

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
MEETING**

**February 6, 2024  
6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**



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

Audio starts at: 06:00 **I. CALL TO ORDER:** Deputy Mayor Terry Carter

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Audio starts at: 6:01 **II. Roll Call:** City Clerk Sadie Schaneman called the roll. In addition to Deputy Mayor Terry Carter, other elected officials attending were Councilmember Angela Baldwin, Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton, Councilmember Kerri Hubler, Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans, Councilmember Dan Roach, and Councilmember Dan Swatman. Deputy Mayor Terry Carter was in virtual attendance. Mayor Michael McCullough was not in attendance.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were City Administrator John Vodopich, Chief of Police Mark Berry, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Interim Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, Administrative Specialist II Debbie McDonald, and City Attorney Jennifer Robertson.

There were no staff members in virtual attendance.

**III. AGENDA ITEMS:**

Audio starts at: 6:02 **A. Appointment:** Friends of Fontana Recognition.

Deputy Mayor Terry Carter read a certificate of appreciation to the Friends of Fontana for 18-years of participating in the City's Adopt-A-Street program.

Colleen Littleton gave a brief history of Mike Fontana and why they started the group.

Audio starts at: 6:07 **B. Presentation:** WCIA Council Do's and Don'ts Training.

Administrative Services Director McEwen introduced Washington Cities Insurance Authority(WCIA) Deputy Director Rob Roscoe.

Deputy Director Roscoe presented City Council Do's and Don'ts training on city risks and liabilities. He explained how the City can avoid liability claims.

Council discussed and shared their ideas and concerns, including:

- How many cases go to trial.
- When should a City settle a case.
- How do they rate assessments to decide what to charge cities.

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**C. Council Open Discussion:**

*Deputy Mayor Carter:*

Association of Washington Cities(AWC) Conference: Deputy Mayor Carter announced the AWC conference dates June 18-22, in Vancouver and encouraged Councilmembers to attend.

Reed Property: Deputy Mayor Carter stated that there are more businesses that are interested in the Reed property including the Bonney Lake Food Bank. He said that there has been some meetings with businesses including Mt. Rainier Athletic Club (MRAC) to discuss options.

Council discussed and shared their ideas and concerns, including:

- How others are able to walk the property without liability insurance.
- How to have MRAC be able to go forward.
- Not rushing into a decision.

*Councilmember Swatman:*

Council Retreat: Councilmember Swatman asked with three Councilmembers unable to attend if the Council Retreat could be moved from March 2.

Staff will work on rescheduling the Council Retreat.

*Councilmember McClimans:*

Sumner-Bonney Lake School Districts Capital Facilities Advisory Committee: Councilmember McClimans reported that without property the swimming pool will not make the bond list. If the City has a response of property that could be used for the pool, he will need the response by next month's meeting.

*Councilmember Baldwin:*

Historical Society: Councilmember Baldwin is concerned on where the Historical Society will be relocating, once the old city hall is torn down.

City Administrator Vodopich responded they are looking at moving them into the modular building that is also located on that site.

New Public Services Director: Councilmember Baldwin asked about the hiring process for a new Public Services Director.

City Administrator Vodopich discussed how the process will work to fill that position.

*Councilmember Roach:*

Public Services Center: Councilmember Roach took a tour of the Public Services Center. Was concerned with all the generators the City has and if power is out for more than three days the City has no way to refuel them. He wonders if the City has a plan for getting their own underground or above ground gas tank. This is something that should be a Council issue.

Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC): Councilmember Roach and Interim Public Services Director Sullivan attended PCRC meeting. The Bonney Lake amendment for Urban Growth passed and moved on to the Pierce County Council for a vote.

*Councilmember Fullerton:*

Communities For Families (CFF): Councilmember Fullerton announced that Community Court will be hosting a Community Resource Fair being held here at the Justice Center on February 17, from Noon-3 PM, and is open to the public.

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- D. **Review Of Council Minutes:** January 9, 2024, City Council Meeting, January 16, 2024, City Council Workshop and January 23, 2024, City Council Meeting.

The draft minutes were forwarded with no corrections to the February 13, 2024, meeting for approval.

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E. **Discussion: Public Comments.**

Deputy Mayor Carter introduced the discussion on how the City can try and protect itself from, "Hate Speech". City Attorney Jennifer Robertson presented different options to Council of how to help try to prevent an onslaught of Hate Speakers from hijacking a Council Meeting as other local cities have experienced.

Council discussed and shared their ideas and concerns, including:

- Not wanting to add any more barriers for citizens to make comments.
- Having a policy with very detailed do's and don'ts.
- What other cities and countries are doing.
- Waiting to see if it happens before doing anything.

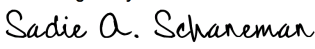
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**EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION:** None.

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**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 8:38 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned by Deputy Mayor Carter with the common consent of the City Council.**

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Sadie A. Schaneman, CMC, City Clerk

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Terry Carter, Deputy, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the February 6, 2024, Workshop: Copy of the WCIA Do's and Don'ts Presentation.

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