

**CITY COUNCIL/
PLANNING COMMISSION
JOINT SPECIAL
MEETING**

January 31, 2017

6:00 P.M.



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MINUTES

Location: Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the Joint Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Appointed Planning Commission members in attendance were Chairman Grant Sulham, Deputy Chairman David Baus, Commissioner Brad Doll, Commissioner Debbie-Strous Boyd, Commissioner Craig Sarver, Commissioner Dennis Poulsen and Commissioner L. Winona Jacobsen.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Public Services Director John Vodopich and Planning and Building Supervisor Jason Sullivan.

**Councilmember Rackley moved to excuse Deputy Mayor McKibbin.
Councilmember Lewis seconded the motion.**

Motion approved 6 – 0.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Discussion: AB17-02 – Resolution 2573 – Adopting the Planning Commission Work Plan for 2017-2018.

Mayor Johnson asked Planning and Building Supervisor Jason Sullivan to introduce the item for the joint group discussion. Mr. Sullivan explained why the overall Planning Commission work plan is smaller at present due to limitations in staffing and the number of mandatory items requiring attention in 2017.

Councilmember Minton-Davis asked why the Planning Commission review of marijuana regulations was not on the work plan until 2018. Planning Commission Chairman Grant Sulham said the Commission's recommendation is to move

quickly on this issue. Commissioner Dennis Poulsen said he felt the Planning Commission really lacked input from the Police Department the first time the Planning Commission considered this topic. Mr. Sullivan suggested that the Planning Commission consideration of this issue should wait until they have completed their work on the City Centers Plan. He added that those plans may change zoning in and around some of the centers and may result in conflicts if the marijuana regulations are dealt with first.

Chairman Sulham asked if the Council wanted the Planning Commission to look at the societal impacts of marijuana sales inside the Bonney Lake city limits. Councilmember Swatman said he feels the Council wants the Planning Commission to make sure the details are correct in any marijuana legislation for the City. He said the state legislation on the issue is now mature and the City should be able to look to what other cities have done to do it better in Bonney Lake. Councilmember Minton-Davis expressed concern that the Commission's consideration of the marijuana issue now seems to be a political issue. She said she feels the Council was clear in their direction that they wanted the Planning Commission to consider the marijuana regulations. Commissioner Jacobsen said the volume of items on the Commission's work plan is not an issue for the Commission. She said they are prepared to work on this issue again.

Mayor Johnson proposed that the Commission consideration of the marijuana regulations be moved forward as early as possible to the 3rd quarter of 2017 after the completion of the City Centers Plan. He said this should allow the issue to rise again to the City Council level in the 4th quarter of 2017. Commissioner Debbie Strous-Boyd asked for specific and clear direction from the City Council prior to their consideration of the marijuana regulations. Like Commissioner Poulsen, Ms. Strous-Boyd also asked for input from the Bonney Lake Police Department at the time of the Commission's deliberations. Councilmember Lewis suggested the Police could start working on preparing information for the Commission now in anticipation of the 3rd quarter start. Mayor Johnson said there appeared to be consensus to move the Planning Commission consideration of marijuana regulations to the 3rd Quarter of 2017.

B. Open Discussion:

Mayor Johnson asked if there were additional items from the two groups for discussion. Chairman Sulham said the Commission would like to look at potential annexations in the area surrounding the City. Mr. Sullivan said there will be a briefing of the City Council on current annexation efforts at the February 7th Council Workshop. He said there are other annexations being considered by the City, however, these annexations will not track through the Planning Commission process. He noted that annexation agreements dealing with comprehensive plan and zoning code amendments will involve the Commission.

Chairman Sulham said the Planning Commission would also like to address traffic impacts to the City. Commissioner Baus said he feels the growth in areas

just outside the city limits will strangle the City with the additional traffic. Mayor Johnson and Mr. Sullivan outlined the involvement of City staff in local and regional deliberations on this issue. Commissioner Strous-Boyd said perhaps the Commission could look at the traffic impacts from a holistic approach looking for a blended solution. Mayor Johnson said most of the City's efforts seem to have fallen on deaf ears, however, Pierce Transit has shown some willingness to begin to think outside of the normal transit box when it comes to public transit for the plateau.

Mayor Johnson asked for additional discussion topics. There being none he adjourned the meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:44 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by common consent of the City Council and Planning Commission.



Harwood Edvalson, MMC
City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr.
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the January 31, 2017 Special Meeting: None.

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