

City of

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

*April 4, 2006*

**MINUTES**



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*"Where Dreams Can Soar"*

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**Call to Order:**

Mayor Neil Johnson called the April 4<sup>th</sup> Council Workshop to order at 5:33 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

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

Staff members attending were City Administrator Don Morrison, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Interim Finance Director Joe McGovern, Interim Police Chief Buster McGehee, Judge James Helbling, City Attorney Jim Dionne and City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Mayor Johnson invited the audience to join with him in recognizing the birthdays of Councilmembers Hamilton and Rackley. At 5:35 p.m., Mayor Johnson announced a break in the meeting and invited the audience to participate in refreshments. Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 5:46 p.m.

**Agenda Items:**

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1. Presentation: MBR Wastewater Treatment Technology.

Public Works Director Grigsby introduced Doug Berschauer of CH2MHill for the presentation on Membrane Bio-Reactor Wastewater Treatment. Mr. Berschauer explained conventional treatment has the following steps: screening for removal of grit and debris, biological treatment, and the clarification in pools or ponds. He said one of the MBR treatment system advantages is the reduction of the physical footprint of the treatment plant which is possible by reducing the size of the clarifiers. He said the system also produces a lower amount of solids, and increases the number of discharge/reuse solutions because the treated effluent is a much cleaner product. He added the amount of water quality sampling is reduced as well.

Mr. Berschauer said some of the challenges of the MBR system are a higher standard of screening required, a limited flow range, the 7 – 10 year useful life of the membranes, and the energy required to do the air-scouring of the membranes. When asked to compare the costs of the MBR versus a conventional treatment system, Mr. Berschauer said his experience is the capital costs for construction are about the same, but the operational costs are somewhat lower. He added the cost of membranes continues to decrease as well.

Mr. Berschauer described a technology being used in Germany by the Huber Company that uses MBR technology in residential septic tanks to greatly enhance the effluent to the drain fields. He

offered to provide the Council information on the current costs of this technology. Mr. Berschauer gave his opinion that the next big push in treatment requirements will be to filter out pharmaceuticals in the wastewater. He said the MBR technology coupled with a reverse osmosis filter will virtually remove all negative components from the treated effluent.

Mayor Johnson left the meeting to participate in the opening of the Police Department's Citizens Academy. Councilmembers briefly discussed the possibilities for an MBR packet plant for the Bonney Lake service area.

At 6:36 p.m., Deputy Mayor Swatman announced a five minute break in the meeting. The meeting was reconvened by Deputy Mayor Swatman at 6:46 p.m.

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2. Presentation: Street-lighting Plan.

Director Grigsby explained the base data used to prepare the street light map was gathered by an intern last summer who walked the City with a backpack GPS system. He said the information was used to identify existing lights to include a plot of where additional lights are needed. He introduced Bonney Lake Engineering Technician Andrew Fonda. Engineering Technician Fonda explained the criteria used to prioritize the street lights in the proposed plan.

Councilmember Rackley asked about lighting consistency along SR410. Director Grigsby explained Puget Sound Energy is being consulted on a plan to accomplish this. He said it is not currently a part of the street lighting plan as proposed, but will be pursued separately. Councilmember Rackley noted that in the draft plan lights beyond #157 were deleted. After some discussion, Director Grigsby said staff will look at and report back on the reasons why these lights were deleted. Councilmember King suggested that those lights which are part of planned improvements should have their priorities reconsidered and adjusted to coincide with the construction of the improvements.

Councilmember King initiated discussion about when the new street light standard luminaire will be used rather than the cobra-head which exists throughout the City. There was general consensus the cobra-head be used where there are existing lights of a similar style in the area, and luminaires used in new developments. Councilmember Hamilton asked about the rights of property owners to override the street lighting plan in the event they object to additional lighting. There was again, general consensus that the concerns of property owners should be considered, but life-safety issues should be paramount.

