

## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

November 16, 2021  
6:00 P.M.



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### Minutes

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

**Virtual Location:** <https://bluejeans.com/215767540>

**By Telephone:** 408-740-7256 (Meeting ID: 215 767 540#)

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Neil Johnson Jr., called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Interim City Clerk Sadie Schaneman called the roll. In addition to Mayor Johnson, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Justin Evans, Councilmember Terry Carter, Councilmember Todd Dole, Councilmember Angela Ishmael, Councilmember James (Kelly) McClimans, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John Vodopich, Assistant Police Chief James Keller, Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone, Planning & Building Supervisor Jason Sullivan, Deputy City Attorney/Prosecutor Dena Burke and Interim City Clerk Sadie Schaneman.

Staff members in virtual attendance using the City’s BlueJeans conference line were Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reiersen, Executive Assistant/Management Analyst Leslie Harris, Recreation & Special Events Coordinator David Wells, Administrative Specialist II Jessica Chavez and City Attorney Kathleen Haggard.

### III. AGENDA ITEMS:

#### A. Public Hearing:

1. **AB21-137 – Ordinance D21-137** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Adopting The Mid-Biennial Budget Amendment For Budget Years 2021 And 2022.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. and invited comments from the public. There being no public comments, Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

2. **AB21-138 – Ordinance D21-138** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Setting The Amount Of The Annual Ad Valorem Tax Levy Necessary For The Fiscal Year 2022 For The Purposes Set Forth.

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from the public. There being no public comments, Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

**B. Council Open Discussion:**

Communities For Families (CFF) Coalition. Councilmember Watson said that he attended the CFF Meeting on November 04, 2021. He said they had a great presentation from Devon Isakson from the REACH Center/ACT Program that provides resources for youth and families in the area. He said they also talked about the Mayors Food Drive and Sumner/Bonney Lake Toy Box.

Townhall Meeting. Councilmember Watson asked the Council about the City having a townhall meeting in February before the Council retreat. The Council agreed on the idea.

Vaccine Mandate. Councilmember Carter asked about vaccine mandates and what the City's position was. City Administrator John Vodopich said it appears the federal vaccine mandate will apply to the City, but they are waiting for state regulations and are basically on hold. City Attorney Kathleen Haggard said it is unknown what WA state will do even though the federal mandate is on hold and noted the state could still choose to do a mandate regardless of the federal ruling. Councilmember McClimans asked if the Council could make a policy that would take precedence over the state mandate. Attorney Haggard advised to wait to see what the ruling is first and then evaluate so that the City would know what the consequences would be for violations. Councilmember Ismael asked about drafting an Ordinance to make sure employees would be accommodated for their exemptions and ensure all employees stay employed. Attorney Haggard stated that mandates include exemptions and that exemptions are reviewed on case-by-case bases. She also suggested waiting on taking any further action as it might turn out to be unnecessary. Mayor Johnson said his policy is to provide accommodations and not lose any employees for the remainder of his administration.

Suspending Water Rate Increase. Councilmember Swatman spoke about suspending the scheduled rate increase for water for the upcoming year and suggested looking into having a study done. Chief Financial Officer Reiersen provided budget information and stated that financially it would be appropriate to put the water rates on hold if the Council chose to do so. City Administrator Vodopich stated an Ordinance would be prepared for the Council to review.

**C. Review Of Council Minutes:** November 02, 2021 Council Workshop and November 09, 2021 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Carter said that they reviewed the minutes of November 02, 2021 Council Workshop and November 09, 2021 Council Meeting and had provided one minor correction to the draft minutes. The revised minutes were forwarded to the November 23, 2021 Meeting for approval.

- D. **Discussion/Action: AB21-160 – Resolution 2994** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Directing City Staff To Negotiate An Agreement For Property.

**Councilmember Watson moved to approve Resolution 2994. Deputy Mayor Evans seconded the motion.**

Planning & Building Supervisor gave a general background on the involved properties, the current applicant history and also went over the two options available for the proposed Resolution. Mayor Johnson stated he supported option B of the Resolution and staying with the current developer to which Councilmembers agreed.

**Resolution 2994 (Option B) Approved 7 – 0.**

- E. **Discussion: AB21-85 – Ordinance D21-85** – An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Changing The Zoning Classification Of Properties To Ensure Consistency With The City’s Adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Planning & Building Supervisor Sullivan gave a PowerPoint presentation to Council on the 2021 zoning map amendments. He went over background information, the future land use map and map excerpts 1-7. Councilmembers asked several questions to which Sullivan answered.

There was a general consensus of the Council to bring the item to the December 07, 2021 Workshop for further discussion and the December 14, 2021 Meeting for action.

- F. **Discussion: AB21-126 – Resolution 2978** - Purchase and Installation of A/V Equipment for PSC Project.


Councilmember Swatman motioned to table the item until the December 07, 2021 Workshop. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.


There was a general consensus of the Council to table the item to the next workshop on December 07, 2021.

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

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 7:13 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Johnson, Jr. with the common consent of the City Council.**

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 Sadie A. Schaneman, CMC, City Clerk

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 Neil Johnson, Jr, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the November 16, 2021 Workshop:

- (1) *Eastown/Compass Pointe Property* – City Administrator John Vodopich & Teeter Owner Chris Leier.
- (2) *Ordinance NO D21-85 2021 Zoning Map Amendments* – Planning & Building Supervisor Jason Sullivan.

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