Call to Order:
Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman called the October 3rd Council Workshop to order at 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call:
Also in attendance were, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Dave King, and Councilmember Cheryle Noble. Councilmember David Bowen, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, and Councilmember Jim Rackley were absent. Mayor Neil Johnson arrived at 5:37 p.m.

[Staff members attending were City Administrator Don Morrison, Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Community Services Director Gary Leaf, Police Chief Mike Mitchell, City Attorney Jim Dionne, Administrative Services Director / City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, City Engineer John Woodcock, and Records & Information Specialist Virginia Phelan.]

Councilmember Noble made a motion to excuse Councilmembers Bowen, DeLeo and Rackley. Councilmember Mark Hamilton seconded.

Motion approved 4 – 0.

Agenda Items:

Deputy Mayor Swatman said the evening’s presentations (items 1 & 2) would be held in reverse order.


City Engineer Woodcock introduced Project Manager Barry Knight and Principal Engineer Bob Thayne from CTS Engineering. Mr. Knight said the drainage project is the result of the concerns of affected citizens as well as the desire of the City to define its stormwater system capabilities and limitations. He went on to explain that CTS surveyed and analyzed the drainage paths from Lake Bonney and Lake Deborah Jane to Fennel Creek. He said they did field reconnaissance to determine survey needs and delineate wetlands and also surveys and mappings of the wetlands, culverts, channel sections and roadway crossings.

Mr. Thayne discussed the hydrology and hydraulic analysis done on the watersheds explaining that they planned for the 100 year flood plan, which is the worst case scenario. He went on to
show the charts for the expected water levels along the drainage paths of the lakes to Fennel Creek and detail the potential problems and solutions for culverts along the way. The intersection of 191st and 79th was discussed at length due to the unusual way the drainage path was rerouted.

Council discussed using stormwater funds for these improvement projects as well as the need to prioritize all of the stormwater projects. They also discussed the possible problems that new development would cause for drainage. Mr. Thayne said the analyses done took into account what the land use is in an attempt to accommodate future development. It was decided that costs for the various projects and options needed to be determined and affected residents needed to be involved before Council could move much further on these projects.

A 5 minute break was called at 6:50 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 7:02 p.m. Mayor Johnson left to attend a Prairie Ridge Homeowner’s Association Meeting.


City Engineer Woodcock introduced Susan Graham from Parametrix. Ms. Graham summarized the purpose of the presentation and the status of the plan for 192nd. She described some of the major changes to the design, which included removing the 186th connection and adding 10’ to the right of way to make 192nd a minor arterial. She then explained the process of completing the 30% design and introduced Austin Fisher, the Engineer for the remainder of the project. Mr. Fisher described the challenges of the project and the various phases into which the project has been divided. He spoke of Pierce County’s project at the intersection of 410 & 192nd and their coordination with the City’s plans. Mr. Fisher elaborated on the plans for the various intersections along 192nd. He explained the access issues which will occur on Hwy 410 for some of the businesses.

Ms. Graham said Parametrix could not support left from the businesses across 192nd because of safety issues. The consultants discussed possibilities of a roundabout and the potential interest of local businesses to contribute to the associated costs. Deputy Mayor Swatman expressed concern that there may be too much of a focus on accommodating the needs of the businesses at that intersection when the City is unable to show the same interest for other businesses in similar circumstances. The access to Wal-mart & the Market at Lake Tapps was discussed in depth and Council consensus was to completely close it. Mr. Fisher then outlined the remaining process for the design, saying that the conceptual design should be ready for review by November 1st. There will be a public meeting early in November and the right of way plans and estimate should be ready by March 1st, 2007.

3. AB06-217 – Proposed Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2007-2012):

Councilmember King said he felt the Plan was great and that it should be moved forward. Deputy Mayor Swatman agreed and said they need the Plan so they can pursue funding. Public Works Director Grigsby added that it is required by state law. There was some discussion on the difficulties small municipalities face when competing with large cities for grant money and the decision of Pierce County to enact impact fees.

Councilmember Hamilton brought up the idea of going out for a public bond for some of the projects in the six year plan. He said the citizens should be more involved in the process so they are aware of the method used to solve traffic problems and the financial set backs which are
encountered along the way. He suggested that if the City cannot afford certain projects the citizens may be willing to fund them if they can see the City has put the work into designing and engineering them. Director Grigsby said this can be done with individual projects, but is not likely to work with larger plans. He noted that the 192nd design has been accomplished so far without the use of any city money. He said the funds have come from Cascadia mitigation fees and a ½% interest Public Works Trust Fund loan for one million dollars. Community Services Director Leaf said the City is unlikely to get a construction loan for 192nd, but they are eligible for another million dollars for pre-construction work.

