

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING / CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
February 5, 2013**

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**Mayor Johnson called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

Upon Roll Call the following Council members were present: Howard, Irons, Tremblay, Montgomery, Leggett and Rose. Also in attendance were Mayor Johnson and City Administrator Schmidt. Council member Boyle Barrett was absent. Mayor Johnson stated that Council member Boyle Barrett is having a medical procedure done. **Council member Tremblay moved to excuse Council member Boyle Barrett from tonight's meeting. Council member Rose seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

**Agenda**

**1. Discussion and possible cancellation of February 12, 2013 City Council Meeting:**

Mayor Johnson stated as of right now there is nothing for the agenda. She would like to know how the Council feels about cancelling the first meeting in February. **Council member Irons moved to cancel the February 12, 2013 City Council meeting. Council member Tremblay seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**2. Discussion and response to Auditor regarding changing from a 2-year to a 3-year audit:**

Mayor Johnson stated we have received a letter from the Auditor regarding changing from a 2-year to a 3-year audit. They are only offering this to cities that have the highest reputation and the lowest risk, as a cost savings method. **Council member Tremblay moved to accept the proposal from the State Auditor to change from a 2-year audit to a 3-year audit. Council member Rose seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion carried.**

**The Special City Council Meeting was closed at 7:11 PM.**

**CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

**Agenda**

**Ongoing Discussion of Prior Workshop:**

Council member Montgomery brought up discussion from the Community & Economic Development Committee regarding economic development policy. They discussed this very broadly; what does it mean and do we want to do it. After discussion what he came away with was that the Committee would be willing to work on a set of

recommendations, but the Council has to make the decision as a body if we want to offer some sort of incentives to lure business here. He is looking for some direction. Discussion ensued. Council member Montgomery stated that one of the UW students asked about this so maybe this is something they could roll into the 410 Master Plan. There was also discussion about impact fees and how much it costs for development and parking.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that one thing the Council is going to need to address is the moratorium on marijuana. We have received calls from people who really want to open up medical marijuana shops. There was a lengthy discussion as to whether or not this could be an economic driver and a viable business to bring into Buckley. Council member Howard stated there will be communities that adopt this and embrace it as it is legalized, and those communities that are at the forefront will benefit from it. City Administrator Schmidt stated maybe this is something that should be talked about at the Council Retreat.

City Administrator Schmidt asked the Council if they are interested in a Council Retreat. The Council decided to look at a couple dates in April and then decide which would work best.

Council member Howard stated he had a few items he would like to bring up tonight. There was an email that we were all cc'd on; a complaint about hedges and public safety. He wondered what was happening with that. City Administrator Schmidt stated they are dealing with it.

Council member Howard asked if there was an update on the Crossfit business. City Administrator Schmidt stated he received a phone call from them the next day after the Council approved the rent issue, and he extended their appreciation. As far as he knows they are open now.

Council member Howard stated towards the end of last year, as a last minute thing, some of the Council members threw some money into a hat for the employee party, and he is suggesting that they do something more organized this year. He would offer to bring an envelope to meetings, and whenever anyone has a few spare dollars they could donate. There was also discussion about doing a payroll withdrawal. City Administrator Schmidt stated we need to look at the gifting issue as well; if it looks like it may be a problem, we could have a BBQ and potluck.

Council member Howard stated the other issue he would like to talk about is that when we approved the budget he brought up what he believed to be the importance of paying our Public Safety Chiefs equally, and most people felt that it was important and that we would take a look at it during the first quarter of this year. He wanted to bring this up tonight and decide as Council members what the process would be to make sure that we are recognizing them both as equally important in the way they are compensated. After a

lengthy discussion it was decided to look again at the comps, not only for these two positions but for all the exempt employee positions.

City Administrator Schmidt stated that one thing we may have more information on by the time the Retreat comes along is the sale of the gas system. We have two entities who have declared themselves as potential bidders. One is PSE and the other is Cascade Natural Gas Corporation. Enumclaw hasn't declared because the Gas Manager has to get Mayor and Council approval to do that.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Taylor property. There has been a lot line adjustment, and staff has looked into selling the property. The Mayor has talked to a few local realtors to get market appraisals.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

  
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