Call to Order:
Mayor Johnson called the October 17th 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, Councilmember Cheryle Noble and Councilmember Jim Rackley. Councilmember Phil DeLeo arrived at 5:37 p.m.

[Staff members attending were City Administrator Don Morrison, Planning and Community Development Director Bob Leedy, Police Chief Mike Mitchell, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, Administrative Services Director / City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Assistant Public Works Director Rick Shannon, Special Projects Planner Shannon Mayfield-Porter, and Records & Information Specialist Virginia Phelan.]

Agenda Items:


   Planning and Community Development Director Leedy said that the citizens who spoke at the public hearing appeared to be satisfied by the explanations provided by Special Projects Planner Mayfield-Porter. Special Projects Planner Mayfield-Porter elaborated that the citizens’ main concern was the potential of 82nd St. being extended to 214th. She said since that is not currently the plan, the speakers were content.


   Deputy Mayor Swatman explained this is another topic Council has previously been through, which is being redone.


   Chief Financial Officer Wroe said this topic is ready to advance for Council action. She offered to answer any questions Council may have on the letter of protest filed.
4. Open Discussion:

Reclaiming Waste Water. Councilmember Rackley said the Community Development Committee had been discussing the idea of reclaiming waste water. He asked that money be budgeted for an in-depth analysis of the costs for reclaiming wastewater from additional packet plants in which the City plans to install as well as the current 1.5 million gallon tank.

Stormwater Review. Councilmember Noble asked for the status of the stormwater review. City Administrator Morrison said all the projects itemized in the recent stormwater presentation are being worked into the budget for the next biennium. He said the order of projects can be adjusted according to Council priority, but one of the projects will require more study. Councilmember Noble requested the projects be ordered in such a way that it will give priority to the citizens who have suffered with the same problem for years. Councilmember Hamilton said the property owners need to be kept informed and asked if any projects or “quick fixes” can be done this year to help them with the coming winter. City Administrator Morrison said nothing is budgeted, but assistance may be possible if the City uses some SDC funds in advance. Mayor Johnson recommended the conversation continue when the City Engineer and Public Works Director are available to offer suggestions.

Senior Center. In reference to the new generator at the Senior Center, Councilmember Hamilton asked if there is a procedure in place for power outages and other emergencies. He suggested the emergency plan be updated to take advantage of the new possibilities. Councilmember King expressed concern that this update has been taking too long and asked what Council can do to assist. City Administrator Morrison said updating the emergency plan has been a long process and will require an additional 18 months to complete. He said it has not been a high priority and the work meetings have traditionally been held on Thursday mornings. Administrator Morrison offered to schedule future meetings at a more convenient time.

Eastown. Councilmember Bowen asked if there had been any progress on the lift station latecomer’s agreement in Eastown. City Administrator Morrison said the Eastown meetings have recently been focused on design of the sewer systems and roads. Mayor Johnson added that the meetings have been progressing smoothly and are well attended.

Modular Office Space. Councilmember DeLeo asked if there has been additional discussion regarding the use of modular buildings or availability in the Public Safety Building for supplementary City office space. City Administrator Morrison said it has been discussed informally, but it is not in the preliminary budget.

Inlet Island. Councilmember DeLeo said there is a home at the Northwest corner of the intersection on Cascade Drive coming onto Inlet Island that previously had a large tree located in the right of way, which blocked the view in the intersection. He said the tree has been replaced with landscaping and a wishing well, which the City is telling the homeowner to remove because it is in the right of way. Councilmember DeLeo expressed confusion that the tree problem was never addressed, but now landscaping in the right of way has the City’s attention. City Administrator Morrison said an engineering technician noticed the code violation while in the area for a different reason. He said the City is hopeful an agreement can be made which will allow the property owner to keep their landscaping.

Nuisance Building. Councilmember King asked about the status of the building at Locust and Bonney Lake Blvd. He said in a week it will be 30 days after the Hearing Examiner’s decision to
leave the hearing open. He said he would be interested in being kept updated and hearing the City’s plan for a resolution.

Traffic Photo Enforcement. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked that any profits made from the Photo Enforcement Program be put towards flashing lights, sidewalks and other additional safety measures in the school zones. He said the money should be spent on public safety since that is the intent of the program. Council discussed the feedback they have been getting from the public and the need to keep people informed as to the purpose and success of the program.

