NORTH BONNEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, July 24, 2012
Finance Committee Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 6:34 PM

Roll Call

Present:	Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Charles Pace, Mike Baker, and Jennifer Stratton-Pies
Absent:	Councilors Jerry Arthurs and Tim Dudley
Staff Present:	Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer

Unfinished Business

2013 Budget

John reviewed preliminary service levels and payroll allocations for the 2013 budget. Councilors asked a variety of questions around this topic.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

6:59

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Minutes

Meeting Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Roll Call

Present:	Mayor Don Stevens, Councilors Charles Pace, Mike Baker, Stratton-Pies and Tim Dudley (joined later via telephone)
Absent:	Councilor Jerry Arthurs
Staff Present:	Clerk / Treasurer / Administrator John Spencer, City Attorney Ken Woodrich, Planning Advisor Tom Jermann

Guests Present
Approximately 10 guests were present, including Tina Smith and Sam Wallin from the Fort Vancouver Library District, Skamania Sheriff Dave Brown, Chamber Executive Director Casey Roeder, and Volunteer Jim Runkles.

Agenda Changes and Additions

- **Councilor Pace moved to add Resolutions 445, 446 and 447 to the agenda, 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**
  Yes: Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies and Baker
  No:
  Passed 3 – 0

Public Hearings
None.

Consent Agenda
The consent agenda included the 7/10/12 Council Minutes and 7/24/12 Vouchers.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve the consent agenda; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

- **Councilor Pace moved to change the minutes to reflect that the Executive Session occurred under the Clerk/Treasurer's report; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

  <u>On Amendment</u>

Yes: Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies and Baker
No:
Passed 3 – 0

On Motion as Amended
Yes: Councilors Stratton-Pies and Baker
No: Councilor Pace
Passed 2 – 1

Ken noted that a majority of the council must approve financial matters such as vouchers.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve the vouchers, 2nd by Councilor Pace**
  Yes: Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies and Baker
  No:
  Passed 3 – 0

Guest Presentations
Tina Smith (NB Community Librarian) and Sam Wallin (FVRL Rural Services Coordinator) presented the results of their survey of North Bonneville residents. They also presented possible plans for library activities including opening on Saturdays and opening the library for self-service during city business hours. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment
Cheryl Jermann – Stated that Gorge Days went off well and that 18 people worked on it. She expressed her opinion that the event is important enough to keep it going, that the chamber is a good organization for managing it, and that it needs more funding for a better band.

Lorie Loranger – Representing Gorge Winds Coop, she expressed a desire to apply for hotel/motel tax funding.

Jim Runkles – Suggested that the city should paint a crosswalk to reach the gas station from the city's pathway system.

Judy Nappe – Suggested putting a crosswalk out by the new stop signs to allow better access to Bass Lake.

Council Member Comments
Councilor Stratton-Pies – Addressed the crosswalk at the Chevron station, stating that she had worked on the issue before.

Charles Pace – Expressed his belief that Cameron Russell was a good employee and expressed concern for continuity of service. He thanked Tom for his work on the medical marijuana ordinance and thanked John for his refinements to the financial policies.

Charles Pace – Stated that Jerry Arthurs may be moving to Bellingham and suggested that the city should look into vacancy issues. Ken noted the council does not have a process for excusing members from attendance, and that if they do so, the minutes

need to reflect it. Ken also noted that the city is not the enforcer of residency requirements; that only voters have standing. Discussion ensued.

Charles Pace – Thanked Sheriff Brown for attending.

Stratton-Pies – Stated that she has moved back to North Bonneville.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report
Provided in written format. John also discussed plans to use iPRMT (a free website service from the state), discussed Lower Columbia Fish Enhancement Group activities, and commented on his mid-year financial report.

Jim Runkles provided information on the Dam's 75 anniversary celebration on September 15th, asking the city to provide a banner for a booth at the event. Discussion ensued.

Councilor Pace noted that the council can set a process for filling positions and can confirm appointed positions. Ken provided further explanation and detail on council's potential roles.

