A. Flag Salute - Mayor Johnson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Roll Call [A1.3]

City Clerk Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, elected officials attending were Councilmember David Bowen, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Cheryl Noble and Councilmember Jim Rackley.

Staff members present were Administrative Services Coordinator Don Morrison, Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Public Works Director Daniel Grigsby, Interim Police Chief 'Buster' McGehee, Judge James Helbling, City Attorney Jim Dionne, Senior Human Resources Analyst Jennifer Young and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

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C. Announcements, Appointments and Presentations [A3.6.9]

- 1. Announcements: None
- 2. Appointments: Mayor Johnson announced the following appointments or reappointments:
Planning Commissioners – Quinn Dahlstrom, Katrina Minton-Davis, L. Winona Jacobsen; and
Design Commissioner – Thomas F. Kennedy; and
Park Board Commissioner – Laurie Carter.

Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to confirm the appointment of Laurie Carter as Park Board Commissioner. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

- 3. Presentations:
 - a. Administration of Oath of Office - Mayor Neil Johnson
The Honorable James Helbling administered the oath of office to Mayor Johnson. After general applause, Mayor Johnson asked if the Council would consider a ten minute break.

At 7:08 p.m., Deputy Mayor Swatman moved that the Council take a ten minute break. Councilmember DeLeo seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

The meeting reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

- D. Agenda Modifications: None.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS, CITIZEN COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Public Hearings: [A3.6.12] None.

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- B. Citizen Comments:

Barbara Bledsoe, 7711 191st Ave. E., reminded the Council of the water problems in her neighborhood and particularly on her daughter's property. She said she is afraid some of the trees will fall in the winds. She said she understands the City is going to take some action in the area, but asks that it be done quickly.

Karla Owen, 10709 189th Ave. E., said her family has discussed the proposed connection of their cul-de-sac to 192nd Ave. E. She described some of the negative impacts this action would have to a dynamic neighborhood. She pointed out that the real estate flyer for her property described the street as a dead-end street. She asked the Council to consider the negative financial impacts to her property of opening the street. She urged the Council to use the funds that would be used to open the cul-de-sac elsewhere where they would be of greater benefit.

Pastor Mark Karle, 10617 189th Ave. E., warned the Council of a self-fulfilling prophecy with the proposed connection of the cul-de-sac on 189th Ave. E. He expressed concern that making the street a through-street would create the opportunity for more accidents and crime. He said there is no need to have the cul-de-sac opened with the fire response coming from the 214th St. Station.

Jocelyn Paulson, 18935 109th St. Ct. E., said she opposes the opening of the cul-de-sac. She said children in the neighborhood are accustomed to little traffic. She expressed concern about what would happen when these children, who walk to school, are subject to increased pass-through traffic.

Michael Owen, 10709 189th Ave. E., said he is very concerned about the impacts of development in the entire area impacted by the proposed 192nd St. corridor. He said that reports of a divide between Fennel Ridge and Bonney Lake Manor residents are unfounded. He congratulated the new administration and Councilmembers. He suggested that funds intended for the opening of the cul-de-sac could be better spent on street lighting, sidewalks and crosswalks with flashing yellow lights in the area. He suggested selling the city-owned lot to the adjacent neighbors with a requirement to maintain pedestrian access. He added that a traffic signal is needed at 104th and

200th.

Jim Conaugh, 198th/199th Ave. E., spoke against the use of this corridor for the main connection south to Cascadia. He said the proper connection should be down SR161.

Keith Stanley, 10900 193rd Ave. E., said he agrees with the need for crosswalks in the neighborhood. He said the walk-only kids in the Bonney Lake Manor neighborhood don't have the benefit of sidewalks and street lighting as do the children in Fennel Ridge. He said 189th Ave. E. was planned for its cul-de-sac to be connected to 192nd Ave. E. He said the street would not be used as a through street for others not living on the street.

Pat Miller, 19205 79th St. Pl. E., referenced an article in the Tuesday, January 5th issue of the Tacoma News Tribune about the 15-million gallon Peaking Storage Tank. He asked if the City had funds set-aside for its construction, or if an increase in system development charges or rates would fund the construction. He said he understood the need for conservation, but expressed irritation with the summer rate schedules for water and sewer. He asked if the City really needs the added funding these rates produce.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said that new development pays for new infrastructure and current system development charges pay for identified capital improvement projects. Mr. Miller urged the Council to make sure information provided to the newspapers is correct. Councilmember Rackley informed Mr. Miller that new home connection charges are about \$6,000. He added that the City would be analyzing the performance of its water utility with the summer rates and more information would be available in the next couple of months.

