



*Burien*  
WASHINGTON

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2011

7:00 p.m.

400 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Burien, Washington 98166

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### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McGilton called the meeting of the Burien City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor McGilton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Joan McGilton, Deputy Mayor Brian Bennett, Councilmembers Jack Block, Jr. (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Rose Clark, Lucy Krakowiak (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Gerald F. Robison (arrived at 7:01 p.m.), and Gordon Shaw.

Administrative staff present: Mike Martin, City Manager; Lisa Clausen, Government Relations Specialist; Scott Greenberg, Community Development Director; and Angela Chaufty, Acting City Clerk.

### AGENDA CONFIRMATION

#### Direction/Action

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Shaw, and passed, 4-0, to affirm the agenda of October 3, 2011.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### **General Comments**

Peggy Sharkey, 16025 25<sup>th</sup> Ave SW

Ms. Sharkey spoke against annexation as she does not believe it would make Burien better at this time. She voiced concern with the financial data. Ms. Sharkey said that no immediate decision needed to be made and she asked Council to consider the comments of Burien's citizens.

Roger DeLorm, 13254 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW

Mr. DeLorm informed Council that he had reviewed the notes from previous meetings and found more individuals speaking against annexation. He said that this meant that

Burien is against annexation. Mr. DeLorm asked if Council represented Burien or White Center.

Linda Plein, 1600 SW 156<sup>th</sup> St

Ms. Plein encouraged Council to consider the facts rather than rush through the annexation process. She said that Burien was having trouble meeting its current needs and felt that the City should wait to take action on annexation. Instead, they should discuss solutions to the City's long-term financial needs.

Chuck Rangel, 15226 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW

Mr. Rangel questioned how 0.85% of the City's sales tax revenues could cover all of the costs associated with annexation.

Chestine Edgar, 1811 SW 152<sup>nd</sup>

Ms. Edgar stated that any action that threatens the financial health of the City is not good for the City. She said that studies indicate that when the sales tax credits run out, the City will have a shortfall. Ms. Edgar said that the City did not want to hear from the businesses community and property tax and sales tax will continue to diminish.

Bob Edgar, 12674 Shorewood Dr SW

Mr. Edgar said that the Berk reports do not state that annex is good for the financial health of the City but that a shortfall will exist once the sales tax credit runs out. He said that Burien will have a greater long term problem under annexation. Mr. Edgar asked Council to not proceed with annexation. As Seattle was not pursuing an annexation of the area, he felt there was no hurry to pursue the matter.

Nancy Tosta, 15931 Maple wild Ave SW

Ms. Tosta said that she was speaking as an individual but from the perspective of a Planning Commissioner. She said that she was struck by the magnitude of tasks involved in reviewing zoning options for Area X. Ms. Tosta encouraged Council to consider the resources necessary to address the zoning in Area X, see if they get it right, and then pursue Area Y.

Nona Deyman, 1817 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street

Ms. Deyman said she opposed annexation as she felt it was financially irresponsible.

John Poitras, 12149 SW 149<sup>th</sup> St

Mr. Poitras stated that the risk of annexation was not yet flushed out. He said that he would like to see an actuarial appraisal of the annexation venture. Mr. Poitras said he was not in favor of annexation.

Kathy Parker, 14617 25<sup>th</sup> Ave SW

Ms. Parker stated that the 3,000 people who signed the original petition did not want to feel or look like Federal Way or Kent but wanted to maintain the small town feel of Burien. She said that Council pays more attention to non-residents so residents have stopped coming to Council. Ms. Parker urged Council to delay their decision until the recession was over, the State balanced their budget and confirmed the sales tax credit was available, and a citizen advisory vote has been conducted.

Rance Arnold, 13611 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SW

Mr. Arnold urged Council to support the complete streets ordinance. He also asked that the position of the street lights on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue be adjusted so that bicyclist could more easily access the pedestrian crossing buttons.

Barbara Dobkin, 10020 20<sup>th</sup> Ave SW

Ms. Dobkin stated that Seattle's interest in the annexation of White Center was not a dead issue and that waiting to take action leaves the community vulnerable. Ms. Dobkin said that what happens on 112<sup>th</sup> or 116<sup>th</sup> affects Burien. She noted that area students would remain in the Highline School District regardless of an annexation to Seattle. Ms. Dobkin said that if housing density increased, the burden would be placed on Burien citizens.

Robbie Howell, 15420 20<sup>th</sup> Ave SW

Ms. Howell stated that the 2006, 2007, and 2011 Burk Reports cautioned if the sales tax credit was reduced, Burien could not afford to annex. She said that the state money was not a sure thing. Ms. Howell felt that other cities receiving the sales tax credit would not be affected to the same level as Burien if the credit was reduced as they have a less diverse and better educated population. Ms. Howell asked Council to oppose annexation as it was not affordable even with the tax credit.

Robert Howell, 15240 20<sup>th</sup> Ave SW

Mr. Howell said that studies indicate that Area Y will not reduce poverty and its need for human services over time. He said that Burien could not save area Y from low income housing. Mr. Howell stated that annexation was not just about people but also about the financial future of the City and the Council should not base their decision upon social justice. He felt that White Center and Burien would not be better served through annexation. Mr. Howell said that Seattle would pay for their residents' education through contracting.

