



**City Council Meeting
September 15, 2014 - 7:30 PM
Auburn City Hall
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Flag Salute

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

City Councilmembers present: Bill Peloza, Largo Wales, Wayne Osborne, John Holman, Claude DaCorsi, and Yolanda Trout. Deputy Mayor Wagner was excused.

Department Directors and staff members present included: Police Chief Bob Lee, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Finance Director Shelley Coleman, Community Development and Public Works Director Kevin Snyder, Planning and Design Services Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Public Affairs and Marketing Liaison Dana Hinman, Economic Development Manager Doug Lein, Director of Administration Michael Hursh, and City Clerk Danielle Daskam.

C. Announcements, Appointments, and Presentations

There was no announcement or presentation.

D. Agenda Modifications

Revised documents related to Consent Agenda Items IV.D and IV.E, Public Works Project Numbers CP1208 and CP1322 were distributed prior to the meeting.

II. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS & CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Hearings

1. 2015-2016 Preliminary Biennial Budget (Wales/Coleman)
City Council to conduct a public hearing on the 2015-2016 Preliminary Biennial Budget

Using PowerPoint slides, Finance Director Coleman gave a brief presentation on the 2015-2016 Preliminary Biennial Budget Planning and General Fund Revenues.

Director Coleman reviewed property assessed valuation. She noted there was a 20.8% cumulative rate of decline in property valuation between 2009 and 2013. The year 2014 saw an increase in assessed value of approximately 5.5%; and 10% annual increases in property valuation are projected for 2015 and 2016.

Director Coleman reviewed the property tax levy for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. The 2015 levy is estimated at \$16.8 million and includes funding for six additional staff members. New staff positions include a police bike officer for downtown, a Police records specialist, a major crime analyst, an IT staff member dedicated to the Police Department, a code enforcement officer, and a property analyst. Funding for the additional staff members is approximately \$600,000 annually.

Finance Director Coleman also presented information on historical assessed value and levy rates and a recap of General Fund revenues. The proposed budget includes a 2.2% average annual increase in General Fund revenues in 2015 and 2016.

Mayor Backus opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. No one in the audience requested to speak regarding the proposed budget, and the hearing was closed.

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.

Nick Abdelnour, representing Polygon Northwest, 116xx SE 5th Street, Bellevue

Mr. Abdelnour spoke on behalf of Polygon Northwest Company and urged Council support of Ordinance No. 6531 relating to Polygon's request for a rezone.

Elam Anderson, 3xx 23rd Street SE, Auburn

Mr. Anderson spoke regarding the proposed youth center at Les Gove Community Campus.

C. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for City Council review.

III. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Municipal Services

Chair Pelloza reported the Municipal Services Committee met September 8, 2014. The Committee received an update on the transfer of the DARE program to the Auburn School District. The Committee reviewed Resolution No. 5093, which declares the DARE vehicle surplus and allows its transfer to the school district. The Committee also discussed the Auburn Municipal Airport T-hangar Enclosure project. The next regular meeting of the Municipal Services Committee is scheduled for September 22, 2014.

B. Planning & Community Development

Chair Holman reported the Planning and Community Development Committee met September 8, 2014. The Committee received a presentation from Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Faber and Park Board Chair Michael Hassen on the 2014 Board activities. The Committee also discussed the revised Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies

and "Investing in Place," which focuses on old and new amenities, beautification, and design to support economic development in the downtown area. The next regular meeting of the Planning and Community Development Committee is scheduled for September 22, 2014.

C. Public Works

Chair Osborne reported the Public Works Committee met this afternoon at 3:30. The Committee reviewed Ordinance No. 6513 granting a telecommunications franchise to Electric Lightwave LLC and Resolution No. 5100 authorizing the Mayor to award and execute a contract for Project CP1410, the 2014 Arterial and Collector Crack Seal Project. The Committee also approved initiation of Project CP1409, the Oravetz Place SE Flooding Mitigation, award of Project No. CP1322, the Annual Traffic Signal Improvements, to the lowest responsible bidder, award of Project No. CP1208, the Sewer Pump Station Improvements, to the lowest responsible bidder, and Consultant Services Agreement No. AG-C-453 with FCS Group for preparation of the financial chapters in the Water, Sewer and Stormwater Comprehensive Plans. The Committee discussed Chapter 10.36 of the City Code related to parking, the Tacoma Water Agreements, the capital project status report, significant infrastructure projects by others, the Committee action tracking matrix, and the pavement washboarding at 105th Place SE and 107th. The next regular meeting of the Public Works Committee is scheduled for October 6, 2014.

D. Finance

Chair Wales reported the Finance Committee met this evening at 5:00. The Committee reviewed claims vouchers in the amount of \$4.2 million and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$2.1 million. The Committee discussed Resolution No. 5100 authorizing the Mayor to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for Project CP1410, the 2014 Arterial and Collector Crack Seal Project, and Tacoma Water Agreements. The next regular meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for October 6, 2014.

E. Les Gove Community Campus

The next meeting of the Les Gove Community Campus Committee meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2014.

F. Council Operations Committee

The next regular meeting of the Council Operations Committee is scheduled for September 22, 2014.