Ken Devaney, 18934 111th St. E., said he and his wife specifically selected their home because of the current environment. He said the connection of the cul-de-sac will serve no real purpose. He expressed concern for increased traffic threat to children in the neighborhood. He urged that the money saved by not connecting the street could be used for sidewalks in Bonney Lake Manor. He added that from his professional experience, the possible improved response time to the neighborhood for emergency services would be of little benefit.

Terry Linville, 19209 112th St. E., referenced his letter delivered previously to the Mayor and Council. He spoke in support of the connection of 189th Ave. E. to 192nd Ave. E. He gave a history behind the development in the area and the reasons why the Hearing Examiner conditioned the Fennel Ridge Development to have 189th Ave. E. connected in the future to 192nd Ave. E. when feasible. He discounted some of the safety concerns expressed by those living in Fennel Ridge. He said 192nd Ave. E. Corridor Study supports connection of the cul-de-sac to reduce the impact on the other roads in the corridor.

Councilmember Hamilton asked for clarification on how this connection will reduce traffic at 109th and 192nd. Mr. Linville replied that nearly 29,000 vehicle trips would be avoided if the northerly portion of Fennel Ridge used the new connection.

Ken Stephenson, 18928 111th St. E., expressed his contention that the graphic created by the Public Works Department to show the composition of those signing petitions on the cul-de-sac connection issue is in error and based on faulty assumptions. He said the connection of the cul-de-sac will create an unsafe situation as cars try to bypass the congestion of the primary arterial road. He suggested the construction funds be used for crosswalks at 109th and 111th as well as sidewalks in the area. He also suggested that a lighted bus stop is needed.

Councilmember King questioned Mr. Stephenson about his assumptions when he said the graphic was in error. Mr. Stephenson said the issue is about who will really use the new connection. Councilmember Noble asked if the Public Works Department had conducted a scientific poll. Director Grigsby said the graphic produced was intended to be a visual representation of petitions submitted by residents of the two neighborhoods.

Kathleen Edmund, 10705 189th Ave. E., congratulated the new Mayor and Councilmembers. She expressed appreciation for the work towards development of the 192nd Ave. Corridor. She urged that the corridor be designed for safety and done properly the first time. She said there will be a substantial amount of traffic in the corridor and questioned how homeowners with driveways fronting 192nd Ave. E. will exit their properties safely. She asked why the need for a center turn-lane had not been anticipated, as well as lighted crosswalks and appropriate street lighting. Ms. Edmund said she is not for the connection of the cul-de-sac and urged the Council to use the funds elsewhere.

John Rendell, 19815 104th St. Ct. E., President of the Wilderness Ridge Homeowners Association, said that efforts for annexation of his neighborhood have been put on hold because of uncertainties with the Cascadia Development and its impact on roads, etc. He said the association has questions about transportation impacts in that area with 198th down past the middle school. He also asked about congestion improvements for 410, South Prairie and 198th. Mr. Rendell asked if a representative of the City might be available to attend a homeowners meeting in February to respond to questions.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said this neighborhood is in the City's Urban Growth Area and could be annexed. Director Leedy said the City tried several years ago, but the interest was not sufficient at the time. He said it could go forward at any time. Mayor Johnson said the City staff will coordinate who will attend the association meeting.

Dan Decker, 20401 70th St. E., said he was pleased to see the Council and new Mayor. He asked for permission to approach the dais and shook hands with each of the Councilmembers. In additional comments, he recommended that the City amend its policies and no longer allow private concerns to do their own water hook-ups to the City's mains. He said the City is one of the few that allows this practice. He expressed concern for potential water contamination. He concluded his remarks by speaking about petitions and the signatories' knowledge of the petition issues. He said that each signature should be counted.

Darryl McDaniel, 11210 193rd Ave. E., said he understands the Fennel Ridge concerns, but favors the connection of the cul-de-sac. He said that traffic in the area has increased substantially and action needs to be taken soon to remedy the problems. He congratulated the Mayor and Council on the elections.

Fred Jacobsen, 9100 189th Ave. Ct. E., drew attention to the current high-water condition of Fennel Creek. He announced the public meeting at the Public Safety Building on Thursday evening. He listed a number of groups that will be represented and invited Mayor Johnson to speak on behalf of the City.

Louisa Smith, 20112 Church Lake Road, urged the Council to consider and adopt an ordinance limiting the areas within which sex offenders can live within the City limits. She also suggested that the time is right for the City to form its own Parks and Recreation Department.

Councilmember Noble said that a Parks and Recreation Department is one of her pet projects and was discussed at last year's Council retreat. She asked if housing restrictive legislation for sex offenders in Issaquah had been tested in the courts. City Attorney Dionne responded that he did not believe that it has. He said he believes it will be tested. Councilmember Rackley said the Police Department has a map of sex offender residences on the City's Website. He added that there are over 2,600 registered sex offenders in Pierce County.

