

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

February 20, 2018
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES



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

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Neil Johnson, Jr. called the workshop 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 Deputy Mayor Randy McKibbin, Councilmember Terry Carter, Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember James Rackley, Councilmember Michelle Surdez, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson.

Staff members in attendance were City Administrator Don Morrison, Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Gibson, Police Chief Dana Powers, Public Services Director John Vodopich, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, and Deputy City Clerk Susan Haigh.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Discussion: AB18-12 – Ordinance D18-12 – Non-Exclusive Telecommunications Franchise With MCImetro Access Transmission Services Corp.**
- B. Discussion: AB18-17 – Ordinance D18-17 – Non-Exclusive Franchise To Zayo Group, LLC To Construct, Maintain, and Operate A Private Telecommunications System Within The Public Right-Of-Way of the City of Bonney Lake.**

The Council discussed the two proposed franchise ordinances simultaneously. Director Vodopich said both were previously discussed by the Community Development Committee. He said the MCImetro agreement would provide the City with a franchise fee. Councilmember Swatman confirmed with staff that the Workshop discussion qualifies as a ‘first reading’ of the ordinance as required by State law.

Councilmember Watson asked how these agreements might change the City’s practices or services. Director Vodopich explained the franchise agreements allow the companies to install fiber cable in the right-of-way, but neither are related to ‘small cell’ service which is a different type of service. He said any concerns about the height of cell towers needs to be addressed in the City’s development code, as this is not related to the franchise agreement process. Councilmember Rackley confirmed that MCI is a contractor for Verizon.

Councilmembers discussed the concept of 'dark fiber' related to the Zayo franchise agreement. Councilmember Swatman said having access to fiber (fiber-optic communications) will benefit city residents and businesses. Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Edvalson said the agreement will make fiber available, which the City could use to improve the reliability of its network. Both ordinances were forwarded to the February 27, 2018 Council Meeting for action.

C. **Discussion:** AB18-24 – Ordinance D18-24 – Revision To Bonney Lake Municipal Code 10.04.026 Related To Inattentive Driving.

Councilmember Evans said the City Prosecutor asked that this ordinance be moved forward as quickly as possible, which is why it came directly to a Workshop instead of going through the Public Safety Committee first. Deputy Mayor McKibbin asked for clarification on the change and whether it complies with State law. Councilmember Carter said his understanding of the proposed ordinance is that it would give officers discretion whether to cite drivers with a ticket or a citation. Police Chief Powers said she was uncertain about the intent of the ordinance and hadn't discussed it with the Prosecutor. City Administrator Morrison suggested the item be forwarded to the next Meeting for action with a request that staff provide more information. Deputy Mayor McKibbin noted this will be on the agenda as a Full Council Issue.

D. **Discussion:** AB18-20 – Resolution 2639 – Contract With ARC Architects For The Public Works Center.

City Administrator Morrison said this proposed agreement is the next step in design and construction of the Public Works Center off 96th Street. He said RH2 has been working on civil design. Councilmember Surdez asked for more background on the proposed project for herself and Councilmember Carter, who are new to the Council. She asked for a history of the project and funding sources. City Administrator Morrison said he had hoped the architect could attend the workshop but he was unavailable. He suggested staff set up a presentation at a future workshop as soon as the architect from ARC Architects is available.

E. **Review of Draft Council Minutes:** February 1, 2018 Special Meeting and February 6, 2018 Workshop.

The draft minutes were forwarded to the February 27, 2018 Meeting for action with minor corrections.

F. **Council Open Discussion:**

Citizen's Academy: Councilmember Watson said he and Councilmember Evans will participate in the Police Department Citizen's Academy this year. Councilmember Rackley said he is unable to participate but is glad they changed the dates to Mondays and Wednesdays so Councilmembers can participate.

Utility Rates: Councilmember Watson asked approximately how much money would be raised if utility rates were raised 3% and which capital projects could be delayed or deferred to reduce rate increases. Director Vodopich said staff have provided the Council with lists of projects and a memo previously, showing what could be done with a 4% increase.

Puget Sound Regional Council: Councilmember Evans said he, Councilmember Watson, Councilmember Carter, and Deputy Mayor McKibbin attended the Puget Sound Regional Council Annual Conference. He said past Councilmember Lewis was awarded for his service on the PSRC at the event.

Property Taxes: Councilmember Swatman said a citizen wrote to the Council about high property taxes. He asked the Mayor to write the State Representatives on behalf of the city to urge them to reduce property taxes.

Building Key Card System: Councilmember Evans asked about the status of this previous agenda item. He said he had hoped it would be on the Workshop agenda for discussion rather than going back to Committee. He said the proposal to add a key card system at the Justice & Municipal Center does not solve a problem, and will require staff to carry two keys since the available funds will not cover all doors in the building. He questioned the value of the project. Councilmembers discussed delaying the project until sufficient funds are available to cover the entire building. Councilmember Swatman said staff provided background to the Finance Committee; he said he thinks the project will meet a set of needs and the service can be extended in the existing building or others in the future. Deputy Mayor McKibbin said the topic will be added to the March 20 Workshop for discussion, and they would ask staff to attend and provide more information.

Building Hours: Councilmember Swatman said the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) requires cities to approve their regular hours of operation by an ordinance. He asked staff but was unable to find an ordinance for the current hours of operation for the City. Mayor Johnson said staff will prepare a draft ordinance.

Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC): Councilmember Carter said he attended the recent PCRC and would provide a full report after the next meeting.

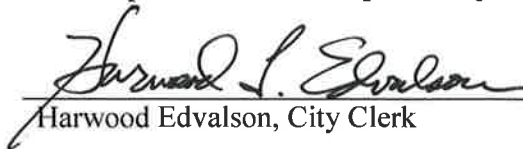
G. **Discussion:** Cancellation of the March 6, 2018 Workshop.

Deputy Mayor McKibbin said a majority of Councilmembers plan to attend the Community Summit on March 6, 2018. There will not be a quorum for the workshop. Council consensus was to add a motion cancelling the workshop to the February 27th Meeting agenda. Councilmember Swatman urged all Councilmembers to attend the annual Community Summit.

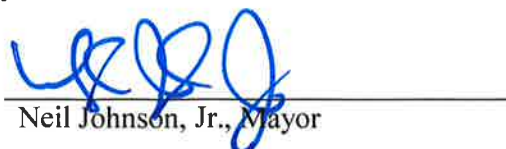
IV. **EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:** None.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:34 p.m. the Workshop was adjourned by common consent of the Council.



Harwood Edvalson, City Clerk



Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor

Items presented to Council at the Workshop: None.

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