	City Council Study Session Finance, Technology and Economic Development Special Focus Area October 24, 2022 - 5:30 PM City Hall Council Chambers MINUTES Watch the meeting LIVE! Watch the meeting video Meeting videos are not available until 72 hours after the meeting has concluded.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Participation

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

B. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor James Jeyaraj, Bob Baggett, Kate Baldwin, Larry Brown, Robyn Mulenga, and Chris Stearns. Councilmember Yolanda Trout-Manuel was excused.

Department directors and staff members present include: City Attorney Kendra Comeau, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Director of Parks, Arts, and Recreation Daryl Faber, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Candis Martinson, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Community Services Manager Joy Scott, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Financial Planning Manager Frank Downard, Chief Equity Officer Brenda Goodson-Moore, Network Analyst Eric Dusoleil, and Deputy City Clerk Hannah Scholl.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATION

Ordinance No. 6883 was moved to the first item on the agenda due to an outside presenter.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Pay Equity Audit (Martinson) (15 Minutes)

Equal Pay and Opportunities Act (EPOA) Fall 2022 Presentation

Director Martinson provided Council with an overview of the Equal Pay and Opportunities Act including number of full-time City employees, representative groups, overview of Human Resources programs and

services, employee rights, job applicant rights, consultation process, equal career advancement opportunities, open wage discussions, and retaliation protections.

Council discussed criteria, pay scales, market analysis, metrics, and benefits.

B. Resolution No. 5688 (Tate) (15 Minutes)

A Resolution adopting the 2023 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan for the consolidated plan years 2020-2024

Manager Scott provided Council with an overview of the Community Development Block Grant 2023 Annual Action Plan including background, administrative requirements, eligible activities, projects, goals, timeline, and next steps.

Council discussed allocation criteria, and the administrative cap.

V. FINANCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Ordinance No. 6883 - Utility Rate Amendment Presentation (Thomas) (30 Minutes)

Review the work performed by FCS Group and summarize their findings

Councilmember Baggett Chaired this portion of the meeting.

Manager Downard introduced Sergey Tarasov from FCS Group who provided Council with a Cost of Service Analysis Update including background, revenue requirements, bill comparisons, rate setting process, cost of service process, cost of service classifications, results for water, sewer and stormwater and next steps.

B. Ordinance No. 6879 (Thomas) (20 Minutes)

An Ordinance adopting the 2023-2024 Biennial Operating Budget for the City of Auburn, Washington

Director Thomas provided Council with an overview of the Preliminary 2023-2024 Biennial Budget including budget calendar, general fund expenditures, summary of new programs, major revenue, property tax, 2023 estimated levy, capital projects, reserve policy, and next steps.

Council discussed assessed valuation increase and proprietary funds.

C. Ordinance No. 6880 (Thomas) (5 Minutes)

An Ordinance establishing the levy for regular property taxes by the City of Auburn for collection in 2023 for general City operational purposes in the amount of \$24,110,666

Director Thomas provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6880 which establishes the levy for regular property taxes by the City for collection in 2023.

D. Ordinance No. 6882 (Thomas) (5 Minutes)

An Ordinance increasing the rate of tax on water, storm drainage, sewer, and garbage/solid waste utilities in the City, amending Sections 3.40.010 and 3.41.010 of the Auburn City Code

Director Thomas provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6882 which increases the rate of tax on water, storm drainage, sewer and garbage/solid waste utilities, amending sections 3.40.010 and 3.41.010 of the Auburn City Code.

E. Ordinance No. 6888 (Thomas) (5 Minutes)

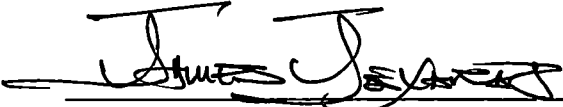
An Ordinance adopting the 2023-2024 Biennial Capital Budget

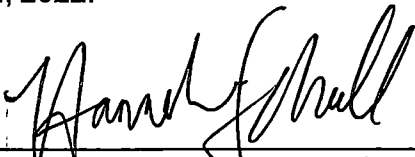
Director Thomas provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6888 which adopts the 2023-2024 Biennial Capital Budget.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

APPROVED this 7th day of November, 2022.


JAMES JEYARAJ, DEPUTY MAYOR


Hannah Scholl, Deputy City Clerk

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