

City of

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

June 5, 2007

MINUTES



The City of Bonney Lake's Mission is to protect the community's livable identity and scenic beauty through responsible growth planning and by providing accountable, accessible and efficient local government services.

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Call to Order:

Mayor Johnson called the June 5th Council Workshop to order at 5:31 p.m.

Roll Call:

Elected Officials in attendance were Mayor Neil Johnson, Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Phil DeLeo, Councilmember Dave King, and Councilmember Jim Rackley. Councilmember David Bowen arrived at 5:34 p.m. and Councilmember Hamilton arrived at 6:08 p.m. Councilmember Cheryle Noble was absent.

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

Councilmember Rackley moved to excuse Councilmember Noble. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4 – 0.

Agenda Items:

5:32:17

1. Presentation: Transit Transportation Improvements – Pierce Transit

Joanne Boring introduced herself as a Planner for Pierce Transit. She explained Pierce Transit is meeting with communities and developing ideas for improving their service. At prior meetings with other local communities there were requests for dedicated buses to meet the Sounder train in the afternoon, more reliable service at the Bonney Lake Park and Ride, midday bus service between Sumner and the Plateau, as well as increased frequency on Routes 406 and 407 including weekend and later services.

Peter Stackpole, Pierce Transit Planner, explained the actions Pierce Transit is taking to try and meet these requests. There will be a new route offering Monday through Friday hourly service to Sumner. There will also be a weekend addition to Route 409, which currently does not go into Bonney Lake, but will be extended on Saturdays. To combat traffic and improve service reliability the running times will be increased. Starting June 3rd there are dedicated buses waiting for the people riding the Sounder. Additionally, Pierce Transit hopes to add the Bus Plus service

to Bonney Lake, which is a small bus on a regular route which allows on-demand deviations from the route for those who cannot make it to the bus stops.

Councilmember King mentioned his concern about the bus stop on 214th by Safeway. There is little room off the road for pedestrians to wait and the busy road makes the conditions particularly unsafe. He asked if the City can work with Pierce Transit to find a better solution. Ms. Boring responded that the stop has been identified as a problem and Pierce Transit is working on finding a resolution. Councilmember King suggested working with the property owners to possibly move the stop into the parking lots and off the road. Ms. Boring said that would be ideal.

Councilmember Bowen inquired if there would be any money available to improve the cattle crossings under Hwy 410 for pedestrian use. The ability for walkers to cross under the highway would dramatically increase safety and would allow the buses to run strait routes instead of loops, which would be more efficient. George Patton, Pierce Transit Operations Planning Manager, said he was not aware those cattle crossings existed. The six year budget will not accommodate this particular project, but now that Pierce Transit is aware of the need something may be done in the future. He asked to be given a staff contact at the City with whom to work on this topic. Councilmember King reminded everyone that once the highway is widened it will be too late to save the cattle crossings.

Council discussed the need for safer ways to cross the highways, the new services Pierce Transit will provide and the costs associated with public transit. Mr. Patton explained there is a balance between the desire to provide as much service as possible and the need to achieve a certain amount of ridership in order to justify the service. The minimum threshold for full sized buses in suburban areas like Bonney Lake is an average of 15 riders per hour of the bus being on the road. Pierce Transit is aware of the growth in Bonney Lake and wants to accommodate it.

5:55:00

2. Council Open Discussion.

Decrepit Building

Councilmember King thanked the Mayor, City Attorney, Planning Department and particularly the Code Enforcement Officer for moving forward aggressively on the decrepit building on Locust. He said the owner has begun abatement efforts.

Allan Yorke Park Improvements

Councilmember DeLeo thanked the Administration for their persistency in getting approval to place the ecology blocks at Allan Yorke Park. He said the Public Safety Committee is looking into having cameras installed in the Park. Most of the money will be from the Drug Fund, but some will need to come from elsewhere. Councilmember DeLeo said this will be an item on the next Finance Committee agenda. Chief Mitchell said the portion of money allowed from the Drug Fund will be related to enforcement; however, there may be cameras to allow parents to check up on their children online, which must be funded in a different way.

