

## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

July 18, 2017  
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 Justin Evans, Councilmember Donn Lewis, Councilmember Katrina Minton-Davis, Councilmember James Rackley, 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, Assistant Police Chief Kurt Alfano, Public Services Director John Vodopich, City Attorney Kathleen Haggard, and Deputy City Clerk Susan D. Haigh.

**III. AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Discussion: AB17-62 – Resolution 2600** – Recreation Interlocal Agreement with Sumner School District.

Mayor Johnson requested this item be moved to the first item on the agenda. City Administrator Morrison provided an overview of the recreation program from 1991 to present and the proposed new interlocal agreement. The agreement would run from September 2017 to August 2022. He noted that several School District staff members were in attendance. Under the proposed agreement the City of Bonney Lake would assume administration of the program and existing recreation program employees would become Bonney Lake employees. He confirmed that the City of Sumner has chosen not to take part in the proposed interlocal agreement. Mayor Johnson described the previous tri-party agreement and said although he would prefer a tri-party agreement, the City of Sumner is focusing on other priorities currently and has decided not to participate in the new agreement.

Councilmember Evans asked about the program funding and revenues. Sumner School District Director of Athletics & Facilities Tim Thomsen was invited to speak. He said participant fees cover the majority of funds, and in the past the City of Sumner provided about \$24,000 and the City of Bonney Lake provided about \$30,000. He said the majority of program participants come from Bonney Lake and the plateau area. He said the before- and after-school child care and Action Day Camp are the largest funding source. Mr. Thomsen said staff payroll and benefits are the largest portion of program costs, with full-time and many

part-time employees. He said costs for internal administrative services would shift to Bonney Lake when it becomes the lead agency.

Councilmember Evans asked about the City of Sumner's involvement and whether the School District has a backup plan for the program. Mr. Thomsen said the City of Sumner was invited to work on the agreement but has stepped back. He said the School District wants the recreation program to continue. He noted a major challenge for the School District is the higher level background check requirements for school employees; he said this would be different under the City's management. Councilmembers discussed advisory board, background checks, and insurance and liability concerns.

Councilmember Watson asked about facilities and the program office location in Sumner. Mayor Johnson emphasized that the agreement includes continued use of all School District facilities, many of which are in Bonney Lake and said the existing office at the Sumner gym can be used for now and moved later. Councilmembers discussed registration options, program costs, system and software needs, and possible staffing impacts. Mayor Johnson said the program would become part of the Executive Department and existing staff would become City staff. He said the process is far easier than starting a new recreation program from scratch. City Administrator Morrison said the biggest impact will be on Human Resources and Payroll due to an increase in part-time staff. He said they will review this during the transition and may need additional staff time to cover those new tasks. He said they hope program revenues will cover the additional costs. Councilmember Minton-Davis asked whether the recreation program staff are represented or non-represented employees; Mr. Thomsen said current staff are non-represented. City Administrator Morrison said the new positions would be bargained with the union (AFSCME) and some may end up being represented, but likely not the manager position.

The Council and Mayor discussed the fast turn-around to approve the agreement by September 1 and the plan for the transition period. Chief Financial Officer Gibson said staff have been working in the background on a transition plan to be prepared if the agreement is approved. Councilmembers generally spoke in support of the recreation program and the long history between the City and School District. Mayor Johnson said staff would gather answers to Council questions for future discussion including a list of facilities, staffing cost estimates, and custodial and maintenance responsibilities. The subject was continued to a future workshop for discussion.

**B. Public Works Center Project Update.**

Public Services Director John Vodopich provided an update from the previous presentation by ARC and RH2 in April 2017. He presented a new drawing of the proposed site plan with the entire facility built on the Peaking Tank site at an estimated cost of \$23-24 million (including soft costs, hard costs, and contingencies). He said the major unknown cost at this time is possible road

mitigation required by Pierce County. The revised proposal is a two-story, 24,000 square foot administrative building, and a maintenance yard on a smaller footprint, with a storm pond (instead of underground stormwater system) and some room for future expansion. Several items were removed from initial construction to reduce costs including extra parking, paved areas, covered storage, and a fueling and wash station. He said the proposal does not include an impound yard or animal control as had been initially proposed.

Mr. Vodopich answered questions about future facilities and transitioning from old facilities at the Allan Yorke Park Moriarty property and the Public Works Center shops and yard. City Administrator Morrison said the City may want to pursue purchase of adjacent lots in the future which would provide more room to grow. Staff expect RH2 and ARC to be ready with more details and cost estimates within the next several weeks to be presented at a future workshop.

**C. Review of Draft Minutes:** June 27, 2017 Meeting, July 11, 2017 Meeting.

The minutes were forwarded to the July 25, 2017 meeting for action with minor corrections.

**D. Council Open Discussion.**

Summer Events: Councilmember Watson said Tunes @ Tapps concerts have been well attended this summer. He asked whether anyone knows the reason for more low-flying jets over the City recently.

Abandoned Vehicle: Councilmember Watson said he noticed an apparently abandoned vehicle that has been in the same location, possibly for years, near the intersection of 181st Ave and Bonney Lake Blvd and asked staff to look into it.

Public Safety Dispatch: Councilmember Rackley asked whether the City has received a response from South Sound 911 to address dispatch response rates. Mayor Johnson said he would ask staff to provide an update.

Community Updates: Councilmember Lewis said he attended the White River Communities for Families meeting on June 26. They presented community awards and will meet next on August 28. He said he encouraged students at White River schools to participate in the Arts Commission.

Kelly Glade Sewer System: Councilmember Swatman said the Community Development Committee (CDC) discussed the Kelly Glade sewer system and a recent engineering study. He said due to the slope of the Cedarview neighborhood, staff are considering an alternative design with a small lift station to the east of the neighborhood.

Marijuana Sales: Councilmember Swatman asked whether the Council would support an advisory issue on the November 2017 ballot asking citizens whether marijuana sales should be legalized in Bonney Lake. Mayor Johnson said as there

appears to be council consensus on the topic, staff would bring a resolution forward for discussion and possible action.

Troutlodge: Councilmember Rackley said he visited a new business in the Bonney Lake UGA off McCutcheon Road that farms fish eggs. He put them in contact with the Public Services Director. Deputy Mayor McKibbin suggested that the Council take a tour of the facility.

Fireworks: Councilmember Watson said he received one complaint from a resident about fireworks. The Police Department reported fewer calls and issued no citations this year.


**IV. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), the Council adjourned to an Executive Session with the City Attorney at 7:14 p.m. to discuss the price of real estate; no action was anticipated. The Council returned to chambers at 7:20 p.m.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 7:20 p.m. Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop with the common consent of the City Council.**

  
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Harwood Edvalson, MMC  
City Clerk

  
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Neil Johnson, Jr.  
Mayor

Items presented to Council at the July 18, 2017 Workshop:

- *Public Works Center updated site plan* – Public Services Director John Vodopich.

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