

City of

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

March 7, 2006

MINUTES



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Call to Order:

Mayor Neil Johnson called the March 7th Council Workshop to order at 5:36 p.m.

Roll Call:

Also in attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Dave King and Councilmember Cheryle Noble, Councilmember Jim Rackley. Councilmember David Bowen joined the meeting in progress just before 7:00 p.m.

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, Interim Finance Director Joe McGovern, Senior Human Resources Analyst Jennifer Young, City Attorney Jim Dionne and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Agenda Items:

5:36:37

1. Presentation: MapInfo-Thompson, Consultants for Economic Development Analysis.

MapInfo Representatives, Nathaniel Lobban and Patricia Formosa, introduced the City Council to the MarketSuite program offered by MapInfo for economic development and retail market analysis. Mr. Lobban said his firm can help the City meet some of today's challenges such as downtown revitalization, retail leakage and dealing with dynamic consumer needs and trends. Mr. Lobban said that Home Depot is one of their longest standing clients.

Ms. Formosa said she will spend time in the City to become acquainted with the retail climate and conditions. She said their effort will be to determine what the areas consumer habits are and what national/regional retailers will be compatible. Mr. Lobban and Ms. Formosa emphasized that MapInfo would be interested in a long-term relationship to assist the City with its economic development efforts.

The consultants responded to the Council's questions. Mayor Johnson noted that the Council would be interested in a proposal. He said the City will prepare an RFP and send it to MapInfo.

At 6:23 p.m., Mayor Johnson called for a five minute break in the meeting in response to Councilmember Rackley's request. The meeting resumed at 6:39 p.m.

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2. Tabled from 2/28/06 Council Meeting: AB06-20 – Resolution 1526 - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing An Agreement With The Buxton Company For A Community Identification And Retail Attraction Study.

There was a consensus of the Council to table this item until other proposals are received in

response to the City's RFP.

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3. Department Reports.

Director Grigsby summarized a written memo provided earlier to the Council. He addressed the following topics:

- Bonney Lake Sanitary Sewer line break at Orting Hwy and 7208 Riverside Drive; and
- SR410-Old Sumner Buckley Intersection Improvement Project; and
- 17 February Wind Storm Emergency Response and Recovery Plan; and
- Sewer, Water and Transportation Comprehensive Plans; and
- Property Acquisition; and
- Ongoing focus work of the Public Works Department.

Councilmember DeLeo asked if the street light map that is being prepared is being prioritized using input from the Public Safety Committee. Director Grigsby said the department asked the Police Department for input on specific intersections and stretches of roadway that need illumination. He said once the Council has an opportunity to comment on the plan, the list would be made available to the public.

Director Leedy mentioned the following issues originating with the Department of Planning and Community Development:

- An RFQ for downtown design work; and
- A contract for environmental work on the Fennel Creek Trail; and
- The CTED Short-course on Planning to be offered in Bonney Lake; and
- Staff turnover.

Councilmember King asked for an update on excessive tree-clearing incidents following the recent wind storm and any associated enforcement actions. He also asked Director Leedy to provide a status update on the enforcement issues related to the abandoned house next to the Bonney Lake Auto Parts Store. Councilmember Hamilton asked if the City had an arborist available to the general public for consultation. Director Leedy said this is not a service the City provides.

Interim Director McGovern introduced himself to the Council. He noted that this was his first opportunity to attend a Council workshop. He noted that the Finance Department has good employees. He added that a full presentation on the amended budget will be given at the next Council workshop. He reported that as a conclusion to the recruitment process, several of the temporary employees in the department have been replaced with regular employees.

Councilmember Rackley asked about the recruitment process to hire a new chief financial officer. Administrative Services Coordinator Morrison said the recruitment is moving forward with background checks and final interviews. Councilmember King thanked those involved in the revisions for the upcoming budget amendments. He expressed hope for a better budget and future process.

Interim Chief McGehee reported on the following:

- Start-up of a volunteer program; and
- Start of new Bonney Lake Officer, Anthony Rice; and
- Graduation from the Police Academy for Todd Morrow.

Councilmember DeLeo thanked Chief McGehee for the additional information on meth labs on the City's website. He asked for additional information on how citizens can identify meth labs and report them to the authorities. Addressing the City's website, Councilmember King praised this tool for the public, and asked that the departments make an effort to update the information on each page. Mayor Johnson said the staff will work with Information Services Coordinator McEwen to maintain the website on a regular basis.

Administrative Services Coordinator Morrison said the foundation work has begun on the Senior Center addition. He said it will take 2-3 weeks for the foundation to cure and then the framing will start. Responding to Councilmember Rackley's question about additional parking, ASC Morrison said the staff is reviewing Councilmember DeLeo's suggestion to carve some additional parking out of the center island in front of City Hall. ASC Morrison reminded the City Council that it is time once again to submit items for the City newsletter. He added that he hopes to have the amended budget to the Council for the next workshop. Councilmember King thanked the staff for their quick response to the citizen suggestions for emergency preparedness information on the City website.