Director Grigsby asked the Council to comment on the plan to move forward with those lights which can be installed with no capital outlay from the City. He noted the current budget includes approximately \$70,000 to cover the capital costs of new lights, but does not include the increased costs for operation and maintenance of the newly installed lights. Councilmember Noble said she favors moving ahead with those lights which can be mounted on existing poles without capital cost to the City. Director Grigsby said he will bring back reworked prioritization of lights based on the Council's discussion. He said he will also provide the associated estimate for operations and maintenance costs. The Council thanked Engineering Technician Fonda for his work on the project and the presentation made.

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3. Discussion: WIFI Final Payment and Deployment.

Information Services Coordinator McEwen explained the City has received a final bill for equipment received for the WIFI Demonstration Project. He explained the staff recommendation

to mount the existing equipment as planned on the water tank is for Police Department use only. He described how one of the panels could be relocated in the future to provide greater coverage in the downtown area. There was general consensus to proceed with payment of the final bill and complete the planned installation for police use. The Council discussed maintenance options with IS Coordinator McEwen, who suggested call out of technicians be on a case-by-case basis. Cost allocation was also discussed. Councilmember King concluded that since the system was only to be used by the Police Department, then the cost would be appropriately allocated to the Drug Fund. He suggested the item be moved forward for action by the Council. Councilmember Rackley said the final bill should just go through the regular voucher review and approval process.

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#### 4. Department Reports.

Councilmember Noble asked about the frequency of Department Reports. She said she thought they were to be made just once per month. Deputy Mayor Swatman added that if the department heads are writing their reports, then he would prefer to just receive them by email. City Administrator Morrison said he understood the intent was to have brief verbal reports from the departments at each workshop.

Director Grigsby mentioned the sight-distance issue with the new construction on 70<sup>th</sup> St. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked if the developers are aware of the issues. Director Grigsby said they are aware. He added that he will provide an update from City Engineer Woodcock. Director Grigsby said the South Prairie Road Intersection Improvement project has been advertised for bids. He said the bid specs call for contractual completion of the project by June of 2007. He said he hopes the construction will be completed much earlier.

Director Grigsby noted the Sewer, Water and Transportation Comprehensive Plans will be submitted tomorrow night to the Planning Commission. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked what the Planning Commission will reasonably accomplish. He questioned whether they will actually make any changes to the plans as submitted. Director Leedy explained it is part of the Comprehensive Planning process required by law. He noted the Planning Commission action will also include a public hearing.

Director Leedy reported recent the sign code enforcement was a success and many illegal signs were collected. He added with the Council's approval of an agreement with AHBL for planning services, they have already begun work on some of the City's projects.

City Administrator Morrison added that the Finance Committee and Council will be asked to consider a professional services agreement with a former City planning employee, Shannon Mayfield-Porter, for additional assistance in the department. City Administrator Morrison said there was good participation on the part of the City Council and staff at the Community Summit. He added that a memo regarding the administrative reorganization will be forthcoming. Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> will be the effective date for implementation of the changes.

City Clerk Edvalson mentioned the opening of registration for the AWC Annual Conference and asked Council to provide information as soon as possible for registrations and hotel reservations.

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#### 5. Council Open Discussion.

Old House on Old Sumner Buckley Highway. Councilmember King thanked the staff for the continued work with the owner of this house. He said the new owner appears to moving toward

proper abatement of the nuisance.

Junk Vehicles Violation. Councilmember Rackley asked for an update on the junk vehicles issue on 198<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. Deputy City Attorney Ganson said the prosecutor reached a settlement which includes a plan for clean up. He said the plan allows the City to inspect the vehicles to make the proper documentation and determination of “nuisance vehicle” status. He suggested the City may wish to explore a superior court action. He said the prosecutor and he are scheduled to meet with the Public Safety Committee on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Rackley asked if the property owner had power, water and sewer to the site. Director Leedy responded the property has neither water nor sewer.

