

## CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

October 19, 2021  
6:00 P.M.  
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 James (Kelly) McClimans, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember Ishmael was not in attendance.

**Deputy Mayor Evans moved to excuse the absence of Councilmember Ishmael.  
Councilmember Watson seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved 6 – 0.**

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John Vodopich, Chief of Police Bryan Jeter, Information Services Manager Chuck McEwen, Deputy City Attorney/Prosecutor Dena Burke, Interim City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, Administrative Specialist II Jessica Chavez and City Attorney Kathleen Haggard.

Staff members in virtual attendance using the City’s BlueJeans conference line were Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reiersen, Court Administrator Kathy Seymour, and Recreation and Special Events Coordinator David Wells.

### III. AGENDA ITEMS:

#### A. Council Open Discussion:

Communities for Families (CFF) Coalition. Councilmember Watson said that he attended the CFF Meeting October 07, 2021 along with Chief of Police Bryan Jeter. He stated they had an excellent presentation from Valeri Almony from Pierce County Human Services on the Pierce County Rental and Utility Assistant programs and also went over available resources for COVID-19 testing.

Pierce County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Deputy Mayor Evans went over how Pierce County plans to use their ARPA funds. He stated that there are some concerns with how they are not addressing the root cause of what they were hoping to do with the funds to help with homelessness. He asked for endorsements from the

other Councilmembers to get together with other jurisdictions to work on a counterpoint on how to better use the funds.

**B. Review Of Council Minutes:** October 05, 2021 Council Workshop and October 12, 2021 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Watson and Councilmember Carter said that they reviewed the minutes of October 05, 2021 City Council Workshop, and October 12, 2021 City Council Meeting and had no corrections. The draft minutes were forwarded to the October 26, 2021 Meeting for approval.

**C. Discussion: AB21-139 – Resolution 2984 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Mayor To Sign An Agreement With Accelnet / Tri-Tec Communications To Provide A Microwave Backup Internet Connection.**

Information Services Manager Chuck McEwen gave an overview on fiber optic cables and how this system would be more effective for internet communications in emergencies, such as the Sumner grade fire. McEwen answered questions from the Council regarding expenses, emergency management situations and other options that were considered.

The Council agreed to move the Resolution to the consent agenda at the next Council Meeting on October 26, 2021.

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

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

**At 6:14 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, CIMC, Interim City Clerk

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NEIL JOHNSON, JR., Mayor

Items presented to Council at the October 19, 2021 Workshop: None.

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