

City Council Meeting

July 21, 2026

6:00 PM

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 Carter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Carter led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

City Clerk Sadie Schaneman called the roll. In addition to Mayor Carter, elected officials attending were Deputy Mayor Dan Swatman, Councilmember Aaron Davis, Councilmember Kerri Hubler, Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans and Councilmember Brittany Rock. Councilmember Gwendolyn Fullerton and Councilmember J. Kelly McClimans were in virtual attendance. Councilmember Angela Baldwin was not present.

**Councilmember Fullerton moved to Excuse Councilmember Baldwin.
Councilmember McClimans seconded the motion.**

Motion approved 6 – 0.

Staff members in attendance at the physical location were Police Chief Mark Berry, Administrative Services Director Chuck McEwen, Public Services Director Jason Sullivan, City Clerk Sadie Schaneman, Records & Disclosure Coordinator Kandice Besaw and City Attorney Jennifer Robinson.

Staff member(s) in virtual attendance were City Administrator John P. Vodopich.

C. Agenda Modifications

None.

D. Appointments

1. **AB26-53** - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Consenting To The Mayor's Reappointment Of Planning Commissioner Jessica Bennion To Planning Commission Position #1 With A Term Expiring April 6, 2029

Councilmember Hubler moved to Approve AB26-53. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

2. **AB26-54** - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Consenting To The Mayor's Reappointment Of Planning Commissioner Brad Doll To Planning Commission Position #2 With A Term Expiring April 6, 2029

Councilmember Hubler moved to Approve AB26-54. Deputy Mayor Swatman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

3. **AB26-55** - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Consenting To The Mayor's Appointment Of Craig Sarver To Vacant Planning Commission Position #4 With A Term Expiring April 6, 2027

Councilmember Hubler moved to Approve AB26-55. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

4. **AB26-56** - A Motion Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Consenting To The Mayor's Appointment Of Ron Esdaille To Planning Commission Position #7 With A Term Expiring April 6, 2029

Councilmember Rock moved to Approve AB26-56. Councilmember Davis seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6 – 0.

II. Council Committee Reports

Deputy Mayor Swatman:

Reported on behalf of Councilmember Baldwin that the Public Safety Committee met in person and virtually on July 14th at 3:45 p.m. The Committee received an update from the Police Department, East Pierce Fire and Rescue; had open discussion about fishing off the dock, flock cameras and approved their minutes.

Reported the Finance Committee met in person and virtually on July 14th at 5:00 p.m.

The Committee went through personnel updates, went over the upcoming budget update, council policy and procedures update and approved their minutes.

Councilmember Hubler:

Reported on South Sound 911, noting discussions regarding the budget, Fox Island tower service, the potential establishment of a Public Utility District (PUD), and ongoing integration efforts with the 988 system. Further updates are expected in August.

Councilmember Fullerton:

Reported on attending the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC) meeting on June 26th. Topics included replacing end-of-life equipment, pursuing Puget Sound Energy grants, and identifying energy-saving initiatives.

Mayor Carter:

Reported that he, Councilmember Rock, and city staff attended the wastewater facility ribbon-cutting ceremony, where samples of biomaterial were presented and brought back as gifts.

III. Consent Agenda

- A. **Approval of Minutes:** July, 07, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes

- B. **Approval of Accounts Payable:** 06/18/2026 voucher # 101805 to #101901 in the amount of \$509,357.09. Wire transfers #20260818, #202604042, and 202606180 in the amount of \$31,605.95. 07/01/2026 voucher #102001 to #102099 in the amount of \$542,462.37. Wire transfers #20260530, #53039794, and #20260702 in the amount of \$131,231.74. **Voids:** Checks # 101902 to #102000. Replaced with checks #102001 to #102099.

- C. **AB26-52** - A Resolution Of The City Council For The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The Bonney Lake Municipal Court Judge To Sign Interagency Agreement AOC3268 Between Washington Administrative Office Of The Courts (AOC) And Bonney Lake Municipal Court With The Sumner Municipal Community Court Combined In The AOC Agreement For Reimbursement Of Costs Related To Therapeutic Court Between July 1, 2026 And June 30, 2027.

- D. **AB26-57** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, County Of Pierce, State Of Washington, Authorizing Mayor Terry Carter To Sign A Memorandum Of Understanding With The Law Office Of Micheal E. Harbeson On Behalf Of The City Of Bonney Lake To Provide Legal Services To Participants Of The Bonney Lake And Sumner Municipal Community Courts During The Period Of July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2027.

- E. **AB26-58** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing The City Of Bonney Lake To Enter A Reimbursement Agreement With The Bonney Lake Municipal Court And The Sumner Municipal Community Court Under One Combined Grant Funding From The Administrative Office Of The Courts (AOC), #AOC3268, For The Fiscal Year Period Of July 1, 2026 Through June 30, 2027.
- F. **AB26-59** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Authorizing Mayor Terry Carter To Sign A Professional Services Agreement With Frank Iriarte, Rendered In Connection With Bonney Lake And Sumner Community Court Services, During The Period July 1, 2026 To June 30, 2027.

IV. Full Council Issues

None.

V. Public Hearings

- A. **AB26-50** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Adopting The Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (2027-2033)

Mayor Carter opened the Public Hearing at 6:16pm. He invited anyone interested in addressing the Council on the topic of the hearing to come forward.

