



## BUCKLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

April 27, 2010

Multi-Purpose Center, 811 Main Street

City Council Meeting

Opening 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call of Council Members

Next Ordinance #08-10  
Next Resolution #10-07  
Next Agenda Bill #AB10-51

### Committee Reports

1. Finance & Public Safety
2. Streets & Utilities
3. Community Services & Recreation
4. Community & Economic Development
5. Mayor's Report:
6. Staff Reports:

Reed  
Montgomery  
Patson  
McNally  
Johnson

### Citizen Participation

*Time Limit of Five Minutes* (Must sign up at City Hall by Wednesday prior to the Council Meeting)

7. Penny Frame: Relay For Life on May 14 & 15, 2010

### Main Agenda

8. Pierce Transit Tomorrow – Lars Erickson and Tina Lee
9. ORD No. \_\_-10: Amending Utility Billing Provisions
10. RES No. 10-\_\_ Vacating Access Easement
11. Summer Staff Positions for Recreation
12. South Prairie Creek Surface Water Diversion
13. Light Tech: Contract for Lighting Upgrade

### Consent Agenda

14. A. Approve Minutes of April 13, 2010
- B. Claims

**City Council**  
**April 27, 2010**

Mayor Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Mayor Johnson announced before roll call that Council members Harple, Boyle Barrett and McNally are excused this evening. Upon roll call the following members were present: Reed, Montgomery, Patson and Twardoski. Also in attendance were City Administrator Schmidt and City Attorney Olbrechts.

Mayor Johnson said as far as the agenda goes tonight, we have guests here from Pierce Transit and I'd like to allow them to go first before we get into our committee reports and the agenda. Also, item #10 should be removed from the agenda, and because we do not have a full Council tonight I would also like to postpone to the next Council meeting item #12, which is the South Prairie Creek Surface Water Diversion. City Administrator Schmidt said on item #10, the Vacation Easement, we're simply lacking some additional information from the surveyor, and we're asking for that to be postponed until the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting as well. **Council member Montgomery moved to move agenda item #8 ahead of committee reports, and to postpone agenda items #10 and #12. Council member Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Pierce Transit Tomorrow:**

Mayor Johnson stated that we will start out this evening with Pierce Transit. They are here to talk about the future of Pierce Transit. Lars Erickson said he is the Public Information Officer for Pierce Transit, and Tina Lee said she works in the Planning & Scheduling Department, and she is managing the system redesign. PowerPoint presentation handouts were provided to follow along. Lars and Tina went through the presentation, explaining what services Pierce Transit provides, and which services were being eliminated, which includes Buckley Route #406, revenues, future funding, etc. Following the presentation the Council was given an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Mayor Johnson stated that Buckley pays about \$250,000 a year towards Pierce Transit, and asked without any service how do you justify continuing to collect that money. Discussion ensued.

**Finance & Public Safety:** Council member Reed stated they have not had a meeting since the last Council meeting. He then asked City Administrator Schmidt how we are progressing on the Taylor property. City Administrator Schmidt said he will check with Building Official Mundy and find out where we are.

**Streets & Utilities:** Council member Montgomery stated they did have a meeting, and you've got notes about that. We have item #9 on the agenda.

**Community Services & Recreation:** Council member Patson stated they had a meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup> and had quite a long agenda. An Eagle Scout brought before us a concept

