

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

October 16, 2017 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street, and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

City Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Largo Wales, Bob Baggett, Claude DaCorsi, John Holman, Bill Peloza, Yolanda Trout-Manuel, and Rich Wagner.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following department directors and staff members were present: Finance Director Shelley Coleman, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Police Commander Mike Hirman, Innovation and Technology Director Paul Haugan, Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Community Development Services Jeff Tate, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Community Development and Public Works Director Kevin Snyder, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Daryl Faber, and City Clerk Danielle Daskam.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation for Soroptimist International of Auburn

Mayor Backus to proclaim October 17, 2017 as Soroptimist International of Auburn's 70th Year Anniversary

Mayor Backus read and presented a proclamation commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Soroptimist International of Auburn. Soroptimist members in attendance included: Judi Roland, Nancy Colson, Cheryl Sallee, Janice Nelson, and Cheryl Workman

B. Pierce Transit Update by Pierce Transit Commissioner Nancy Henderson

Dr. Nancy Henderson, Vice Chair of the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners and Steilacoom Town Councilmember, updated the Council on the activities of Pierce Transit. Pierce Transit includes 13 towns and cities within Pierce County.

According to 2016 data, Pierce Transit has 37 local routes, 178 buses, 8.6 million boardings, shuttle transit and van pools. Route 497, a feeder route to the Sounder Station, serves an average of 300 weekly boardings. Dr. Henderson spoke about regional connections with Metro, Sound Transit, and Kitsap Transit. Dr. Henderson reviewed transit funding from local sales tax (77%), fares (13%), grants and other/advertising. Dr. Henderson stated the financial outlook for Pierce Transit is on the upswing, and increased revenue is being used to increase service hours. Pierce Transit recently completed a comprehensive route analysis, which resulted in a restructuring of the service network and 35,000 service hours were added. Dr. Henderson also spoke about transit safety including Pierce Transit's dedicated police force, installation of cameras on buses, and a pilot project for collision avoidance technology. Dr. Henderson also spoke about public/private partnerships and Pierce Transit's major initiatives.

Councilmember Wagner questioned Pierce Transit's fare recovery level of 13 percent. Dr. Henderson agreed it is a typical recovery level, but Pierce Transit would like to see the rate at 18 percent.

In response to a question from Councilmember Pelosa, Dr. Henderson stated the operational cost for a fixed route is approximately \$6.00 per trip while the shuttle is \$55.00 per trip. The fare box recovery is 13 percent.

C. Pierce County Prosecuting Attorney Update

Pierce County Prosecutor Mark Lindquist provided a brief update to the City Council on public safety.

Pierce County Prosecutor Mark Lindquist provided an update on three public safety initiatives: high priority offender program, elder abuse team, and the gang unit.

The HPO (high priority offender program) is a data driven program whereby prosecutors use data and technology to identify the worst

offenders. Pierce County is the first entity on the west coast of the United States to implement the HPO program.

The Pierce County elder abuse team was formed to protect elders and vigorously prosecute those who take advantage of vulnerable adults.

Pierce County Prosecutor Lindquist spoke about Pierce County's gang unit and efforts to prosecute members of violent street gangs.

III. APPOINTMENTS

There was no appointment for Council consideration.

IV. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Additional information regarding Resolution No. 5322 was distributed prior to the meeting.

V. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS & CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Hearings

No public hearing was scheduled for this evening.

B. Audience Participation

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue. Those wishing to speak are reminded to sign in on the form provided

Jeff Oliphant, PO Box 1294, Auburn

Mr. Oliphant spoke regarding Resolution No. 5322. Mr. Oliphant urged the Council adopt Resolution No. 5322 with a recommendation for Site 1 as the preferred site for the Sound Transit parking garage. He stated Site 1 has the greatest flexibility and lowest cost. He also stated Site 1 is the only site that has the ability to be constructed larger than the Sound Transit mandate.

Bob Zimmerman, 33029 46th Place South, Auburn

Mr. Zimmerman spoke about his neighbor who built a wall in 2010, which he believes was not built to code. Mr. Zimmerman contended the City is not enforcing the code standards.

Virginia Haugen 2503 R Street SE, Auburn

Ms. Haugen spoke about the road work on R Street SE, which at times, prevents northbound access to her property. She stated she is upset that she and her neighbors were not notified of the

closure. Ms. Haugen also stated she has a truckload of old campaign signs she has picked up as trash.

Mayor Backus stated that staff members left three message for Ms. Haugen about the intermittent closure of R Street SE. Prior notice of the intermittent closures was provided to residents.

Councilmember Holman moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to allow Jeff Oliphant to speak a second time during audience participation. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

Jeff Oliphant

Mr. Oliphant spoke regarding Resolution No. 5314, setting the date for a hearing on the intent to update and modify the provisions governing the Auburn Business Improvement Area. Mr. Oliphant spoke about the value of parking in the downtown area and the means to fund additional parking to serve the downtown area.

C. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council review.

VI. COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Baggett, chair of the Finance ad hoc committee that reviews claims and payroll vouchers, reported he and Councilmember Wagner reviewed the payroll vouchers and electronic deposits in the approximate amount of \$2.1 million and claims vouchers and wire transfers in the amount of approximately \$7.5 million for the periods September 28, 2017 to October 11, 2017 and October 16, 2017, respectively. The ad hoc committee recommends approval of the claims and payroll vouchers as described on the Consent Agenda.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed.

A. Minutes of the October 2, 2017 Regular Meeting

B. Minutes of the June 13, 2016 and March 13, 2017 Study Sessions

C. Claims Vouchers

Claims voucher numbers 446017 through 446222 in the amount of \$7,060,417.47 and one wire transfer in the amount of \$445,040.68 and dated October 16, 2017.

D. Payroll Vouchers

Payroll check numbers 537545 through 537564 in the amount of \$235,812.26 and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$1,909,901.87 for a grand total of \$2,145,714.13 for the period covering September 28, 2017, to October 11, 2017.

E. Public Works Project No. CP1502

City Council award Contract No. 17-20 to Road Construction Northwest, Inc. on their low bid of \$656,280.00 for Project No. CP1502, "A" Street SE and 37th Street SE Traffic Signal

Deputy Mayor Wales moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 5314

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, stating its intent to update and modify the provisions governing the Auburn Business Improvement Area, including the exemptions to the special assessment and setting a public hearing therefor

Deputy Mayor Wales moved and Councilmember Holman seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5314.

Councilmember Wagner requested that all referenced resolutions and ordinances be included in November 6, 2017 agenda packet.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Holman reported the Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee brought forward their proposed legislative agenda for 2018, which needs to be discussed by the City Council at the next study session.

Mayor Backus reported she sent an email to Councilmembers earlier today requesting Councilmembers forward their comments regarding the City's 2018 legislative agenda to her for inclusion in the next study session agenda packet.

X. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6660

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, approving an area wide rezone for properties zoned Environmental Park to Light Industrial

Councilmember Holman moved and Councilmember DaCorsi seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 6660.

Councilmember Holman stated the ordinance rezones the Environmental Park Zone to M1 to be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Wagner stated he is disappointed the City is moving away from the green zone concept brought forward by previous Council. Councilmember Wagner stated incentives were never developed for the zone. He stated he is agreeable to rezoning the Environmental Park Zone located south of West Main Street, but not the zone on the north side of Main Street.

Mayor Backus recalled that during discussion of the rezone at the last Council study session, Council was agreeable to the rezone in order to reconcile the zoning to the Comprehensive Plan designation and eliminate any inconsistency between the zoning map and the Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, Council discussed revisiting the Environmental Park Zone next year during the Comprehensive Plan update.

Deputy Mayor Wales recommended a study session to discuss incentives, or have the Planning Commission take the lead, to look at other areas for incentives that would have a larger and quicker return.

Councilmember Wagner stated downtown has already benefited from downtown investments and incentives.

Councilmember Holman applauded prior Councils' vision for the creation of the Environmental Park Zone. He noted that in the ten years of the zone's existence nothing has come of it. Councilmember Holman stated his greatest concern is that the Comprehensive Plan and zoning map are inconsistent at this time.

Councilmember DaCorsi agreed with Councilmember Holman's comments and suggested Council review incentives city-wide in the future.

Councilmember Pelozo recommended Council move forward and adopt Ordinance No. 6660 and revisit the issue of incentives later.

Councilmember Wagner moved to insert the following verbiage to Ordinance No. 6660:

"The Council directs the Mayor to prioritize evaluation of the area of the former Environmental Park (EP) Zone north of West Main Street with heavy emphasis on incentives.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Pelozo.

Councilmember Wagner noted there is no time limit associated with the directive.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 6660, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XI. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5321

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with King County Metro for constructing reinforced sidewalk section for bus stop shelters along Auburn Way South as part of Auburn Way South Corridor Safety Improvements, Muckleshoot Plaza to Dogwood St SE

Deputy Mayor Wales moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5321.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Resolution No. 5322

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, recommending to the Sound Transit Board of Directors its preferred parking garage site in downtown Auburn for the Auburn Station Access Improvement Project and encouraging Sound Transit's

serious consideration of unsolicited proposals for the construction of said site

Deputy Mayor Wales moved to adopt Resolution No. 5322 identifying Site 1 as the preferred location. Councilmember DaCorsi seconded the motion.

Councilmember DaCorsi stated he is not in favor of spending additional costs and expressed concern with traffic impacts. He stated he is in favor of Site 1.

