

City of

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

July 17, 2007

MINUTES



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Call to Order:

Deputy Mayor Swatman called the July 17th Council Workshop to order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

Elected Officials in attendance were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember David Bowen, Councilmember Dave King, Councilmember Cheryle Noble and Councilmember Jim Rackley. Councilmember Phil DeLeo arrived at 5:39 p.m. and Councilmember Hamilton arrived at 6:14 p.m.

[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, Deputy City Attorney Kathleen Haggard and Records & Information Specialist Virginia Phelan.]

Agenda Items:

5:36:16

1. Presentation: Pierce County Libraries – Bonney Lake Branch - Glenn Storbeck and Rachel Pekar.

Glenn Storbeck introduced himself and Rachel Pekar as new staff at the Bonney Lake Library. Ms. Pekar said they wanted to introduce themselves and let the Council know they are available to help with research if needed. They noted the amount of information the City posts at the library is impressive. Councilmember King welcomed Mr. Storbeck and Ms. Pekar and explained the City's desire to work with the Library on expansion and Downtown improvements. Mr. Storbeck explained the Library is very busy and has many programs in the works. Councilmember Noble offered to put up notices in City Hall and City publications to help advertise the programs at the Library.

Deputy Mayor Swatman said Councilmember Hamilton would be late and requested Item 2 on the agenda be moved down to accommodate his desire to speak to it.

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2. Council Open Discussion.

Bollard System

Councilmember Rackley inquired as to the status of the bollard system at the Allan Yorke Park Boat Launch. Community Services Director Leaf said they have put new sensors on the west side

of the launch. Additionally, the Public Works Department will be redoing the crosswalks at the park and hiring a flagger to help out on busy days. This will save the City money so Police will not have to work overtime to assist with traffic at the Park. Council discussed additional methods of dealing with the traffic, as well as parking availability and safety. Director Leaf said traffic at the launch has been overall slower than last year, but on very hot days it will continue to be busy. He also expressed appreciation to the Public Works staff, the Police Department and Community Services staff for all their team work.

Allan Yorke Park Concessions

Councilmember DeLeo mentioned the Kiwanis interest in running the Allan Yorke Park Concession Stand during National Night Out. He said they have been in communication with Mel Donyes, who runs the Stand, but wanted to bring the topic up to Council. Councilmember King said this type of use was approved with the new concession contract. Director Leaf said no other organization has yet requested to run the Stand. He noted also that the Stand has been open more frequently than in years past and he is happy with the operation of it this year.

Fourth of July Fireworks

Councilmember King asked for feedback on the Fourth of July festivities. Sales were down at local fireworks stands, but he and other councilmembers received emails from a few citizens who want the City to look into a fireworks ban. Council discussed enforcement and the possibility of having a supervised area for setting off fireworks. It was decided the latter concept would be a liability problem and was dismissed. Chief Mitchell explained there are many things which occupy the Police Force during the Fourth of July, which makes fireworks enforcement difficult. Additionally, it is tricky to find the location of illegal fireworks being set off. He said he feels the City is heading in the right direction with fireworks regulations and recommended staying the course.

Sign Code

Councilmember King asked that staff increase enforcement of the sign code. There has been an increase in balloons, non-compliant a-frame signs, and unframed banners.

Peaking Storage Tank <Open discussion was reopened at 6:26 p.m. for this conversation>

Councilmember King inquired as to the status of the Peaking Storage pump system. Director Grigsby said the pump has not been installed yet because the contractor is waiting for equipment. The contractor is contractually obligated to provide a temporary pump or pay for Tacoma Water if the construction is not complete by July 19th; however, the Department of Health may be unwilling to approve a pump because the Comprehensive Water Plan is pending approval. There were small changes recommended by the DOH which need to be incorporated into the Plan. Geoff Dillard of RH2 explained what has been submitted to the DOH and what they more they might require.

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3. Review of Minutes: June 5th Council Workshop, June 12th Regular Council Meeting June 26th Regular Council Meeting and July 10th Regular Council Meeting.

There were no corrections offered for the minutes.

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4. Discussion: AB07-131 – Follow-up to Public Hearing on Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

Director Grigsby said he met with WSDOT and Pierce Transit regarding the cattle crossings under Hwy 410 and their potential to be made into pedestrian underpasses. Both agencies were deterred by the negative aspects of the idea, such as attraction of the criminal element, drainage issues and the difficulty of making the underpasses ADA compliant. Council discussed the possibility of a pedestrian overpass instead and Director Grigsby offered to obtain an estimate. Discussion ensued on the intersection of 214th and Hwy 410 and plans for bus stops in the area. Director Grigsby said some of the 410 improvements around 234th may be completed as early as November of 2009, depending on SEPA and right of way acquisition.