G. Junior City Council

Mayor Backus reported the Junior City Council met this evening. The Junior City Council discussed appointments to the Junior City Council and their anti-bullying campaign, which is proposed to be focused in elementary and middle schools.

IV. 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 September 2, 2014 Regular Meeting
- B. Claim Vouchers (Wales/Coleman)
Claims voucher numbers 430385 through 430559 in the amount of \$3,550,727.11 and three wire transfers in the amount of \$708,217.47 and dated September 15, 2014.
- C. Payroll Vouchers (Wales/Coleman)
Payroll check numbers 534951 through 534981 in the amount of \$833,860.67 and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$1,280,862.61 for a grand total of \$2,114,723.28 for the period covering August 28, 2014 to September 10, 2014.
- D. Public Works Project No. CP1208 (Osborne/Snyder)
City Council award Contract No. 14-10, to R. L. Alia Company on their low bid of \$994,822.00 plus Washington State sales tax of \$94,452.09 for a total of \$1,089,274.09 for Project No. CP1208, Sewer Pump Station Improvements
- E. Public Works Project No. CP1322 (Osborne/Snyder)
City Council award Contract No. 14-16, to American Electrical Services on their low bid of \$132,711.00 for Project No. CP1322, Annual Traffic Signal Improvements
- F. Public Works Consultant Agreement No. AG-C-453 (Osborne/Snyder)
City Council grant permission to enter into Consultant Agreement No. AG-C-453 with FCS Group for preparation of the Financial Chapters in the Water, Sewer, and Storm Water Comprehensive Plans.

Councilmember Pelosa moved and Councilmember Wales seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance No. 6519 (Heid)
An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, creating a new Chapter 2.92 of the Auburn City Code, providing for a Code of Ethics

Councilmember Holman moved to refer Ordinance Nos. 6519 and 6524 to the Planning and Community Development Committee and Municipal Services Committee for review. Councilmember Wales seconded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. ORDINANCES

- A. Ordinance No. 6513 (Osborne/Snyder)
An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, granting to Electric Lightwave, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Integra Telecom Holdings, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, a franchise for telecommunications type of utility

Councilmember Osborne moved and Councilmember Pelozo seconded to introduce and adopt Ordinance No. 6513.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

- B. Ordinance No. 6531 (Holman/Snyder)
An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, approving the request of Polygon Northwest Company for a rezone from R-5 Residential to R-7 Residential 7 DU/ACRE to implement the Comprehensive Plan and amending the City's Zoning Maps accordingly

Councilmember Holman moved and Councilmember Wales seconded to introduce and adopt Ordinance No. 6531.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution No. 5093 (Pelozo/Heid)
A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, declaring a certain item of property as surplus and authorizing its disposal

Councilmember Pelozo moved and Councilmember Osborne seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5093.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

- B. Resolution No. 5100 (Osborne/Snyder)
A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to award and execute a construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of Community Development and Public Works Contract Number 14-22 for Project CP1410, 2014 Arterial and Collector Crack Seal Project

Councilmember Osborne moved and Councilmember Pelozo seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5100.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

IX. REPORTS

At this time the Mayor and City Council may report on significant items associated with their appointed positions on federal, state, regional and local organizations.

A. From the Council

Councilmember Trout reported on her attendance at the Senior Center coffee hour and the Fenster Levee project and natural park tour.

Councilmember Osborne reported on his attendance at the Regional Water Quality Committee meeting, the Valley Regional Fire Authority Board of Governance meeting, and a reception honoring Poet Laureate Dick Brugger.

Councilmember Pelozo reported on his attendance at the National League of Cities Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Steering Committee meetings held in Fort Collins, Colorado. Councilmember Pelozo also reported on his attendance at the King County Solid Waste Advisory Board

meeting, the dedication of Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9 Seahurst Park in Burien, the Wesley Homes groundbreaking, the Auburn High School dedication, the Green/Duwamish Watershed media announcement by King County Executive Constantine and Seattle Mayor Ed Murray, Poet Laureate Dick Brugger's reception, and the Fenster Levee project tour.

Councilmember Holman reported on his attendance at the Green River Community College Foundation Veterans Initiative Breakfast and the SCORE Jail Employee Appreciation and Awards Day barbecue.

Councilmember Wales commented on the lack of funding for public health services in South King County. Councilmember Wales reported on the upcoming King County Board of Health meeting, and she encouraged all to contact King County Executive Constantine's office to support health services funding in South King County.

Councilmember DaCorsi reported he attended many of the events already reported by Councilmembers.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus conveyed a belated happy birthday to Councilmember Trout, who celebrated her birthday on September 9, and a happy birthday to Councilmember Osborne, who will celebrate his birthday on September 29th. Mayor Backus reported on her attendance at a tour of the U-line facility in Auburn; the monthly City and Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce meeting where discussion included retail marijuana locations in the city, 2015-2016 budget processes, strategies for improving exterior appearances; the City's planning for a summit of downtown businesses on Main and in the Downtown Urban Center; the Fenster Levee project tour; the Lowes' employee celebration at the Auburn store; a groundbreaking for the new health center at Wesley Homes; a reception honoring Poet Laureate Dick Brugger; a Regional Transportation Summit; and the Hops & Crops event at Mary Olson Farm.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

APPROVED this 6th day of October, 2014.



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Danielle Daskam, City Clerk