Councilmember Pelozo moved to amend the Resolution to add the following paragraph to the recitals:

“WHEREAS, the City Council includes the following condition on this recommendation: (1) A comprehensive traffic study must be completed, (2) proposed congestion and safety mitigation measures must be identified and (3) the costs of those mitigation measures must be professionally estimated, to a +/- 20% level of accuracy, for both Site 1 (former Mel’s Hardware location) and Site 2 (current Agrishop Ace Hardware location), the results of which will become a key consideration in the site selection; and”

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Wagner.

Councilmember Pelozo spoke in favor of the amendment. He stated no traffic mitigation study has been performed for either site.

Deputy Mayor Wales spoke regarding a vision for the future and suggested a partnership for possibly more parking spaces.

Councilmember Baggett agreed with the proposed amendment.

Councilmember Holman spoke in favor of the amendment and expressed concern with traffic impact in the vicinity of the hospital emergency entrance.

Deputy Mayor Wales stated she realizes that traffic data is needed for a backup site, but she does not want to provide Sound Transit with the backup.

Councilmember DaCorsi stated a parking garage anywhere in the downtown will be impactful. He suggested a traffic congestion study for the downtown core.

Deputy Mayor Wales agreed with Councilmember DaCorsi's suggestion for a traffic study for the entire downtown.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel agreed with Councilmember DaCorsi's comments.

Councilmember Wagner moved to amend the amendment to include the following language and to read in part: "(1) A comprehensive traffic study must be completed in cooperation with city technical transportation staff,..."

Councilmember Holman seconded the motion.

Director Snyder stated that Sound Transit's next steps require that they undertake a comprehensive traffic study, and the City would be significantly involved in both setting the scope for the traffic study and working directly with Sound Transit as they prepare the information and in the review process.

Director Snyder explained that once the Sound Transit Board selects a site, Sound Transit will pay for the cost of the traffic study for the selected site. The City would be expected to pay and undertake a traffic study for a second alternative site.

Councilmember DaCorsi suggested striking Site 2 from the amendment.

Upon further discussion, Councilmember Wagner retracted his motion to amend the amendment (amendment number 2). Councilmember Holman concurred.

Councilmember DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Wagner seconded to amend the amendment to read:

"WHEREAS, the City Council includes the following condition on this recommendation: 1) a comprehensive traffic study must be completed in cooperation with Auburn technical staff; 2) proposed congestion and safety mitigation measures must be identified; and 3) the costs of these mitigation measures must be professionally estimated to a +/- 20% level of accuracy for ~~both Site One (former Mel's Hardware location), and Site 2 (current Agrishop Ace Hardware location)~~, upon completion and analyses of traffic studies, the City Council reserves the right to request additional

studies, the results of which will become a key consideration in the site selection.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

MOTION ON THE AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5322, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

A. From the Council

Councilmember Pelozza reported on discussions at the Regional Policy Committee meeting relating to the veterans, seniors, and vulnerable populations levy that is on the ballot for the November 7th election.

Councilmember Baggett reported on the Emergency Management Advisory Committee meeting where discussion was centered around dam safety. Councilmember Baggett reminded this coming Thursday the City will be participating in the 2017 Great Shake Out earthquake drill.

Councilmember Holman reported on his attendance at the Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Committee meeting where the Committee reviewed the draft of the Centers framework resolution. Councilmember Holman also reported on his attendance at the Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee where the proposed 2018 Legislative Agenda was discussed. Councilmember Holman also reported on his attendance at the Puget Sound Regional Council's project selection task force.

Councilmember Wagner reported on his attendance at a meeting of the Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Policy Board meeting where discussion focused on the Transportation 2020 Update.

Councilmember DaCorsi reported on his attendance at the King County Regional Transit Committee meeting where action was taken on three proposed ordinances: 1) relating to elimination of

the zone and peak fare differential pricing and replacement with a flat adult fare of \$2.75 and increase the cap on the Human Services Ticket Program and a reduction in the cost of the Orca card; 2) an ordinance to increase the total discount subsidy for transit tickets for the Human Services Ticket Program, and 3) an ordinance that would allow the fee for the Regional Reduced Fare Permit (RRFP) for seniors and people with disabilities to be no more than \$3. Councilmember DaCorsi also reported on his attendance at the Association of Washington Cities Board of Directors meeting where the key discussion was centered on 2018 legislative priorities.

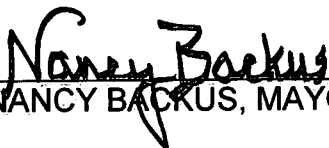
B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported on her attendance at a Town Hall meeting at Green River College with Governor Inslee on environment and climate issues. Mayor Backus also reported on a meeting with the Transportation for America group. Mayor Backus reminded Council that she requested Council's input for membership on Sound Cities Association committees.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

APPROVED THE 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017.


NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR


Danielle Daskam, City Clerk

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