

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

May 18, 2021
6:00 P.M.
Minutes



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Location: The physical location of the Council Meeting was at the Bonney Lake Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake, Washington. Due to the state-wide stay at home order, the public was given the option to call in to the virtual Council Meeting and be able to listen to the Meeting live on the City's BlueJeans conference line.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Neil Johnson Jr., called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Deputy 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 Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember McClimans was not in attendance.

Councilmember Swatman moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember McClimans. Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were Administrative Services Director/City Clerk Harwood Edvalson.

Staff members in virtual attendance using the City's BlueJeans conference line were City Administrator John Vodopich, Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reiersen, Chief of Police Bryan Jeter, Human Resources Manager Jenna Richardson, Information Services Manager Chuck McEwen, Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone, Superintendent of Public Works Jack Niehuser, City Prosecutor Maili Barber, Facilities & Special Project Manager Gary Leaf, Recreation & Special Events Manager David Wells, Planning & Building Supervisor Jason Sullivan, Deputy City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, Administrative Specialist II Jessica Chavez, and City Attorney Jeff Ganson. City Attorney Kathleen Haggard arrived late.

Agenda Reorder. Mayor Johnson requested that agenda Item F (AB21-66 – Resolution 2937) be moved to Item A on the agenda.

Councilmember Watson moved to reorder the items on the agenda. Deputy Mayor Evans seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. **Discussion: AB21-66 – Resolution 2937** – A Resolution Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Declare An Economic And Mental Health Crisis Due To The Current COVID-Related State Emergency Declaration And Relating To DLI Mandates.

Councilmember Ishmael presented to Council a revised version of the Resolution. The Council had a discussion on current government restrictions, the effects new guidelines may have on local businesses and what the City could do to provide solutions for the citizens and businesses in Bonney Lake. City attorneys answered several questions from Councilmembers and offered guidance on the Resolution.

There was a general consensus of the Council for Councilmember Ishmael to bring forward a revised version of the Resolution making it more inclusive to the City of Bonney Lake at the next Council Meeting on May 25, 2021 for further discussion under Full Council Issues.

- B. **Council Open Discussion:**

Communities for Families Coalition (CFF) Meeting. Councilmember Watson said that he and Councilmember Ishmael attended the CFF meeting on May 06, 2021. They had a presentation from the Center for Strong Families Program and were advised of a \$15,000 unsolicited donation to CFF. He also stated the CFF would be hosting a free health clinic on June 26, 2021 from 9am-4pm for anyone uninsured or insured.

Midtown Park Plan. Councilmember Carter said that he had a discussion with Park Commissioner Monroy in regards to the master plan for the Midtown Park area and some items they would like to see. He stated he would like to give the park commission a plan so they could start moving forward with doing projects in the area. Deputy Mayor Evans said that he also spoke with the Park Commissioner Monroy about the same thing and would like to see a work plan come forward for the Council to approve.

Park Funding. Deputy Mayor Evans said that he had sent out a park funding spreadsheet for the Allen Yorke Master Plan. He stated his main concern is that there is not a comprehensive plan that addresses funding of these projects beyond the next two years. He also spoke about other parks projects and gave several breakdowns on costs. Councilmembers gave input on possible funding solutions, current park plans and ideas for the future.

In Person Meetings. Councilmember Carter asked if there was an update on when the Council would be able to meet in person since the state is moving into phase 3 and there is a current plan for the state to fully open on June 30th. City Administrator Vodopich said that the current Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA) provisions that are in place would extend past the June 30th date and until those provisions return to normal the Council would not be able to meet in person. Councilmembers asked

about other options for meeting in person to which City Administrator Vodopich and City Attorney Haggard responded.

- C. **Review Of Council Minutes:** May 04, 2021 Council Workshop and May 11, 2021 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Carter reported that they had provided Administrative Specialist II Jessica Chavez with a number of corrections to the draft minutes. There was a general consensus of the Council to move the revised minutes forward to the May 25, 2021 Council Meeting for approval.

- D. **Action: AB21-73 – Resolution 2942** – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign A Labor Agreement With The Bonney Lake Police Guild For Sworn Staff From January 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2023.

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

Motion approved 6 – 0.

- E. **Discussion/Action: AB21-70 –Motion** – A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Appointing Three City Officials As Voting Delegates To Represent The City Of Bonney Lake At The 2021 Virtual Association Of Washington Cities Annual Conference Business Meeting To Be Held On June 24th From 10 AM To 11:30 AM.

Deputy Mayor Evans, Councilmember Dole and Councilmember Carter volunteered to be the voting delegates for Bonney Lake.

The Council moved to appoint Deputy Mayor Evans, Councilmember Dole and Councilmember Carter as the voting delegates for the City.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

- F. **Discussion: AB21-65** – Discussing The Relinquishment Of An RCO Grant For Allan Yorke Park Phase 1A.

City Administrator Vodopich gave an update on the \$350,000 grant thru RCO related to the Allen York Park ballfield. He said the terms of the grant were that the project needs to be completed by June of 2022 and that the current estimated timeline for the project is about 1 year. He advised the Council that if the City wants to keep the grant and retain the funding they need to decide if the project will be moving forward or relinquish the funds back to RCO. Facilities and Special Projects Manager Gary Leaf also stated that RCO has requested the funds be returned since the project has not yet been started.

Mayor Johnson and Councilmembers discussed the project and there was a general consensus of the Council to not relinquish the funds and move forward with the project.

IV. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:54 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor Johnson, Jr. with the common consent of the City Council.

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Items presented to Council at the May 18, 2021 Workshop:

- (1) *Revised AB21-66 – Resolution 2937 by Councilmember Angela Ishmael.*

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