Councilmember Hamilton inquired about the 192nd improvements. Director Grigsby said the total cost is estimated around 15 million dollars. The Community Services Director obtained a grant which will cover some of the sidewalk costs and Public Works hopes to obtain another million dollars from a Public Works Trust Fund loan. Otherwise the project is on hold because the funding has not yet been secured. Director Grigsby explained that having projects in the TIP is an incentive to developers because they can get credit towards their Transportation Impact Fee if they assist with the projects. Council discussed additional ways to pay for these improvements and the possibilities for obtaining funding from outside the jurisdiction. Council consensus was to move the Six Year TIP forward for council action.

At 6:37 p.m. Council adjourned to a ten minute recess. The Council Meeting resumed at 6:48 p.m.

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5. Presentation: Tacoma - Lakewood Water Purchase – RH2 <Item 2 on the Workshop Agenda>

Geoff Dillard of RH2 Engineering detailed a report on the water requirements projected for the City up to 2050. He said the City currently has 2 million gallons a day secured from Tacoma Water, but projections indicate they will need up to an additional 4.7mgds. Mr. Dillard explained how the rates are estimated over the next 43 years from Tacoma Water and Lakewood Water. Director Grigsby explained the infrastructure costs associated with the different water sources. Mr. Dillard said the choice between sources will ultimately be a policy decision which Council must make. Both sources have significant pros and cons and the decision will not be an obvious one.

Council debated their priorities for choosing a provider and the potential for one or the other source to have an inadequate supply. Council discussed infrastructure costs briefly; Councilmember Rackley said those costs would be paid for by System Development Charges, so the main concern should be rates. Ultimately, Council requested a rate study to see which source would have the least impact on their current customers. Mr. Dillard explained the time restraints on conducting studies and making a decision. Tacoma Water will require a modification to the design for the Booster Pump Station if it is expected to pump more water and Lakewood Water is asking that the City send a letter of intent within approximately three weeks to buy water. Puyallup, Fife and Lacey are all eager to purchase water from Lakewood and the City needs to express intent soon if they want a chance at it. Council discussed the possibility of composing a letter which offers an “out” if the rate study indicates Lakewood is a poor choice. Mr. Dillard encouraged this action as opposed to dismissing the idea of Lakewood Water before there is enough information to make a confident decision.

Council went on to discuss the risks associated with the two different water supplies and the unpredictability of the future rates, as well as the chance the City may be taking if they choose not to secure water now. Mr. Dillard offered a second scenario, which is to buy Lakewood Water

now, since there is a base rate yearly whether it is used or not, and save the Tacoma Water until it is needed. Tacoma Water already has a line into the City, but the commodity rate is higher than Lakewood's. The City could get 4mgd from Lakewood and hold its already committed 2mgd from Tacoma in reserve. This way they would only need to worry about 0.7 mgds in the future instead of 4.7 mgds. Council discussed conservation and possible uses for reclaimed water. There was a request to have Lakewood Water, Tacoma Water and the City of Puyallup come to a Council Workshop to discuss options and answer questions so Council could make a more informed decision. Director Grigsby said he would craft letters to both water purveyors and arrange for presentations at a Special Council Workshop on July 31st if possible. They also decided to arrange for a change of scope in the contract with FCS so they may have a rate study started.

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6. Presentation: Lake Bonney Drainage Feasibility Study

Councilmember King said the only cost effective option is the first. Director Grigsby said the house at the lowest point will continue having groundwater problems, but there had been problems since before the house was built. He noted, however, that the problem was over-exaggerated in the last study. The November storms did not overflow the current pipes. Councilmember Noble suggested moving the topic to the August 21st workshop to ensure everyone had enough time to review the report.

7. Discussion: Downtown Redevelopment Update.

Interim Planning & Community Development Director Vialle said there were recent public hearings at the Planning Commission on the Downtown Plan. There was very little comment, but the Commission left the record open for written comment. The Commission will hopefully take action at the upcoming meeting and then the Plan may move forward to the CDC. If the moratorium needs to be lifted sooner the CDC step could be skipped and the Plan move directly to Council.

8. Executive Session: None

9. Adjournment.

Councilmember Rackley moved to adjourn the workshop at 8:20 p.m. Councilmember DeLeo seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.