John Poitras, 12149 SW149<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Poitras said that current housing projections state that there will be no improvement until 2020. He said that annexation would contribute to decreased property values in Burien. Mr. Poitras said that he had placed two calls to the Seattle Mayor's office and two calls to the Seattle Council's office. Each time, he was told that

Seattle had no interest in pursuing the annexation of White Center through 2012. They may revisit the issue in 2013. As this seems to be conflicting information, Mr. Poitras recommended that the City investigate their intentions.

Robert Price, 10905A Glen Acres Way South

Mr. Price complimented Council on their thorough research of the annexation issue. He felt that they had gone out of their way to research the feasibility of annexation. Mr. Price encouraged the public to get all their facts straight before they choose sides.

Liz Giba, 10230 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SW

Ms. Giba said that the decision about annexation is about the future. Burien needs land and a tax base. North Highline offers that. Ms. Giba stated that White Center will remain an unpolished diamond as long as it remains with King County. The diversity and poverty in White Center is by design. Ms. Giba said that concentrated poverty is unhealthy for any community.

Chestine Edgar, 1811 SW 152<sup>nd</sup> Street

Ms. Edgar stated that a King County and Housing Authority study states that Area Y will not significantly change and that it will take many years and money to improve the area. Ms. Edgar said that Council has a responsibility to represent the citizens of Burien first. To lower the service level of the entire City to help Area Y was wrong. Ms. Edgar urged Council to oppose annexation.

Gil Loury, 10009 20<sup>th</sup> Ave SW

Mr. Loury informed Council that he has been following the annexation issue for years and he believes annexation is feasible. He said that area's citizens are used to doing things for themselves and are willing to step up. Mr. Loury stated that White Center residents want good schools, clean water, work, and electricity. He felt that the community fit better with Burien than with Seattle.

Rachel Levine, 430 S 124<sup>th</sup> St

Ms. Levine noted that diversity was a value identified in the City's visioning process. She felt diversity could be expanded through the annexation of White Center. Ms. Levine noted that the area presented new opportunities for business districts. She said that the people in White Center are her neighbors and what happens there, affects her. She acknowledged that there are challenges but felt that the citizen involvement in the community should not be underestimated. Ms. Levine said that the City had everything to gain in the long-term through annexation and urged Council to move forward.

**Comments Relating to Initiative Measure No. 1183 Concerning Liquor: Beer, Wine, and Spirits**

Chris Terrell, 300 Queen Anne Ave N. Suite 380

On behalf of the YES on 1183 Coalition, Mr. Terrell spoke in favor of Initiative 1183. He said passage of the initiative would remove the state from the business of distributing and promoting liquor sales, provide additional revenues for state and local public services, strengthen liquor sale regulations, and provide additional revenues for public safety programs. Mr. Terrell said that the initiative was supported by a broad coalition. He provided information regarding the ballot measure to the Clerk for distribution to Council.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE RECORD**

Letter Dated September 23, 2011, from Sharon Hall Regarding Animal Control Services and Response Dated September 27, 2011 from Management Analyst Jenn Ramirez Robson.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Vouchers: Numbers 29587 – 29589 and 29638 – 29717 in the amounts of \$1,058,753.48 with Voided Check Numbers 29590 – 29637.
- b. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting, September 26, 2011.
- c. Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 556, Adding Chapter 12.45 BMC to include a Complete Streets Policy.

#### **Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Deputy Mayor Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Krakowiak, and passed unanimously to approve the October 3, 2011, Consent Agenda.

#### **BUSINESS AGENDA**

##### **Presentation on Animal Control by the Community Animal Resources Education Society (C.A.R.E.S.)**

#### **Follow-up**

Councilmember Krakowiak will research areas that the current animal care and control service is deficient to King County's prior service and present her findings to the City Manager.

##### **Discussion on Initiative Measure No. 1183 Concerning Liquor: Beer, Wine and Spirits**

#### **Direction/Action**

No position taken by Council. Deputy Mayor Bennett will abstain from the vote on the issue at the Suburban Cities Association meeting.

##### **Discussion on Draft Redistricting Plans**

#### **Direction/Action**

King Council District Map - Support proposed map layout with Burien in District Nos. 8 and 5.

**Follow-up**

- Councilmember Block will submit to staff his Draft Legislative Plan recommendation to follow Commissioner Huff's recommendation with the following changes:
  - District 34 would be north of 128<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - District 33 would be south of 128<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - District 11 would be east of SR 509.
- Staff will email Council a link to the website with each commissioner's proposed Draft Congressional Plan map.
- Council will continue discussion at the next meeting.

**General Annexation Discussion and Possible Motion on Resolution No. 323, Calling for the Annexation by Election of a Portion of the North Highline Unincorporated Area**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Councilmember Robison and seconded by Councilmember Clark to adopt Resolution No. 323. Motion passed, 5 – 2, with Councilmembers Block and Krakowiak opposed.

**Follow-up**

Staff will research if there is a time limit on when the City must bring an annexed area into the City after the residents vote to approve an annexation.

**Discussion on Education Initiative**

**Direction/Action**

Discussion postponed to the October 10, 2011 Council meeting.

**Review of Council Proposed Agenda Schedule**

**Direction/Action**

Councilmembers Shaw, Block, and Robison agreed to place the topic of the Shoreline Management Program on the October 23, 2011 meeting.

**Follow-up**

Staff will remove "Consideration of Waste Management's Proposal for a Contract Extension" from the proposed schedule.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Direction/Action**

**Motion** was made by Deputy Mayor Bennett, seconded by Councilmember Krakowiak, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9: 37 p.m.

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Joan McGilton, Mayor

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Angela M. Chafty, Acting City Clerk