Deputy Mayor Swatman inquired as to the availability of parking now that the area adjacent to the dike is closed. Council discussed the possibility of opening the Moriarty Property for overflow parking and the increased size of the parking lot at Ball Field #4. There was additional discussion on the garbage problems which occur during busy days at the Park.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked why the Boat Launch is closed. He said citizens wanting to raft, jet-ski, or anything else should not be prohibited. Community Services Department Director Leaf

said it is a safety issue. Deputy Mayor Swatman said the City should not be regulating the Lake in this way and in the past people have been allowed to use the launch for free until the lake was completely filled. Mayor Johnson said the launch was initially closed due to complaints about people motorcycling on the lake bed. Now, he said, it could be opened. Director Leaf recommended the City not charge at the launch until the Lake is completely full. Puget Sound Energy has gone on record saying the Lake is not yet at a safe level.

Councilmember DeLeo said the Kiwanis want to purchase picnic tables for Rhododendron Park, but need some recommendations on cost and type. Council discussed the pros and cons of cement, aluminum and recycled plastic tables, as well as the possibility of obtaining cheap tables from the Department of Corrections.

Pierce County Council Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee

Deputy Mayor Swatman said he and some others had gone to the meeting of the PCC E&IDC and testified as to the City's ability to provide sewer on the Plateau. The interlocal agreement between Pierce County and the City of Orting passed unanimously, with an amendment by Councilmember Shawn Bunney, which reads they are willing to talk to Bonney Lake. Deputy Mayor Swatman suggested the City not give up and they continue to aggressively pursue their rights to provide sewer on the Plateau. Council discussed the County's intentions and their past decision to get out of the sewer business on the Plateau. Councilmember Rackley said it is now on record that the City of Bonney Lake has sewer capacity for Cascadia.

Bonney Lake High School Graduation

Mayor Johnson said the first graduation for the Bonney Lake High School will occur this year. There have been special coins made for the graduating class and the Mayor will be presenting a plaque at the graduation, which will be held at Pacific Lutheran University.

Elections

Councilmember King noted that Councilmember Rackley has filed for another term. He encouraged citizens to serve their City by running for Council. There are four positions opening this year and candidates are better prepared if they have some opposition during elections.

Student Sports

Councilmember Bowen said a constituent of his requested the City make more of an effort to acknowledge the accomplishments of the local sports teams. He recommended banners at the entrance to town. Mayor Johnson said June 8th is Panther Sports Day and a banner can be set up.

6:21:06

3. Review of Minutes: May 15th Special Council Meeting, May 15th Council Workshop, May 22nd Regular Council Meeting and May 29th Special Joint Council/Planning Commission Meeting.

There were no corrections offered for the minutes.

6:21:37

4. Discussion: AB07-124 – Ordinance D07-124 – Competitive Cable TV Franchise Applications. Administrator Morrison said this ordinance came as a result of Councilmember Rackley's recent attendance at a Rainier Communications Commission meeting. A draft ordinance was received to allow cities to prepare themselves for upcoming changes in federal legislation. Councilmember King said he does not agree with the FCC's position, but the City does need to assure its own protection.

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5. Discussion: Downtown Redevelopment Update.

Administrator Morrison said staff met with Makers consultants to discuss the scope of work to develop an outline for the Capital Facilities Plan. The projects will be flushed out more thoroughly later. The design standards are moving ahead and there have been additional discussions on property acquisition. Councilmember Rackley requested a meeting of the Council and staff for the sole purpose of discussing and reviewing Downtown projects. Administrator Morrison said this would likely occur at the next workshop or the following.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the status of the stormwater system. Director Grigsby said there have been tests done recently on the soil impermeability. The Downtown stormwater basin study has just begun. The idea is to have each site filter their water to remove the contaminants, but the infiltration pond and pipelines will be provided by the City.

Councilmember Rackley moved for a five minute break. Councilmember Bowen seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

The break began at 6:28 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

6. Executive Session: Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) the City Council adjourned to an Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. for 15 minutes to discuss property acquisition and potential litigation. At 6:51 p.m. the Executive Session was extended for 15 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

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7. **Action: AB07-131 – Resolution 1701** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Giving The City Attorney The Authority To Appeal From The Judgment Of The Pierce County Superior Court In The Matter Of Palermo At Lakeland, LLC V. City Of Bonney Lake, Cause No. 05-2-11667-1. [A 3.12.2.3]

Councilmember Rackley moved to approve Resolution 1701. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

8. Adjournment.

Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the workshop at 7:10 p.m. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

Harwood T. Edvalson, CMC
City Clerk

Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr.

Items submitted to the Council Workshop of June 5th, 2007:

- City of Bonney Lake – *Memo to Pierce County EIDC Re: Technical Alternatives to Providing Sewer Service to Cascadia* – Public Works Director Grigsby.