for trail fitness interval stations. These would provide opportunities for people walking the trail for stretching, warming up, cooling down, etc., and he wanted some guidance from the Committee as to location. We talked about locations and agreed that having them placed at random intervals would work for people who are going to use them. Our committee also recommended that these fitness interval stations be numbered, and that a coordinating map be designed. They talked about a community garden, and we got some recommendations on where we could start one. Council member Harple brought up the Miller property, so Council member McNally and I went and visited. It seems very appropriate. There is access to water, and there is easy access from Bevlo or Franklin. We will be looking for public input on this, and we would like to hear if the community is interested in one. They have some guidelines they can look at that the City of Sumner has created, and it looks pretty adaptable for us. Director Bacon is busy requesting grant funding for, in particular, the summer program. She would like to offer the programs at no cost, and she gave the example of providing free lunch to children, and then allowing those who cannot pay the fee to remain for the rest of the activities. We talked about the fact that the floors in the MPC are sinking; it's getting bigger and it's rippling. Mayor Johnson said it's in the hallway. Council member Patson said it needs to be fixed because there is a real potential for injury to anyone accessing this building. Arrow Lumber has donated a large amount of materials towards the construction of the museum's addition and the ADA compliant restroom, and the Mayor suggested that it may be appropriate to put up a plaque or sign crediting Arrow Lumber for their nice donation. Mayor Johnson said they are going to get us a sign to hang on the side of the museum. Council member Patson said they will meet again on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Community & Economic Development:** Council member Twardoski said her daughter is having a meeting this Thursday, at 7:00 PM, at City Hall, regarding the Market. We've got to let people know what's going on. She has banners and signs and things that say Plateau Market and I believe that we want to go with Buckley Country Market; however, she doesn't have time right now to get them all changed. Council member Twardoski said that it was Marlis's concern if the Council minds if we use Plateau. Would it make a difference for a week or two? Council member Montgomery said his recollection is one of the reasons we talked about the Plateau Community Market was that Enumclaw was also considering starting a market and they could use the same name. Council member Twardoski said that was Marlis's concern too; we don't want the same name, it should say Buckley. Council member Montgomery said he thinks the two could be very complimentary. Council member Twardoski said she probably won't be able to get the signs fixed; she wants to start this Saturday. City Administrator Schmidt said one of the things that Council member Patson's committee had talked about, when they were talking about the Farmers Market this year, was that putting Buckley back on there gave it that local identity, and there were concerns over having Plateau covering the whole Plateau area. The committee made the decision to make a recommendation that we go back to using Buckley. The problem is that we already have the banners and signs made up that say Plateau, so Council member Twardoski was concerned if they put them out there with the Council thinking that we might go back to using Buckley, and there would be a conflict between that. So, they just want to use Plateau again for this year since they already have the stuff. City Administrator Schmidt said just to follow up too, there was

that Department of Agriculture grant for farmers markets improvements and we had hoped to submit an application for construction of new infrastructure and utilities and things like that. After we got deeper into the guidelines, new infrastructure is not eligible, so we won't be able to submit one. It's geared more towards marketing for the larger markets. City Administrator Schmidt said there will be some additional funding at some point. Council member Twardoski asked if it would be possible to get a sani-can for summertime. The Health Department has changed the rules. They are really coming out with some strict rules this year and we will discuss this on Thursday. Council member Twardoski explained the rules, fees and permits required by the Health Department this year. A discussion ensued. The Council agreed to the use of the Plateau signs. Mayor Johnson asked when did we budget to return the sani-can. City Administrator Schmidt said the 2010 budget eliminated the sani-can for the entire year, but the Council can authorize putting the one back in Thunderbird Park just for the farmers market season, and then we could remove it again.

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Johnson stated that last week she had the opportunity to attend the AWC Mayors Roundup in Sammamish; they had Mayors from all over the state. The main topic was unfunded mandates and what are you doing to close your budget gaps. It was just a lot of brainstorming.

Mayor Johnson said on Friday she attended the Mayors Breakfast in Pierce County with the County Executive. A question was put to us, and Pierce County hasn't decided. The State funded the first year of the Stormwater Phase II, and there will be money to be spent, and it has to be spent in this fiscal year, and Pierce County wanted to know if we want them to distribute this money on an equal portion with each city getting x number of dollars, or to go out for a grant which means you could possibly get more money than the allotted amount, or you might not get any money. Mayor Johnson said I quickly raised my hand and said we'd take the sure thing. I have no idea exactly how much money that will be; they were talking in the \$50,000 to \$70,000 range. So, when we know what the dollar amount is going to be, and the restrictions on how we can spend it, we'll have to see what's going on then.

