

## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

January 2, 2018  
6:00 P.M.



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### DRAFT 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 6:03 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 Terry Carter, Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember Randy McKibbin, Councilmember James Rackley, Councilmember Michelle Surdez, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson.

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

### III. AGENDA ITEMS:

**A. AB18-05** – Election of Deputy Mayor and Appointment of Councilmembers to Standing Committees for 2018-2019 Biennium.

Mayor Johnson opened the floor for nominations for the Council position of Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Rackley nominated Councilmember Swatman. Councilmember Watson nominated Councilmember McKibbin. Seeing no further nominations, Mayor Johnson closed the nominations.

**On a vote of 4-3, Councilmember McKibbin was elected as the Council's Deputy Mayor for the next two years.**

Deputy Mayor McKibbin opened the conversation regarding appointments to the Council Standing Committees. Several suggestions were presented by councilmembers proposing alterations to the current operations of the Standing Committees. After discussion, a majority consensus was expressed to make appointments to the Standing Committees and operate them as outlined in the Municipal Code. Deputy Mayor McKibbin made the following appointments without objection from the Councilmembers:

**Community Development Committee: Councilmember Rackley, Councilmember Surdez and Councilmember Swatman.**

**Public Safety Committee: Councilmember Carter, Councilmember Evans**

**and Councilmember Watson.**

**Finance Committee: Deputy Mayor McKibbin, Councilmember Swatman and Councilmember Watson.**

Deputy Mayor McKibbin reminded Councilmembers that changes in committees and their operations may change in the future, and would be a topic of discussion at the upcoming Council retreat on January 20<sup>th</sup>. He also pointed out that the Community Development and Public Safety Committees would appoint their own chairperson. By ordinance, the Finance Committee is chaired by the Deputy Mayor.

**B. Review of Draft Minutes:** December 5, 2017 Workshop and December 12, 2017 Meeting.

Minor corrections to the December 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop minutes were submitted by Councilmember Watson. With Donn Lewis no longer serving on the City Council, Councilmember Carter agreed to take his place and review minutes on behalf of the Council, as well as Councilmember Watson.

**C. Council Open Discussion**

Congratulations and thank you. Mayor Johnson welcomed Councilmember Carter to his first meeting as a councilmember. Councilmember Watson and Mayor Johnson expressed particular appreciation to the Public Works crews for their recent handling of the Christmas snowfall.

Reports and update. Councilmember Watson asked if Permit Center Lead Jenn Francis could deliver quarterly building/development activity reports to the Council. Director Vodopich said this would be done, but would be a more abbreviated report than has been given on a semi-annual basis in the past. Councilmember Watson asked for an update on the water meter testing and system review. City Administrator Morrison said the Public Works Division is writing up the results of their findings which should be presented in about a week.

CityWorks Software. Councilmember Rackley asked about the implementation of the CityWorks software in the Public Works Division. Director Vodopich said the division is moving forward with installation and training this month and a report would be made to the Community Development Committee on the progress.

**D. Discussion:** Draft Council Retreat Agenda.

Deputy Mayor McKibbin invited suggestions for additions or clarifications to the proposed agenda for the upcoming Council retreat on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Watson asked if a discussion regarding plans for sidewalk improvements could be included. Mayor Johnson said he is reviewing the City's Traffic Calming Plan and the City of Sumner's sidewalk in-fill plan. He said he

would bring forward his recommendations when he had completed his review. He wasn't sure it would be completed in time for the retreat.

Councilmember Watson asked for clarification on the purpose of the proposed 2018 Preview. Deputy Mayor McKibbin said it was largely an item for the new Councilmembers to inform them of upcoming key projects and important dates for conferences, etc. Councilmember Rackley asked for clarification regarding the City's relationship with service groups and nonprofits. Mayor Johnson said the purpose was to discuss whether the current informal relationships should be more formalized and defined.

Deputy Mayor McKibbin reminded the Council that the timing of agenda items for the retreat can be flexible in order to meet the Council's interests that day. He invited Councilmembers to contact him or City Administrator Morrison with any other suggestions within the next ten days. City Administrator Morrison noted that the retreat this year would not include dinner, but would include a full breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

**E. Discussion:** AB18-01 – Ordinance D18-01 – Community Garden Fee Discount.

Councilmember Watson said he thought the discounted garden plot fee was a good idea. Councilmember Evans noted the Community Garden group was not opposed to the increased standard fee for the garden plots, and even with the proposed discount for low income users, the garden should break even in its expenses to the City. City Administrator Morrison said he proposed to use qualification for a Washington State Electronic Benefits (EBT) food stamp card as the basis for qualification of the discounted fee for a garden plot. There was a majority consensus to move this item forward for action at the next Council meeting.

**IV. CLOSED SESSION:** Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140, Mayor Johnson announced the Council would hold a 30-minute closed session to discuss labor negotiations. The closed session commenced at 6:35 p.m. and was completed at 7:12 p.m.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 7:12 p.m. the Workshop was adjourned by Mayor Johnson with the common consent of the Council.**

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Harwood Edvalson, City Clerk

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Neil Johnson, Jr., Mayor