Glass Recycling. Councilmember Hamilton asked about progress on the glass recycling site with DM Disposal. City Administrator Morrison said he will check into the issue and report back.

Dirt Piles. Councilmember Hamilton asked about the dirt piles across 192<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E. from Target. Director Leedy responded that the dirt is being used for compaction to bring the site up to grade.

Press Release. Councilmember Noble thanked Chief McGehee for the recent press release.

70<sup>th</sup> Street Sight-Distance. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about sight-distance standards for design and construction in the City. Director Grigsby said the 70<sup>th</sup> Street builder had to submit drawings to address the sight-distance issues. He said Engineering will make sure the problems are resolved before signing-off on a final plat approval. Director Leedy concurred the project will not receive a recommendation for final plat approval by the Council until the issue is appropriately addressed and resolved.

Emergency Response Supplies. Councilmember Bowen asked if the City would consider providing storage for emergency supplies at its new proposed public works facility. He said in the event of a lahar, the City will be cut off from sheltering supplies which are largely stored in Tacoma. Councilmember Rackley suggested the discussion needs to take place with the school districts since they are the primary sheltering locations for large scale emergencies. Councilmember King said the plan needs to be updated to include the presence of Bonney Lake High School. He said federal funds to assist with the process are being reduced to address issues of national security and recent large-scale disasters. He reported Councilmembers DeLeo, Hamilton and he will be attending the upcoming Avian Flu Pandemic conference. He added the Public Safety Committee is working on setting up training on the national incident management system.

Street Standards for West Tapps Highway. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the street development standards for West Tapps Highway. He expressed concern developers may be allowed to build in the right-of-way required to develop the street to its full 80 foot right-of-way. The Council discussed with staff mechanisms for obtaining the desired right-of-way. Director Leedy said the current developer chose to approach the proposed development using a different method than normal. He said the developer decided to go through the design review process first, rather than addressing the plan review and State Environmental Protection Act processes.

Councilmember Hamilton asked if the City has plans to widen West Tapps Highway. Director Grigsby said he is confident it is not part of the Six-year Transportation Improvement Plan, but it may be a project in the 20-year Transportation Plan. He said he will check and report back.

Sewer Treatment. Deputy Mayor Swatman expressed concern developers outside the City limits,

but within the City's sewer service area could demand service and connection to the city system without agreeing to participate in a possible MBR packet treatment plant. Council discussed the planned sewer capacity, the potential system development charges from a large-scale development. Mr. Berschauer was asked how long it would take to permit an MBR packet treatment plant. He responded it would probably take two years. There was general consensus to not hold up the sewer plan review by the Planning Commission. Deputy Mayor Swatman advised the development of a policy to address these issues. There was general consensus that the City Attorney's Office should provide a legal opinion on the allocation of planned capacity.

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6. Discussion: AB06-80 - Manufactured Home Amendment.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to table discussion of AB06-80 until the next Council workshop. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 6 – 0.**

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7. Review of Minutes from March 21<sup>st</sup> City Council Workshop and March 28<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

Mayor Johnson returned to the meeting. He noted the City Council had no proposed corrections.

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8. Executive Session.

Under authority of RCW 42.30.110(1)(c)(i), Mayor Johnson announced the City Council will convene in executive session to consider the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase where public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price; and to discuss potential litigation. He said the session will last for 10 minutes. At 8:17 p.m., the City began its executive session. At 8:32 p.m., an extension of ten minutes was announced. At 8:42 p.m. another ten minute extension was announced. The session concluded at 8:51 p.m.

8. Adjournment

The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

**At 8:53 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 6 – 0.**

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Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC  
City Clerk

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Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

Documents submitted for/at the Council Workshop of April 4, 2006:

- City of Bonney Lake – *Public Works Department Current Events-April 4, 2006* – Dan Grigsby, Public Works Director.
- City of Bonney Lake – *Proposed Street Light Location Criteria* – Dan Grigsby, Public Works Director.