Mayor Johnson said that Kathy Turner, the Mayor of Puyallup, asked her to sit on the AWC Resolutions Committee. We're putting together the legislative agenda for next year, and we met and went over the process of how they go about doing that.

Mayor Johnson said tomorrow we meet in Seattle for the continuation of discussion with King County on the bridge, which doesn't seem to be going anywhere fast.

### **Staff Reports:**

There were no staff reports.

## **Citizen Participation:**

**Relay for Life: Alise Garate, 141 So. A St., Buckley.** She is one of the co-event chairs along with Tammy Ferris for the Buckley Relay for Life, and we want to give an update from the last time we were here. Penny met with Police Chief Arsanto, and we are having Buckley handle the security rather than going with an outside group. They are going to be taking care of everything. The street closures will be on Jefferson at 11 AM on the 14<sup>th</sup> and River at 12:15. The Youth Center is having their graduation and this gives them time to be finished with their graduation and everything they're doing that day. Relay for Life will also be letting the bus systems know. We talked last time about the liquor store and Char's Barber Shop and their parking lot; we would like to use that extra area. I spoke with them and they were very nice and said it is not up to them, but they are really fine with it. So, Chief Arsanto is going to be letting the truckers know that they will be parking somewhere else. So, we will be using that space and we are very excited because that way it gets us off some of the grass area. Also, we will be taking care of posting the closed signs for the Skate Park. If you remember we talked before of "paint the town purple"; it's more of a spirit thing to get the town excited and draw people in. We are looking to go to the businesses and do flyers saying we'd like it if you would decorate with purple banners, ribbons, whatever in their stores, and we're going to do some sort of contest. We would like to leave that up for the entire week, so set up would be Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>, and the winners would be announced at Relay. We have a Girl Scout Troop who would like to, as part of their things they do for the community, come put up ribbons on the poles, so we need your permission to put things up on the telephone poles, street lamps or trees, knowing we would be taking them down on the 16<sup>th</sup>. This purple week is kind of a big thing with the American Cancer Society. Mayor Johnson said the telephone poles are not ours, but the light poles are. Council nodded their approval. Director Bacon stated that the Youth Center needs to be open and available until 1 PM; I need access to the parking lot and the road until 1 PM.

## **MAIN AGENDA**

### **ORD No. 08-10: Amending Utility Billing Provisions:**

**Council member Montgomery moved to approve Ordinance No. 08-10 Amending Utility Billing Provisions. Council member Patson seconded the motion.** Council member Montgomery said that Council member Harple isn't here to speak for himself but he hopes everyone had a chance to read the e-mail he wrote. He made a pretty impassioned case for trying to lengthen the time between the day that the bill is due and the day it's late. We talked about that fairly extensively in committee. **After a roll call vote of 3 to 1, motion failed.**

### **RES No. 10-\_\_ : Vacating Access Easement: Postponed to May 11.**

### **Summer Staff Positions for Recreation:**

City Administrator Schmidt said, before the Council makes a motion on any request Director Bacon is making, I would like to piggy back on top of that. Director Bacon stated this year we have asked for a little more funding to fund two staff positions for the

