I. Call to Order – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Mark Hamilton, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Don Lewis, Councilmember James Rackley, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis was absent.

Councilmember Watson moved to excuse Councilmember Minton-Davis’s absence. Councilmember Rackley seconded. Motion to excuse Councilmember Minton-Davis’ absence approved 6 – 0.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Community Development Director John Vodopich, Public Works Director Dan Grigsby, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson, Police Chief Dana Powers, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, Senior Planner Jason Sullivan, Facilities and Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, and Administrative Specialist II Renee Cameron.

III. Agenda Items:

A. Presentation and Recognition: Stream Team in Bonney Lake – Lake Sampling Program.

Isabel Ragland, Water Quality Coordinator with Pierce Conservation District provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Stream Team Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program for monitoring Lake Bonney and Lake Debra Jane from 2004-2014. She summarized the monitoring data and provided the Pierce Conservation District 2013 Annual Report. Facilities and Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf recognized the Stream Team monitoring volunteers with certificates, and plaques were presented to the Stream Team supervisors to show the City’s appreciation for all of the hard work and hundreds of hours contributed to the program on behalf of the City and the community. No action was taken on this item, as it was for presentation, information, and recognition purposes only.

B. Council Open Discussion:

White River Families First Coalition Meeting: Councilmember Lewis said he attended the White River Families First Coalition Meeting at the Buckley Fire Station on November 24th. He said White River High School’s Principal, Lainey Mathews, was the guest speaker and she spoke regarding the winter assistance programs available in Buckley and the Coalition and volunteers will be running a campaign to collect warm clothing, backpacks, toys, and food programs.
Mountain View Middle School Youth Forum: Councilmember Watson said he attended the Youth Forum at Mountain View Middle School and the students highlighted and discussed their appreciation for Beautify Bonney Lake, the Bonney Lake Police Department, and Victor Falls Park. Students advised that they enjoy the various Fun Runs held throughout the City. Students advised that they wish there was better control of teenage drug abuse in the community, and they spoke of a variety of ideas and some of the programs they would like to see implemented, as well as programs that they could assist and volunteer at. Mayor Johnson said the Bonney Lake High School Youth Forum is scheduled to be held on Monday, and said he looks forward to comparing the desires and ideas of the high school students to those of the middle school students.

Joint City Council/Park Board Meeting. Deputy Mayor Swatman reminded Council of the upcoming Joint City Council/Park Commission Meeting that is scheduled for next Monday, December 8th. He asked Council to advise of any items they would like to discuss during the joint meeting.

Pierce County Urban Growth Annexation Area Meeting. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked for a briefing from the Pierce County’s meeting regarding the Urban Growth Area Annexation (“UGA”). Senior Planner Jason Sullivan provided a summary of the meeting, and stated that the County was recommending denial of seven of the eight applications and that denial was primarily based on a previous Growth Management Hearings Board decision, which said that Pierce County is already considered over capacity, so even adding one new home to the capacity was inconsistent with the Growth Managements Act. He summarized the public’s various comments and concerns with the applications, and advised that the Dieringer School District was going to email out a correction regarding their misunderstanding of students being added to the district, if an application was approved. He said the County was recommending that Tehaleh be added to the City’s UGA, but there is some concern from Tehaleh. Councilmember Hamilton clarified that the Tehaleh decision does not expand the UGA in the County, and Mr. Sullivan confirmed that. Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about concerns with the differences with the shoreline setbacks and how that would have been affected should the UGA have been allowed. Mr. Sullivan said there was some misinformation regarding the shoreline setbacks provided to some of the homeowners’ associations. He said the next cycle for UGA to the County will be in 2017. Mr. Sullivan said the one question he took away from the meeting was a response as to how the City wants to annex those properties and why does it benefit the residents of the plateau. Councilmember Hamilton asked what the next step is and Mr. Sullivan said the recommendation will go to the Pierce County Planning Commission next week and is uncertain how the recommendation will be considered, it will then go to the County Council.


Minor corrections were made to the minutes and this item was forwarded to the December 9, 2014 Council Meeting for action.


City Administrator Morrison stated this was a request from Administration that the Planning Commission consider this amendment. He said this property has gone through a number of zoning changes, and he said the City had the property appraised, subsequent to the property
being surplused, and the difference was about $460,000 if zoned C2 as opposed to R3. He said the Planning Commission recommended the amendment unanimously. Senior Planner Sullivan advised that this is the City’s only Comprehensive Plan Amendment for 2014. He clarified the ordinance number as well as. He said the City went through all of the requirements of the GMA and SEPA review and the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt both the zoning change and the land use designation.

Deputy Mayor Swatman asked about the effect of the Midtown core area, and why it’s not considered in the Midtown Subarea. Senior Planner Sullivan advised that C2 zoning allows for more residential uses because the Midtown core area does not allow for as many residential uses as the C2 zoning does. He said by zoning it C2 it opens it up for the market.

Councilmember Lewis recommended that this item stand alone and so this item was forwarded to the December 9, 2014 Council Meeting for Full Council Issues.


Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson summarized the agenda bill for this item and said the budget amendment keeps the City in check for the insurance fund which was under projected by approximately $14,000. Council had no questions or comments. This item was forwarded to the December 9, 2014 Council Meeting for action.


Mayor Johnson advised that there were no speakers at the November 25, 2014 public hearing regarding the proposed 2015-2016 Biennial Budget. He asked for staff’s input regarding discussion among Council from the November 25th Committee of the Whole meeting. City Administrator Morrison said the ordinance was amended to add the funds necessary for the Public Safety Building boiler, however, the ordinance was not amended to anticipate the utility tax revenues until Council appropriated it or determined how those revenues would be delegated. Councilmember Watson asked about a placeholder for updating the City’s website, to add an economic development web page, and the cost associated with the entire City’s web update. Mayor Johnson stated that he has looked at other cities’ websites and he liked the appearance of Covington’s fonts and Spokane’s web page structure. Council briefly discussed their desires for the City’s webpages. City Administrator Morrison said he wanted Council to be aware of the budgeted amount for the public defender contract and the funds that will be necessary for the contract. Councilmember Hamilton said the sooner the City initiates a utility tax the sooner it will help with the budget, as the utility tax will not be retroactive. City Administrator said the ordinance to be approved at the next Council Meeting which will have a 2% increase next year, and a 2% for 2016, and no increase for 2017. Deputy Mayor Swatman said associated with the utility tax that the City will need to consider doing a utility rate study in the near future. Councilmember Hamilton asked Mayor Johnson about the portable lights that are proposed for Allan Yorke Park and who will be responsible for maintaining them and the generator expenses. Mayor Johnson said the proposed portable lights are budgeted in the capital plan and they will be maintained by Public Works and Parks. City Administrator Morrison and Mayor Johnson agreed that maintenance of the portable lights could be included and budgeted from the ER&R fund. The proposed ordinance was forwarded to the December 9, 2014 Meeting for action.
IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:36 p.m., the Workshop was adjourned by common consent.

[signatures]

Harwood Edvalson, MMC
City Clerk

Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the December 2, 2014 Workshop:

- Isabel Ragland, Water Quality Coordinator with Pierce Conservation District – Monitoring Summary and Data Reports, PowerPoint Slides and Pierce County Conservation District’s 2013 Annual Report.

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