Brandon Howard, President of Inlet Island maintenance company set the context for traffic concerns on the island, noting that during this busy season, many children out of school are riding bicycles and residents are walking along the roads. He highlighted that mixing foot and bike traffic with high vehicle speeds makes the roads dangerous. He urged the Council to bring the island under the "Shared Streets" framework (SB 5595) and requested lowering the speed limit to 15 mph.

Eric Schuger: Discussed road conditions around the island, noting the absence of sidewalks and citing safety concerns regarding vehicle response times at 25 mph. He encouraged the Council to review SB 5595 and requested a formal traffic study.

Julio Munoz: A local postal worker, voiced concerns over the current 25 mph speed limit, sharing a personal experience where his delivery vehicle was nearly struck, and requested a speed limit reduction.

Tabatha Hess: Shared a personal incident where she was nearly hit while assisting her children onto the school bus, cited local accident statistics, and requested reducing the speed limit.

Ferrar Azen: Voiced general support for lowering the speed limit.

Donald Colvin: Spoke on behalf of his in-laws, stating current conditions are unsafe and urging a reduction in the speed limit.

Dan Decker: Noted safety hazards along Church Lake Drive / Tapps Highway and recommended installing sidewalks.

Faye Schuger: Requested that the Police Department conduct radar speed monitoring or provide existing speeding reports, reiterating the need for a lower speed limit.

Mayor Carter closed the Public Hearing at 6:30pm.

VI. Audience Comments

For efficient use of city resources, comments will be a short summary and not verbatim. An audio recording is available on the [state digital archives](#) and [public portal website](#) if you are needing a complete review of comments.

Dan Decker: Spoke about Municipal Code 13.06.010 and how it states that the City shall not fluoridate any water.

VII. Council Open Discussion

Councilmember Davis

Inlet Island Traffic Study & Speed Limit Discussion: Following public hearing comments, Councilmember Davis inquired about the process for conducting a traffic study on Inlet Island. Public Services Director Sullivan provided an overview regarding speed studies, signage acquisition, and estimated costs.

The Council discussed and shared their concerns including:

- Average neighborhood speeds.
- Statutory limits that can be set without formal study.
- Options for speed bumps and updated signage.
- Homeowner Association (HOA) options regarding private security enforcement.
- Feasibility and placement of neighborhood speed cameras.

Council Consensus: Staff were directed to draft an ordinance lowering the neighborhood speed limit from 25 mph to 20 mph, and to return with cost estimates for a traffic study and required signage installation.

Deputy Mayor Swatman

Trees along trail near Victor Falls: The Deputy raised a resident's concern regarding local trees. Public Services Director Sullivan provided a status update on current operations. Council requested a cost quote for tree removal in that area.

Public Services Director Sullivan

Lake Tapps Boat Launch Closure Update: Public Services Director provided an update regarding the Lake Tapps boat launch closure due to low water levels recorded as of 5:30 PM that evening. Staff is actively distributing information to the public and event organizers, and the Police Chief is coordinating with Pierce County.

Mayor Carter

Upcoming Community Events: The Mayor announced upcoming community events and invited all residents to attend. July 22, Tunes at Tapps, featuring live music by "Whiskey River," local vendors, and food trucks and July 29, Summer Sound Showdown, a student battle of the bands, followed by three Choice Awards presentations.

Councilmember Davis

253 Night Market: Reminded all that the 253 Bonney Lake Night Market takes place on the last Friday of this month.

Councilmember Fullerton

Main Street Market: Participating remotely from out of state, shared that her current location hosts a Main Street market for local events and suggested exploring a similar market model in town.

VIII. Workshop Discussion Items

- A. **AB26-62** - An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Relating To The Implementation Of A Public Safety Sales And Use Tax For Criminal Justice Purposes; Adding A New Chapter 3.46 Public Safety Sales And Use Tax To The Bonney Lake Municipal Code; Providing For Severability And Corrections; And Establishing An Effective Date. (No Advanced Material)

Introduced by Deputy Mayor Swatman acknowledged the ongoing budget challenge, noting that city administration is actively working on scenarios to address a projected budget deficit. He emphasized the importance of ensuring long-term fiscal sustainability and maintaining current service levels, while indicating that the administration prefers exploring new revenue options to bridge the gap.

Council engaged in a general discussion regarding public safety sales and use tax:

- The Deputy Mayor reiterated that structural cuts may be necessary across departments if revenue solutions are not found.
- The Mayor stated that pursuing a public safety sales and use tax is a valid path forward.

- Councilmember Fullerton noted upcoming statutory deadline cutoffs required to pass the tax measure.
- Councilmember McClimans asked whether any revenue could be recovered from Pierce County tax distributions.
- Councilmember Hubler inquired if Sunsetting was an option.

Councilmember Rock excused herself at 7:30 pm.

IX. Executive Session

- A. Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i), To Discuss Potential Litigation With Legal Counsel.

Mayor Carter announced the City Council will meet in Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss three potential litigations with the legal council in attendance. He stated the session would last for 45 minutes and there would be no Council action following the session. At 8:24pm an announcement was made for a 40-minute extension. The Executive Session started at 7:39 p.m. and concluded at 9:04 p.m. No action was taken.

X. Adjournment

At 7:39 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Carter with the common consent of the City Council.

Sadie A. Schaneman, MMC, City Clerk

Terry Carter, Mayor

Items presented to Council at the July 21, 2026, Meeting for the record:

1. BLMC 13006.010– Dan Decker.

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