summer programs, which then allows us to have one adult inside the facility and possibly one or two adults outside the facility for outside activities, so we don't have to close the facility to do an event. Once again, all the summer fun days, summer programming and the summer staff are funded through our Violence Prevention Grant from Pierce County, so I'm not asking for anything that costs the City any money. Just to clarify what Council member Patson said before, my suggestion for offering the summer fun days for free this year is because they're fully funded by the County, Bonney Lake and Enumclaw are offering them for free, and it was really tough last year because we have the free lunch program from noon to 1 PM and the fun days start at 1 PM, so it is very uncomfortable to have to tell the kids who have been there for a free lunch program and are getting the benefit of that service that okay it is 1 PM and you have to leave now because you aren't paying for the next program. Obviously, our contracted employees, science camp, skate camp, math camp, those still have fees attached to them, but the basic, once a week, summer fun days we are going to try one year at no cost because it is already funded through the grant. City Administrator Schmidt stated that participation level is what drives a lot of the funding level and if we can get additional participation in the summer fun days then it helps to be able to justify our requests in subsequent years. Director Bacon said the amount of revenue that we pulled in last year by charging for those programs was less than \$1,500 and this is a \$15,000 grant. City Administrator Schmidt said because this is a grant funded program, these are not budgeted positions. That is why Director Bacon is asking Council for authorization to put these two part time people on for the summer; they are funded through the grant. City Administrator Schmidt said the other thing is Mac has put in for and has been appointed as the new gas apprentice for the gas department, and that means we don't have a full time parks maintenance employee now. Council will remember in order to balance the general fund budget for this year we'd cut that position to half time anyway and had put Mac out on special assignment to try to keep that position so that we didn't lose it. So far this year, for the first quarter or so, we funded him through the other two special assignment categories, so we haven't taken any of the parks funding out for his position so far this year. My recommendation is that we don't fill that position, but try to hold on to that money to help balance the general fund as we move into 2011, or at least into the budget process for 2011. City Administrator Schmidt said he'd like to ask permission of the Council to go ahead and add a second seasonal person at minimum wage. And, with those two part time people, Sandy and the work crew that Chief Arsanto's corrections department is going to put together from the jail, I think we can probably get by in parks this summer without any problem at all. City Administrator Schmidt said we still need the Council's authorization to add that second position. The Mayor and I have actually talked about it and we're putting it out in the newspaper as a job announcement. There are a lot of laid off people out there looking for work, so we might have a lot of skilled individuals out there looking for some sort of an income. Mayor Johnson said we also have people out there who might like to get a foot in the door, for future job openings with the City. City Administrator Schmidt said so what we are requesting from the Council tonight is one seasonal part time position for the parks, and then two of the part time grant funded summer program people for the Youth Center. **Council member Reed moved to approve posting for two summer youth activity positions and a part time**

summer parks maintenance position. Council member Patson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**South Prairie Creek Surface Water Diversion: Postponed to May 11.**

**Light Tech – Contract for Lighting Upgrade:**

City Administrator Schmidt said the correct version is the one that was passed out prior to this meeting. One of the things that we lacked was the dates for when this contract was going to be effective. The project is tentatively, if Council approves it, supposed to start May 15, and it should be done by June 10. One of the reasons this took so long was because the attorney had talked about the prevailing wages and performance bonding, and in order to meet the bonding requirement the rebate from PSE is not going to be released by the City to the contractor until thirty days after the job is done. **Council member Reed moved to approve the Mayor to sign a contract with Light Tech to retrofit the lighting system in seven City facilities. Council member Patson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Council member Montgomery requested to interject one thing that he should have gone over in his committee report. Public Works Supervisor Dansby came to the committee and talked about the need for a brush cutter. The one the City currently has needs about \$7,621 in repairs, or he can get a used one for \$3,600, and it would take about an additional \$40 to repair it. **Council member Montgomery moved to authorize expenditure of funds of \$3,600 to purchase a used brush cutter. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

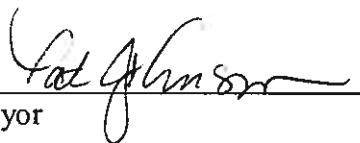
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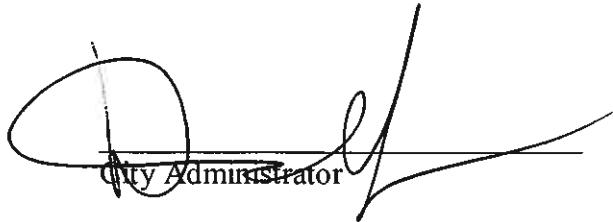
**Council member Reed moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Council member Twardoski seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Approve Minutes of April 13, 2010

Claim check numbers 45108 through 45157, in the amount of \$68,239.91, for the period of April 14 – April 28, 2010, are hereby approved and ordered paid.

**With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.**

  
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Mayor

  
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City Administrator