

City of

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

February 21, 2006

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Call to Order:

Mayor Neil Johnson called the February 21st Council Workshop to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Staff members attending were Administrative Services Coordinator (ASC) Don Morrison, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Interim Police Chief Buster McGehee, City Engineer John Woodcock, Information Technology Coordinator Chuck McEwen, Senior Human Resources Analyst Jennifer Young, City Attorney Jim Dionne and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to excuse Councilmembers DeLeo and Noble from the meeting. Councilmember Hamilton seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5 – 0.

Agenda Items:

5:32:59

1. Presentation: Buxton Contract for Economic Development Analysis.

Buxton Representative Amy Wetzel used a PowerPoint presentation to explain the community identification and retail attraction study that can be done for the City of Bonney Lake. She said the study will profile up to three sites within the community, determine drive-time trade areas and provide average household profile. She added that the study will analyze trade area demand, identify up to 20 matching retail/restaurant concepts and provide marketing materials for attracting retailers. She said her firm will also provide retailer names and contacts.

Councilmembers asked about the Downtown area and the potential to find "life-style" retailers who will fit into that smaller, pedestrian-oriented market niche. Ms. Wetzel said there are many retailers looking for these types of retail locations. She said that some of the keys to their success are availability of parking and the ability to use their branding on the stores. She added that aggressive marketing by the City is a key to achieving success from this program. Mayor Johnson said this program will help the City identify compatible retailers and provide information to market the City aggressively. Councilmember King said he is looking forward to the study results.

At 6:14 p.m., Mayor Johnson called for a five minute break in the meeting to allow the next consultants to set-up their displays. The meeting resumed at 6:26 p.m.

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2. Presentation: AB06-35 – Transportation and Non-Motorized Transportation 20-Year Plan.

Mayor Johnson recommended that the Council receive this presentation before the second item listed on their agenda. City Engineer Woodcock introduced Transpo Consultant Jon Pascal to speak about the 20-year Transportation Plan, to be followed by Andy Mortensen on the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

Mr. Pascal said the scope of the project was to develop a long-term transportation plan for the City with a 20-year horizon. He said the plan makes sure the City is planning under the Growth Management Act and will have the infrastructure to support the planned growth. He said the draft report takes into consideration public comments on the plan. He added that the plan includes a finance and implementation component for transportation improvements. He said the plan provides the basis for Council increasing the transportation impact fee from its current \$2700 to \$3900.

Mr. Pascal responded to Council questions. Councilmembers expressed concern that the County has not confirmed their intent to construct an improved Rhodes Lake Road corridor, thus forcing more traffic northward to seek the SR410 east-west connection. Council interest was expressed in an Interlocal Agreement with Pierce County related to mitigation of increased transportation impacts from new construction. Responding to Council questions, City Attorney Dionne said the adoption process will require that it go through the Planning Commission and will include public hearings. Mr. Pascal cautioned the Council that a significant increase over what the Council has traditionally spent will be needed to fund the identified improvements, unless additional revenue resources can be identified.

The City Council asked for additional copies of selected sections to share with legislators. Concern was expressed that many of the improvements seem to be needed to serve development occurring outside the City limits. City Attorney Dionne agreed to look at the structure of some type of a reciprocal agreement with the County. Director Grigsby said the staff will research and implement the appropriate process to move this forward for Council consideration.

Councilmember King suggested that the Council take a five minute break. At 7:26 p.m., Mayor Johnson declared a five minute break in the Council meeting. Mayor Johnson brought the meeting back to order at 7:39 p.m.

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Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. Andy Mortensen said the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan is not as far along as the other transportation plan. He said that with Council input on a few issues, it can be moved forward quickly. He noted that at the last Council discussion on this topic the Council expressed an interest in lower-cost interim pedestrian facilities and asked the consultant not to give a premature prioritization of projects. Mr. Mortensen said planning has gone into how to increase the pedestrian portion of the system as economically and efficiently as possible. He said he had discussions with the Washington Department of Transportation about including pedestrian and bicycle facilities when they do improvements to the SR410 corridor. He suggested the Council see the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan as something to work on over time, probably well beyond the 20-year horizon contemplated by the other plan.

Mr. Mortensen responded to questions. Council responded to Mr. Mortensen's request for further hierarchical ranking of factors that will help identify project priorities. The City Council

expressed a preference to see the impacts of necessary storm water improvements before a final prioritization of projects. Mr. Mortensen discussed the difficulties with pedestrian improvements called "side-paths." He said he could not give a professional recommendation that the City pursue use of these side-paths. The City Council discussed the impacts of this information, and concluded it would be very expensive to build-out all the anticipated improvements. Mr. Mortensen again reminded Council this is a plan which can be stretched out over many years. He thanked Council for their input and said that he could return within a month with significant refinements to the plan.

At 8:58 p.m., Mayor Johnson called for a five minute break in the meeting. Councilmember King suggested that due to the lateness of the hour, the agenda item on out-of-state travel appears to be non-controversial and should be forwarded to the Consent Agenda at the next Council meeting. There was general consensus, and the Council took a break from their discussions. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order again at 9:09 p.m.

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3. Presentation: AB06-34 – 192nd Corridor Study.

Director Grigsby introduced Parametrix Consultant Susan Graham. He said he hoped the study was nearing its completion. He noted that the City has received a low-interest loan to do some of the design work and right-of-way acquisition. He said he hoped to bring forward a resolution for Council action at the next meeting.

Ms. Graham highlighted the components of the study supplement distributed in the meeting packet. She said the study includes both phases of the project based on the previously designated alignment. She described the cost information included and said there will be many refinements as the City proceeds with design work. She said another significant improvement to the information in the study is the update of the Frequently Asked Questions section.

The City Council questioned how far the City should go with this project. Some of the Council members expressed concern that this project was largely serving transportation needs generated from outside the City. Director Grigsby responded that there is current justification for the new corridor to relieve congestion in the 198th/200th and South Prairie Road corridors. He urged the Council to proceed with acceptance of the plan and authorization of design up to the 30% level with accompanying right-of-way acquisition. He noted that even if the Council chooses to delay the project beyond that point, the City will benefit from having acquired the right-of-way now rather than later. Councilmembers Hamilton and Rackley recommended delaying planning for the connection of 189th Ave E. to 192nd Ave. E. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he believes people are looking for closure on the issue, and added he may propose appropriate language for the resolution if needed next week.

4. Adjournment

At 9:38 p.m., Deputy Mayor Swatman moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Rackley seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5 – 0.

Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk

Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

Documents submitted for/at the Council Workshop of February 21, 2005:

- City of Bonney Lake – *Public Works Department Current Events-February 21, 2006* – Dan Grigsby, Public Works Director.
- City of Bonney Lake – *Public Works Department – Pavement Management Map* – Dan Grigsby, Public Works Director.