Call to Order:
Mayor Neil Johnson called the September 5th Council Workshop to order at 5:31 p.m.

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

[Staff members attending were City Administrator Don Morrison, Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Chief Financial Officer Beth Anne Wroe, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Interim Police Chief Buster McGehee, City Attorney Jeff Ganson, Administrative Services Director / City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Engineering Technician Andrew Fonda and Records & Information Specialist Virginia Phelan.]

Agenda Items:


Mayor Johnson introduced Mayor David Enslow from the City of Sumner and Lynne Griffith and John Hubbard from Pierce Transit. Mayor Enslow explained that he is the regional representative for Sound Transit and for Pierce Transit. He presented documentation to the council on the transit ridership and performance report and discussed the success Sound Transit has experienced thus far with the Sounder. Mayor Enslow spoke of the need to encourage Bonney Lake residents to park at the Park and Ride on 410 and take the free bus down to the Sounder instead of adding to the parking problems at the Sumner station. He went on to describe some of the plans for potential new parking garages then introduced Lynne Griffith, who now runs Pierce Transit.

Lynne Griffith went into detail about the transit related problems facing smaller communities like Bonney Lake. She relayed her history with transit and encouraged the city to work now to plan for an increased need for transit in the future. She explained the inevitable high costs associated with retrofitting the streets and sidewalks for added bus stops. Ms. Griffith encouraged the city to set standards for roads and sidewalks in emerging developments now so that it will be easier in the future to work transit in. She also addressed the problem of low ridership, saying that combinations of limited regular routes and reservation-only deviations are great for catering to the needs of a smaller community. In response to questions from Councilmember DeLeo, Ms. Griffith said she wants to explore grants and collaboration with the community for more senior transit opportunities.

Mayor Enslow and Lynne Griffith answered questions from the Council about an increase in Sounder trips, local Park & Rides, track competition with commercial trains and Pierce Transit’s
work with Cascadia to plan for future bus service in the area.


Mayor Johnson introduced Keith Kovalenko and John Omak from DM Disposal. Mr. Kovalenko described the continuing problem with picking up glass and described the use of drop off locations as being the future of glass recycling. He gave statistics for the increase in recycling with the new program and told of an award received by the County for implementing it. In response to Council query he agreed that DM disposal would be willing to add more glass recycling stations in the City if the City will choose some locations.

The possibility of adding e-waste pick up to Spring Clean Up was discussed as well as the possibility for Council to authorize a contract with a separate entity for annual or semi-annual hazardous waste clean up projects. Mr. Kovalenko concluded with a description of DM disposal’s new telephone system, which has decreased customer service complaints. Community Services Director Leaf was asked to work with DM Disposal to produce reports on Bonney Lake Customer Service calls for Council’s future review.

Councilmember Rackley made a motion for a ten minute break starting at 7:00 p.m.
Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded.

Motion Approved 7 – 0.

The meeting was brought back-to-order by Mayor Johnson at 7:14 p.m.


Public Works Director Grigsby introduced Andy Mortensen from Transpo Group, saying he was there to address some questions on the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan as it had been presented at the May 16th Workshop. Director Grigsby went on to say that the intention is to take the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan to the Planning Commission for consideration, then back to Council for final adoption.

Mr. Mortensen described the completed parts of the plan, focusing on bicycle route improvements, local design guidelines and funding options. He explained the different options available for accommodating bicyclists as well as the need for safer and consistent sidewalks. Mr. Mortensen talked about the WSDOT standards, to which the city defers. He said they are ADA compliant and can be incorporated well with future transit needs. In reference to WSDOT, he also mentioned that they need to work together with Transit and the City to retrofit Hwy 410 for pedestrians and transit.

Mr. Mortensen made a recommendation to Council to attempt 2 or 3 projects using Seattle’s SEA street standards to gain interest in the community before moving to LID projects. The merits of different standards and funding options were discussed.

4. Council Open Discussion:

Council Absences. Councilmember Hamilton alerted the Council that he would be absent for the Council Meeting of September 12th and the Workshop of September 19th. Councilmember Noble added that she would be absent for the rest of the September Council Meetings and Workshops.

Dilapidated Building on Locust. Councilmember King asked for an update on the old fire station
building at Locust & Bonney Lake Blvd. Planning & Community Development Director Leedy explained that the owner’s attorney had delayed the Hearing, but that it has been rescheduled for some time this month.

**Junk Cars on 198th.** Councilmember Rackley inquired as to the junk cars on 198th. Director Leedy offered to research the status and get back to Council.

**Locust Sidewalk Infill.** Director Grigsby said the cost estimate for this project is at $75,000 and that design is closed. He went on to say that they intend to advertise for the project next week.