Councilmember King said this topic will get a lot of attention in the legislature. He said that he, Deputy Mayor Swatman, and Councilmember Rackley heard Senator Roach talk about this issue at a recent Town Hall meeting. He said the issue is not so much where sex offenders live as how their movements and actions can be monitored. Councilmember DeLeo informed Ms. Smith that the Public Safety Committee looked at this issue when she brought it up a few months ago. He added that the Committee decided to wait and see if the State would come to a resolution of the issue first. Councilmember DeLeo said the Public Safety Committee will continue to watch this issue closely.

C. Correspondence: None.

At 8:31 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved for a five minute break. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0 .

Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

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III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

[A3.6.4]

A. Finance Committee

Deputy Mayor Swatman said the Finance Committee met earlier in the evening and

discussed the following:

1. Resolution 1518, allowing for debit/credit card payments to the Court;
2. Resolution 1519, dealing with vacation carry-over for Mona Musgrave;
3. Interim Finance Director Joe McGovern;
4. State Audit Recommendations;
5. A two year budget process; and
6. Changes in the voucher review process.

B. Community Development Committee

Councilmember Rackley said the Committee met last night, but with one of the Committee members absent, spent the time briefing its new member on current issues. He said told Councilmembers that he had provided information about the recent RAMP meeting to them in their mailboxes.

C. Public Safety Committee

Councilmember DeLeo said the Public Safety Committee met on January 4th. He said they discussed code enforcement issues and suggested a meeting with the Mayor to provide a brief of their discussion. He noted that Councilmember King will be working on revised ordinance language.

Councilmember DeLeo asked about the current status of the WIFI project. Mayor Johnson said more information would be provided at the next Workshop.

Councilmember DeLeo mentioned that funding has been received to help to resolve issues with after hours calls and 9-1-1 cell phone calls. He said the Committee also discussed the possible ticketing of sign code violators.

Other Reports:

Deputy Mayor Swatman said that he met with the Springhaven Homeowners Association about Kelly Lake Road issues and vandalism along the sides of the road. He said that a utilities local improvement district is needed for the 214th area, but noted that he has spoken with some property owners opposed to the formation whose benefit from the district is not very evident. Deputy Mayor Swatman also mentioned that the Master Builders Association has opted for a new strategy in their efforts against cities. He said they are now trying to influence state law to preempt cities in their development regulations.

Deputy Mayor Swatman concluded his comments with favorable observations of the recent employee breakfast. Mayor Johnson said these breakfasts will be used to give opportunities to employees to mingle and exchange ideas. He invited the Council to attend and suggested that they may wish to help cook breakfast sometime for the employees.

Mayor Johnson asked the Council if they would be willing to allow department heads to report on current events and update projects during this portion of the Council meeting. Councilmember DeLeo suggested that this occur at Council workshops. There was general consensus to that this should be added to the next workshop agenda.

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IV. CONSENT AGENDA: [A3.6]

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember King seconded the motion.

- A. **Approval of Corrected Minutes:** December 3 Special Council Meeting, December 6 Council Workshop, December 13 Council Meeting.
- B. **Checks/Vouchers:** 2005 Expenditures: Accounts payable checks/voucher #42551 thru #42646 and wire transfer #1625983 in the amount of \$288,453.97. Utility refund checks/voucher #42647 thru #42648 in the amount of \$3,014.99. Accounts payable checks/voucher #42649 thru #42720 in the amount of \$256,934.02. Accounts payable checks/voucher #42721 thru #42739 in the amount of \$88,041.79. 2006 Expenditures: Accounts payable checks/voucher #42740 thru #42743 in the amount of \$69,485.82. [F4.9]
- C. **Payroll:** Payroll for December 1-15, 2005 for checks 24441-24479, including Deposits and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$262,278.08; Payroll for December 16-31, 2005 for checks 24480-24525, including Deposits and Electronic Transfers in the amount of \$403,724.77. [F4.9]

Motion approved 7 – 0.

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V. FINANCE COMMITTEE ISSUES:

- A. **AB06-03 – Resolution 1518** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing An Agreement With Armada (Modern Payments And Orion) For Debit And Credit Cards Services. [F4.6.3]

Councilmember King moved to approve Resolution 1518. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

- B. **AB06-04 – Resolution 1519** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Carryover Or Payment Of Leave In Excess Of The 30 Days Maximum Authorized Vacation Carryover For Accounting Assistant Mona Musgrave. [O6.9]

Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to approve Resolution 1519. Councilmember DeLeo seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Swatman noted that this was a situation where the employee's planned vacation was cancelled because the department needed her to complete some work at year's end.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VII. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE ISSUES: None.

VIII. FULL COUNCIL ISSUES: None.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:56 p.m., Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk

Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

Documents submitted for or at the Council Meeting of January 10, 2006:

- Bonney Lake Resident – *The 192nd Ave. E. Corridor Connection* – Terry Linville.