

**CITY COUNCIL TOWN
HALL SPECIAL MEETING**

**April 5, 2022
7:00 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. The public was also given the option to call in or attend virtually the Council Meeting

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Michael McCullough called the Town Hall Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Sadie Schaneman called the roll. In addition to Mayor McCullough, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Terry Carter, Councilmember Angela Baldwin, Councilmember Justin Evans, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember Dan Swatman, and Councilmember Tom Watson. Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans attended the Town Hall Special Meeting virtually.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John Vodopich, Chief of Police Bryan Jeter, Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, and Administrative Specialist II Kasee Gallagher.

Staff members in virtual attendance using the City’s BlueJeans conference line were Chief Financial Officer Cherie Reiersen and Court Administrator Kathy Seymour.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Council Open Discussion:

Mayor McCullough asked Council if they want to remove Council Open Discussion due to the discussion of the Allan Yorke Park boat launch and the number of resident comments on the agenda.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve removing Council Open Discussion. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion.

Motion Approved 7 – 0.

B. Mayor McCullough went over the procedures of the Town Hall Special Meeting and explained that no action will be taken on any of the Resident Comments.

C. Discussion/Action: AB22-49 - Motion - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, To Approve The Closure Of The Allen Yorke Park Boat Launch Ramp For The 2022 Boating Season.

Becca Adams, 9111 189th Ave Ct. E, Bonney Lake, discussed reconsidering leaving the boat launch open for the season and would like to see the city move forward with turning Ball Field #4 into trailer parking. She stated that if there are concerns with space, she would like to see the city open parking to city residents only. She also said that the residents of Bonney Lake should not be penalized for the Council's decision to move forward on the construction at Allan Yorke Park without having a solution for the impact on trailer parking.

Dan Decker, 201 70th St E, Bonney Lake, discussed boat parking and asked what the Council is going to do about it. He would like to know where the money is coming from.

Seth Danes, 19501 W Tapps Hwy E, Bonney Lake, discussed that as a new resident, he moved into this area because of the ability to use Allan Yorke Boat Launch. He stated that not everyone needs trailer parking, and he would like to see the boat launch remain open for the season.

Deputy Mayor Carter asked questions about the boat launch and the digital lock plan for the upcoming season. Chief Bryan Jeter explained the permits sold would come with a digital code for residents that could be used all year long. Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone explained the cost of turning Ball Field #4 into trailer parking, the timeline, and that it is an unbudgeted project. Councilmember Fullerton asked questions about demolishing buildings when the Public Works Department moves to their new location. Councilmember Swatman talked about having an email list for permit holders for communication. Councilmembers asked questions and showed their support for keeping the boat launch open for the season.

Councilmember Watson moved to approve The Allan Yorke Park Boat Launch remaining open. Councilmember Swatman seconded the motion.

Councilmember Evans asked Councilmember Watson and Swatman to rescind their motions so as to be more detailed. Both rescinded.

Councilmember Evans moved to approve The Allan Yorke Park Boat Launch remaining open for the 2022 season with conditions. Councilmember Swatman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 7 – 0.

D. Resident Comments:

Bonney Lake Municipal Code 15.16.017 Group R Occupancies. Jake Box, 18802 91st St. Ct. E, Bonney Lake, discussed Code 15.16.017 did not match the handout.

Jeff Huff, 91208 89th Ave. Ct. E, Bonney Lake, spoke about his experience building a house and the cost, due to the handout having inaccurate information.

Councilmembers agreed that the handout needed an update. Public Services Director Ryan Johnson stated that going forward, both fire sprinklers would be accepted, and that the handout will be updated accordingly.

Streetlights. Councilmember Watson stated that citizens contact him regularly and that Puget Sound Energy is efficient on fixing streetlights.

Dan Decker, 201 70th St. E, Bonney Lake, discussed that overall, there are many streetlights that need attention due to the lights shining upwards.

Public Services Director Ryan Johnstone shared that there is a process in place through Public Works to report streetlight issues. Most streetlights are owned by Puget Sound Energy and the city has a maintenance contract in place to fix any streetlight issues.

Affordable Housing/Apartments. Dan Decker, 201 70th St. E, Bonney Lake, discussed housing cost and the homeless issues in the area.

Shanta Mulligan, 68th St. E, Bonney Lake, spoke about the state changing the composition and demographics of communities by pushing affordable housing into areas like Bonney Lake.

Michelle DePortebrat, 7720 210th Ave. E, Bonney Lake, talked about affordable housing in Bonney Lake is necessary and her experience in this issue.

Crime. Kurt Thun, 9202 Angeline Rd., Bonney Lake, discussed the increase of drugs, police having their hands tied, and the increased crime in Bonney Lake. He also mentioned the speeding problem on Angeline Road and that he wants to see it addressed.

Councilmember Watson shared his thoughts on Angeline Road and how that road is a challenge. He also discussed the Walmart parking lot and how the police work hand in hand with Walmart and other local businesses to prevent vans and trailers being parked in parking lots for long periods of time.

Councilmember Baldwin shared that the citizens should contact their local legislature about police officer's hands being tied due to laws being passed. Councilmembers shared their opinions on the crime in the area and their support for law enforcement.

Chief Jeter explained how the police department is handling the issues and the parking lot at Walmart.

Water Bills. Deputy Mayor Carter stated that there is a rate study survey in progress and is waiting on the results. Council is hoping to bring rates down in the future.

Executive Power Abuse. Shanta Mulligan, 68th St. E, Bonney Lake, discussed working together as a Council to make sure executive power isn't abused.

Public Communication/Website. Shanta Mulligan, 68th St. E, shared her thoughts on the City of Bonney Lake Website speed, technology, and optimization. She discussed maximizing citizen participation and better communication.

Councilmembers shared their thoughts and suggestions on the website. City Clerk Sadie Schaneman stated she would look into the speed issue and will be starting to update the website.

Physical Responsibility. Shanta Mulligan, 68th St. E, discussed the state offering free money to communities and she hopes the Council will consider the long-term effects on citizens before deciding on accepting the money that comes with conditions.

- E. **Discussion:** Parks Master Plan – Dan Decker, 201 70th St. E, Bonney Lake, stated that many roads need to be addressed as part of the Parks Master Plan.

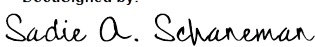
Councilmember McClimans stated that he would like to take an informal poll on passing a specific bond to complete the park projects needed at Midtown and Allan Yorke. Councilmember Baldwin shared that the master plan would be discussed at the upcoming retreat. Councilmembers shared their thoughts on a potential bond and other funding ideas.

Mayor McCullough asked the audience how many would be agreeable to having a bond placed for a vote. Several audience members raised their hands.

IV. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: None.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:04 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Mayor McCullough with the common consent of the City Council.

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 Michael McCullough, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the April 5, 2022, Workshop: None.

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