

**Special City Council Meeting
August 26, 2014 - 2:00 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
MINUTES**

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nancy Backus called the special meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Councilmembers in attendance included. Deputy Mayor Rich Wagner, Wayne Osborne, Claude DaCorsi, John Holman, Largo Wales and Bill Pelosa.

Councilmember Trout was excused

Department directors and staff members present included Police Chief Bob Lee, City Attorney Dan Heid, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Rob Roscoe, Director of Administration Michael Hursh, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Daryl Faber, Community Development and Public Works Director Kevin Snyder, Development Services Manager Jeff Tate, Permits and Administration Manager Darcie Hanson, Planning and Design Services Manager Elizabeth Chamberlain, Transportation Manager Pablo Para, Assistant Director of Public Works Services Randy Bailey, Innovation and Technology Director Ron Tiedeman, Innovation and Technology Operations Manager Ashley Riggs, Innovation and Technology Customer Support Manager Reba Stowe, Finance Director Shelley Coleman, Financial Planning Manager Bob Brooks, Financial Analyst Tamara Baker and Deputy City Clerk Shawn Campbell

II DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2015 - 2016 Biennial Budget Review

Budget documents can be viewed from the August 12, 2014 Special City Council Meeting Agenda.

Director Roscoe presented the Human Resources, Risk and Property Management budget. He shared the department organizational chart and the 2013 - 2014 accomplishments. He also presented the 2015 - 2016 department goals, objectives and performance measures

Council discussed the City's self-insured worker comp program, the 2% reduction in health insurance premiums the City earned by becoming a Well City through Association of Washington Cities, personal development for staff, employee participation the leadership institute, training for City staff, the tuition reimbursement program, recruitment programs, employee benefits,

work schedules, participation in the National League of Cities prescription drug program, the light duty return to work program for the Police Department, a safety officer, the overall cost for step increases and negotiated raises for employees, costs to the City for the public defender contract and King County District Court, King County District Court performance measures, the electronic home monitoring system, and the City's deductible for insurances losses and insurance claims

Director Coleman introduced the Finance Department Budget. She reviewed the funds the department oversees, the staff organizational chart and performance measures

The Council asked about the Finance Department staffing levels, repayment of a library bond, Traffic and School Impact Fees, Parks Mitigation fees, phase 2 of the City Hall remodel and future phases, additional funding for parks, sidewalk repair, the availability of grant funds, walkable city planning, REET 1 and REET 2 funds and their limitations, working with the school district and placing cameras in school zones, traffic signal improvements, costs of replacement of traffic signal equipment, updating the storefronts of businesses on Main Street, customer service satisfaction for waste management, enclosing one T hanger at the Auburn Municipal Airport, LEOFF 1 members, benefits and premiums, the firefighters pension fund, fees paid for bank card transactions, dues for associations and increases to the fees paid to the Auburn Valley Humane Society

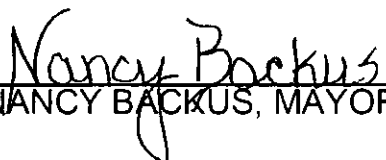
City Attorney Heid presented the Legal Department Budget. He reviewed the department organizational chart.

Council asked about staffing levels in the Legal Department, legal assistance to the public to interpret the City Code, contracting legal services with neighboring jurisdictions and public records requests

III ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 4 17 p.m.

APPROVED this 6th day of October, 2014



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Shawn Campbell, Deputy City Clerk