**August 22nd City Council Meeting.** Deputy Mayor Swatman clarified the reasons for not inviting absent councilmembers to attend the last meeting via speaker phone. He also confirmed with the Attorney that the last meeting had a quorum despite the Deputy Mayor chairing the meeting.

**School Zones.** Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the legal definition of a school zone. Chief McGehee explained that legislation allows 300’ on either side of a school’s crosswalk to be considered the school zone. This is the standard used for the new photo enforcement van. He also said that police officers can write tickets anywhere around the area of the school and it was determined that the actual school zone could be considered to be anywhere within 200 or 300 feet of the school property, but that it needs to be marked with street signs in order to be enforced.

Council discussed the possibility of adding flashing lights to the school zone signs to indicate the presence of children instead of using the 6am-6pm schedule. This method was agreed upon as a more effective, but more expensive technique. Mayor Johnson directed staff to investigate the cost of adding the flashing lights to the school zone.

**September 10th Pierce County Meeting.** Councilmember Hamilton asked the Council to consider attending a meeting on Pierce County Traffic Impact Fees being held at the Bonney Lake library by Pierce County Councilmember Shawn Bunney.

**Political Candidates at Council Meetings.** City Administrator Don Morrison asked for Council input on how to address the desire of political candidates to make presentations to City Council. Council discussed the possible conflicts of interest which would occur if any politician was given priority over another. After much discussion and upon advice from City Attorney Ganson, the Council decided to allow any politician to speak regarding city business during citizen comment period, but not to invite them to make special presentations during the election season.

5. **Review of August 22nd City Council Meeting Minutes.**

Councilmember DeLeo asked that the minutes be changed in section III.C.1. to say Interlake Island instead of Inlet Island.

6. **AB06-201 – Street Light Plan: Final Plan and Implementation Schedule; No Cost/Low Cost opportunities; O&M Cost Increases.**

Public Works Director Grigsby introduced Engineering Technician Andrew Fonda, explaining he had been developing a master plan to improve street lights. He went on to say that this presentation is the final summary with the exclusion of SR410. Engineering Technician Fonda described the process used to categorize the City Street lights. He explained that PSE had examined the locations of existing and planned street lights and helped to
develop a priority system for the City to work from when implementing the street light plan. He explained the lights have been split into 8 groups, A-G, plus an extra group of recommended street lights which the City did not initially consider. Engineering Technician Fonda described the differences in the groups and the standards for determining where lights should go as well as the way the lights are prioritized.

There was general discussion about the liability that may be associated with removing lights from the list as well as the need to think about safety when determining light locations. Director Grigsby explained that he had already directed the lights in group A to be dealt with. There was council consensus to do the work on all lights in Groups A, B, & C by the end of the year in order to increase safety during the coming winter. It was predicted that these lights could be installed by October or November. Lights in Groups D & E were determined to be more expensive and requiring an increase in next year’s budget, while lights in group F were described as those which were actually owned by private citizens and would be removed from the plan.

   [Council chose to move this item up in the agenda]

   Engineering Technician Fonda presented two alternatives to the current street sign design and asked for council input. He explained that the white bar on the left side of the current sign is frequently confused for the number one and that the new designs are easier to read. Council debated the need to change the sign design and eventually determined they would like to see it changed to the option one design with the incorporation date.

8. Discussion: AB06-203 – Ordinance D06-203 - Proposed Changes to Transportation Impact Fee CCI Charges.

   Due to the lateness of the hour, Councilmember Rackley proposed this ordinance be moved forward for Council discussion at the next Council Workshop. There was a majority consensus to do so.

9. Executive Session: Under authority of RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)&(b) Mayor Johnson announced that the City Council will meet in Executive Session to Discuss Potential Litigation for 10 minutes and Property Acquisition for 5 minutes. The Executive Session started at 9:06 p.m. and concluded at 9:27 p.m.

10. Adjournment

    **At 9:27 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.**

    **Motion approved 7 – 0.**
Documents submitted for/at the Council Workshop of September 5, 2006:

- Sound Transit, *Sounder Ridership, August 28 through September 3, 2006* – David Enslow, Mayor of Sumner.
- Sound Transit, *Service Delivery Quarterly Performance Report to the CEO* – David Enslow, Mayor of Sumner.
- Sound Transit, *Regional Transit Map Book* – David Enslow, Mayor of Sumner.
- The Transpo Group, *Non-motorized Transportation Plan: Executive Summary* – Andy Mortenson.
- The Transpo Group, *Non-Motorized Plan & Transportation Plan Slides* – Andy Mortenson.