Wilderness Ridge Annexation. Deputy Mayor Swatman said this annexation has been discussed and if the petitions are ready at the next Council meeting it will begin to move forward. He said there are people in Wilderness Ridge complaining about service issues because the County frequently tells them they are in the City so there has been much confusion for those residents.

Fennel Creek Tour. Deputy Mayor Swatman spoke about the recent Fennel Creek Tour. He said they visited Victor Falls and several places on the creek. He added that some homeowners allowed the tour group to cross through their back yards and said it is common for people to follow the stream from Willowbrook to the area behind Wal-Mart.

Ponderosa Annexation. Mayor Johnson said the City has been contacted by some residents of Ponderosa Estates who wish to be a part of the City. He explained that he had instructed them on the process for pursuing annexation and said there will be transportation issues and other things which will need to be worked out with the County. Councilmember Rackley suggested looking at the entire area surrounding Ponderosa Estates including Prairie Ridge and Rhododendron. He said adding this large population would qualify the City to receive additional sales tax revenue which would help compensate for the high cost of providing services to such a vast increase in population.

Ball Park Well. Councilmember DeLeo said his neighbors have told him their water does not taste or smell weird, but has a cloudiness to it. He asked if there could be particles left in the transmission lines from the Ball Park Well. Assistant Public Works Director Rick Shannon said the lines have been flushed and the cloudiness is an air issue which is unnoticeable to people who have aerators on their taps. When asked about recent testing at Mr. Sangesand’s residence, Director Shannon said the water was rated “3” and most people do not notice anything wrong until a “5” rating. He went on to say that the Ball Park Well is not off completely for the winter, but should be by the end of the month. Director Shannon explained that the coming winter is expected to have low rainfall and he would like to see the aquifer recharged. He said City Engineer Woodcock is working on an RFP for the study.

RAMP Presentation. Mayor Johnson offered copies of the RAMP presentation to Council. He also mentioned a group called Strategies 360 who compiled information on the opinions of King, Pierce and Snohomish County voters in regards to traffic. He offered copies of this information as well.

Board & Commission Terms. Deputy Mayor Swatman described the problem of excessive and inconsistent term limits for appointed officials. He said that Administrative Services Director Edvalson recommended all terms expire at the same time so vacancies can be opened together annually. Deputy Mayor Swatman said this will be discussed more in-depth at an upcoming workshop.
Hwy 410/ Old-Sumner Buckley Hwy Intersection. Councilmember Hamilton said he liked Councilmember DeLeo’s idea of putting a U-turn at 184th St, reminding Council that Transpo and Public Works staff were concerned about safety with the U-turn being left on Hwy 410. Council agreed a light would be necessary at that intersection and Councilmember Hamilton said placing the U-turn there would solve many access problems. Councilmember Noble added that it would keep traffic out of the residential areas. Deputy Mayor Swatman said completion on this project is still years in the future.

I-933. Councilmember King thanked City Administrator Morrison for providing AWC estimates on the potential costs upwards of 48 million dollars for the City if Initiative 933 passes. Council discussed the land use decisions of the City in the past as well as the future and the requirements to comply with federal and state guidelines. City Attorney Haggard described the legal implications of I-933 and there was consensus to bring forward a resolution to take a stand on this issue.

Councilmember Bowen moved for a 5-minute break at 6:51 p.m. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

The meeting reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

5. Review of Minutes: October 3rd Council Workshop, October 10th Special Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting and October 10th City Council Meeting.

Councilmember DeLeo said the October 10th City Council meeting minutes has a misspelling of a gentleman’s name. He said Dan’s last name in the 3rd paragraph on page 7 is spelled “Bohm”.


Councilmember DeLeo said the Public Safety Committee has been working on a tow truck ordinance for about 4 months. He explained the need for an ordinance of this type and the reasons for setting requirements for the towing companies to be located within 5 miles of the City limits. Council discussed the importance of flexibility in their tow truck call list as well as reliability and good response time in emergencies. Councilmember Bowen confirmed with Police Chief Mitchell that citizens are given the opportunity to call their own tow truck if the situation allows.

7. Executive Session: Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) Mayor Johnson announced an executive session at 7:12 p.m. to discuss Property Purchase for 5 minutes and Labor Negotiations for 20 minutes. The meeting was extended for 20 minutes at 7:37 p.m. and extended again at 7:55 p.m. for 10 minutes.

8. Adjournment
At 8:00 p.m., Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the meeting. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5 – 2. Deputy Mayor Swatman and Councilmember Hamilton voted No.

Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk

Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.