4. Open Discussion:

Travel Show. Community Services Director Leaf said he had attended the first Travel Show put on by the Greater Tacoma Convention and Visitors Bureau to represent the City. He showed a display created by staff with pictures of historical sites, community events and local landmarks and explained that this was a nice event and a good way to get the word out about the City of Bonney Lake.

Code Update. City Clerk Edvalson told Council that the latest supplement to the Municipal Code Book had been received and books should be brought in for updating.

Youth Voting. Administrative Services Director Edvalson related the Mayor’s inquiry as to Council’s interest in participating in a Joint Proclamation later this month for Youth Voting Awareness week. Council agreed they would want to be involved.

Nuisance Building. Councilmember King mentioned there had been a recent hearing on the decrepit building at Bonney Lake Blvd and Locust Ave. He stated the property owner is changing his mind regarding future plans for the property and the Hearing Examiner left the hearing open. Councilmember King said the Hearing Examiner wants the City and property owner to devise a plan for the property and act upon it. Planning & Community Development Director Leedy said staff is not negotiating with the property owner and his plan for a four lot subdivision is what is approved and expected. He said the City intends to return to the hearing examiner and ask him to take action.

Cascadia Review. Councilmember Hamilton said he had received a copy of a memo from September 14th regarding the Five Year Review of Cascadia and asked for verification that it was the City’s official comment letter. Director Leedy confirmed that it was. The hearing will be October 4th and this letter would be a part of public record.

Lakewood Water Acquisition. Deputy Mayor Swatman inquired as to the cost to study the water source options brought up at the previous council meeting. Director Grigsby said there was a draft scope from RH2 which quoted about 68 thousand dollars, but the City sent it back saying it was too expensive and asked for a new scope. Director Grigsby explained the City only needs a planning level scope of building the three alternative water options discussed before, as well as the additional option of buying Tacoma Water from the Cascade Water Alliance.

Traffic Citations. Councilmember King said the number of citizens receiving 101 dollar citations is increasing communications with their elected officials. He said citizens from whom he has heard have many questions about the program and thus, he is interested in examining frequent updates on the volume of tickets being written through the new automated systems. Chief Mitchell reminded Council that the focus is on the safety of the children. He said there have been
between 80 & 100 violations a day and in some cases, the same person may get multiple citations in one day. Council discussed the idea of adding enforcement to the 84th Street entrance of the elementary school and the problem of people congesting alternative routes. They also relayed some of the complaints heard from citizens. Chief Mitchell said there will be adjustments as the kinks are extracted. He has spoken to Nestor about some of the complaints. He agreed to have reports printed on the violations and distributed to the Public Safety Committee and City Council.

5. Review of Minutes from the September 19th City Council Workshop and the September 26th City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Noble stated that in the September 19th Workshop, the Council Member discussing the Senior Center Trip during Open Discussion period was DeLeo and not King.


Deputy Mayor Swatman explained the problem in Naches Terrace is there are 9 people who are being forced to connect to the sewer system. He said this costs about $6,700 upfront and it is a hardship for most people. City Attorney Dionne said Councilmember Rackley is preparing an ordinance. He said CDC is trying to come up with historical hardship factors and a payment plan for people to reimburse the sewer connection fee over time. Council discussed the merit of writing an ordinance for only a few people when all citizens should be encouraged to connect to the sewer. Councilmember King said the topic is worthy of further exploration accompanied with much legal advice and then returned to the CDC committee.

Chief Financial Officer Beth Anne Wroe suggested it be brought to Finance Committee as well since the City currently has the ability to make payment arrangements for financial hardship. She said the problem is that there are no clear criteria for documenting what constitutes a financial hardship. Deputy Mayor Swatman said he would support a narrowly construed amnesty period because ultimately, everyone should be connected to sewer.

7. Executive Session: none.

8. Adjournment

At 8:18 p.m., Councilmember King moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Noble seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4 – 0.

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Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC  Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.
City Clerk
Documents submitted for/at the Council Workshop of October 3rd, 2006:

- City of Bonney Lake – *Water Test Results at Sangesand Residence* – Dan Grigsby, Public Works Director.