Council Pace asked whether there is significance (in terms of planning or state law) to reaching a population of 1,000 (there is none).

Attorney Report
Ken noted that the AT&T case has been dismissed with prejudice.

Unfinished Business
Finance Policies
John presented resolutions 446 (accounting) and 447 (budget).

- **Councilor Baker moved to approve resolution 446; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Councilor Baker stated that he liked the fact the resolution notes that this will likely require further refinement. Councilor Pace suggested that this will need further refinement.

Yes: Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies and Baker
No:
Passed 3 – 0

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve resolution 447; 2nd by Councilor Baker**

Councilor Pace stated that he liked the Whereas clause stating that further refinements will likely be needed.

Yes: Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies and Baker
No:
Passed 3 – 0

Ordinance 1009

John noted that staff is proposing this ordinance now so the city has zoning in place before the moratorium ends. Tom Jermann provided further explanation of the ordinance, noting that it is largely based on Mukilteo's ordinance, that it restricts marijuana gardens to C1 zoning, and that it restricts use to the case where someone is willing to build a building on one of those lots.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve ordinance 1009; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Councilor Pace expressed many concerns regarding this ordinance, particularly on possible conflicts with federal law and on zoning issues. Extensive discussion ensued, including Councilor Baker, Mayor Stevens, Sheriff Brown, and citizens.

Yes: Councilors Stratton-Pies and Baker
No: Councilor Pace
Failed 2 – 1

Resolution 445 – Medical Marijuana Licensing

- **Councilor Stratton Pies moved to table resolution 445, 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Yes: Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies and Baker
No:
Passed 3 – 0

Hotel/Motel Tax Budget

John gave background regarding current policy and previous practices around this issue. Cheryl Jermann and Casey Roeder spoke in favor of a RFP process. Discussion ensued.

- **Councilor Pace moved to guide John to move forward with an RFP; 2nd by Councilor Stratton-Pies.**

Yes: Councilors Pace, Stratton-Pies and Baker
No:
Passed 3 – 0

New Business

Possible Changes to Council Schedule

John provided background regarding the idea of moving to once-per-month council meeting schedule. Discussion ensued.

Consensus is to keep 2 meetings per month.

Consensus to move finance committee meetings to 6:00 PM for budget discussions.

Closing Comments
Jim Runkles – Suggested moving the next council meeting date up to avoid the possibility of the moratorium concluding without a medical marijuana ordinance in place. Ken noted that ordinances become effective only 5 days after a meeting. Discussion ensued.

Jim Runkles – Suggested holding a special meeting to review the Hotel/Motel proposals and to keep the proposals to single years.

Tom Jermann – Stated that the Sheriff will be sending an email asking for a modification of the ordinance.

Cheryl Jermann – Stated that she's disturbed about what happened to the money for a skate park.

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to approve ordinance 1009; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

Discussion ensued.

Council took a 2 minute recess at 9:16 PM.

Tim Dudley joined the council telephonically at 9:18 PM.

Councilor Dudley stated that he has read the ordinance.

Yes: Councilors Dudley, Stratton-Pies and Baker
No: Councilor Pace
Passed 3 – 1

Ken noted that the audience could hear Dudley's the vote.

- **Councilor Stratton Pies moved to approve Resolution 445; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**

- **Councilor Pace moved to table until the next meeting.**
  Died for lack of 2nd.

Baker asked whether $500 was enough for the license fee. Staff answered that yes, $500 would cover staff cost estimates.

Yes: Councilors Dudley, Stratton-Pies and Baker
No: Councilor Pace
Passed 3 – 1

Ken noted that the audience could hear Councilor Dudley's the vote.

Adjournment

- **Councilor Stratton-Pies moved to Adjourn; 2nd by Councilor Baker.**
  Yes: Councilors Pace, Dudley, Stratton-Pies and Baker.
  No: None
  Passes 4-0

  Adjourned 9:24 PM

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Mayor

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Clerk