

	City Council Study Session Muni Services SFA October 9, 2023 - 5:30 PM City Hall Council Chambers MINUTES 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

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street.

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, Kate Baldwin, Larry Brown, Robyn Mulenga, Cheryl Rakes, and Yolonda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Bob Baggett was excused.

Department directors and staff members present included: Acting City Attorney Harry Boesche, Chief of Police Mark Caillier, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Arts and Events Manager Julie Kruger, Assistant Director of Community Development Jason Krum, Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Candis Martinson, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Brenda Goodson-Moore, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Emergency Manager Karissa Smith, Utility Billing Services Manager Joan Nelson, Business Systems Analyst Chrissy Malave, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell. Mayor Nancy Backus was excused.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

A Racially, Equitable, Diverse, and Inclusive (REDI) Program Report was added under Agenda Items for Council Discussion.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, reports, and presentations.

V. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. REDI Program Report

Councilmember Baldwin and Councilmember Brown provided Council with a status report on the REDI Program.

B. Ordinance No. 6920 (Thomas) (30 Minutes)

An Ordinance amending Section 8.08.180 of the Auburn City Code relating to Solid Waste Collection Charges

Manager Nelson provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6920 including the background of the Rate Study, the Solid Waste Fund, Litter Service Crew funding, the Rate Study assumptions, 2021 contract services enhancements, and the proposed rates for 2024.

Council discussed the bulky items pickup, the City's rate of garbage, the rate increases, and options for reduced rates.

C. Resolution No. 5719 (Boesche) (10 Minutes)

A Resolution amending the City of Auburn Fee Schedule to adjust for 2024 Fees

Director Gaub and Assistant Director Krum provided Council with an overview of Resolution No. 5719 including the proposed fee changes.

Council discussed utility shut off fees.

D. Resolution No. 5734 (Tate) (5 Minutes)

A Resolution endorsing use of the 2024 Valley Regional Fire Authority Fee Schedule as adopted by the VRFA Board of Governance

Assistant Director Krum provided Council with an overview of Resolution No. 5734 including the VRFA Fee Schedule.

VI. MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Ordinance No. 6917 (Faber) (5 Minutes)

An Ordinance relating to Metal Detecting in City Parks and adding Section 2.22.185 to the Auburn City Code

This portion of the meeting was Chaired by Councilmember Brown.

Manager Krueger provided Council with an overview of Ordinance No. 6917 including the rules and policies around metal detectors in City parks.

B. Domestic Violence Update (Tate/Caillier/Boesche) (15 Minutes)

Director Tate, Chief Caillier, and Acting City Attorney Boesche provided Council with an update on the City's efforts to combat domestic violence (DV). They reviewed the Legal Departments role in prosecuting, types of crimes considered DV, the prosecution personnel, the role of the DV

Paralegal, recent changes to the law, charging statistics, number of police calls of service, related arrests, resources provided by the Police Department and resources provided by Human Services that is funded by the Community Development Department, and the number of Auburn residents being served.

Council discussed additional reports to Council, a City staff advocate, services provided to victims, services provided by non-profits, missing and murdered indigenous people, and the number of cases that followed through to prosecution now compared to when the City had an advocate. Council requested an update on the Municipal Court at the next Study Session meeting.

C. Emergency Management Update (Hinman) (20 Minutes)

Director Hinman and Manager Smith provided Council with an Emergency Management Update including the upcoming Winter Outlook, the in-person Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Class graduation, 2023 achievements, upcoming projects, and the Certified Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) Update.

Council discussed State and Federal partnerships, emergency planning, contacting people with language barriers, and risk management classes.

Council asked for an update on public engagement and attending a tour of Orting's Quixote Veterans Village.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED this 16th day of October 2023.


JAMES JEYARAJ, DEPUTY MAYOR Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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