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4. Council Open Discussion.

Natches Terrace Sewer Connection Fees. Councilmember Rackley mentioned that he will be meeting in a couple of weeks with members of the Natches Terrace Homeowners Association. He suggested allowing the group immediately impacted by the sewer connection fees in this development to be able to pay their obligations over a period of 3-4 years. The Council discussed this proposal. There was a majority consensus of the Council to look into a one-time exception for this unusual circumstance. City Attorney Dionne said his office will draft up the appropriate language for consideration at the next workshop.

Relay-for-Life. Councilmember Noble noted that Bonney Lake residents are becoming more involved in the Relay-for-Life. She said the kick-off for the event will begin at 6:00 p.m. on March 9th at the Calvary Community Church in Sumner. She added that the Relay itself will be on August 11 – 12.

Steep Slopes. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the Planning Commission's work on the steep slopes issue. He mentioned that Planning Commission Chairman McKibben had expressed concern that the process was dragging. Director Leedy said he was unaware of the Commission's concern, but would work with them to push along those portions that can be quickly enacted. Councilmember King questioned whether a moratorium is needed for public health and safety concerns. City Attorney Dionne said that may be a valid course of action for the Council, but suggested he check into the actual facts and work with the Planning Department on this issue. Councilmember Noble spoke in favor of moving forward with those elements of the proposed legislation which can be acted upon soon.

192nd Ave. E. Corridor Design. Deputy Mayor Swatman suggested that the consultants surveying private property for the design of the 192nd Ave. E. Corridor use discretion and obtain permission when contemplating work on private property. Director Grigsby offered to send a letter from the Mayor to property owners in the area advising them of the City's intent in that area.

Dog Control Ordinance. Councilmember DeLeo requested that the staff consider the North Bend ordinance related to dog control. Councilmember King also mentioned the Auburn ordinance. City Attorney Dionne said his office had been reluctant to address this issue without Council support. Councilmember Bowen asked if there is a serious problem in the City. He said he is

philosophically opposed to labeling a specific breed as dangerous. City Attorney Dionne said part of the problem may be that animal control coverage is minimal when people are generally home in the evenings and on weekends. Councilmember King said the City may need to work on its animal control, but the Council should not be precipitous in adopting an ordinance. Councilmember Rackley suggested the Public Safety Committee study the issue first.

7:31:15

5. Review of Minutes from February 7th City Council Workshop and February 14th City Council Meeting, February 17th-18th Special Meeting, February 21st Council Workshop, February 27th Special Meeting and February 28th Council Meeting.

The City Council had no suggested corrections to these meeting minutes.

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6. Discussion: AB06-49 – Ordinance 1183 – Manufactured Homes in Mobile Home Parks.

City Attorney Dionne said this proposed ordinance was prepared to draw out the Council's intent on this legislation. He said he is concerned that a ten-year-old limit on the age of manufactured homes to be located in mobile home parks is only a little more defensible than the current ordinance. He suggested another alternative is to wait and see if the state legislature enacts a solution. He noted that it appears the legislature has failed to act for a second year on this issue. He suggested other criteria for placement of manufactured homes could be used rather than a set number of years. There was some Council discussion on the impact of the current ordinance, with a majority consensus to move the proposed ordinance for Council action at the next Council meeting.

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- 7, 8, 9. Discussion: AB06-44 – Ordinance 1182 – Streets Capital Improvement Fund; and AB06-51 – Ordinance 1184 – General Government Capital Improvement Fund; and AB06-52 – Ordinance 1185 – Parks Capital Improvement Fund.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said the Finance Committee has already reviewed the basis for these proposed ordinances. Interim Director McGovern said the proposed funds would consolidate the City's capital projects into three major areas. He referenced a handout which diagrams the consolidation of several fund components into the newly proposed funds. ASC Morrison explained how the revenues and project funds will be accounted for within the overall fund structure. He noted the Council will determine how much of the discretionary portions of the Real Estate Excise Tax will go into the various funds. Councilmember King thanked the staff for watching over the City's restricted accounts. He expressed hope that these changes can be easily incorporated within the current structure of the City's Eden Financial Software.

10. Executive Session.

Mayor Johnson noted that there are no topics for an executive session this evening.

11. Adjournment

At 7:47 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk

Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

Documents submitted for/at the Council Workshop of March 7, 2006:

- City of Bonney Lake – *Public Works Department Current Events-March 7, 2006* – Dan Grigsby, Public Works Director.
- City of Bonney Lake – *Changes in Fund Structure: Ordinances 1182, 1184 and 1185* – Don Morrison, Administrative Services Director.