	City Council Study Session Muni Services SFA August 24, 2020 - 5:30 PM Virtual AGENDA 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 DaCorsi called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn.

II. Virtual Participation Link

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The City Council Meeting was held virtually in the Council Chambers.

B. Roll Call

Councilmembers virtually present: Deputy Mayor Claude DaCorsi, Bob Baggett, Larry Brown, James Jeyaraj, Robyn Mulenga, Chris Stearns and Yolanda Trout-Manuel.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following department directors and staff members were present: Innovation and Technical Support Specialist Danika Olson, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Assistant Police Chief Mark Caillier and Deputy City Clerk Teresa Mattingly.

The following department directors and staff members attended the meeting virtually: City Attorney Kendra Comeau, City Attorney Dan Heid, Senior City Staff Attorney Harry Boesche, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Engineering Services Jacob Sweeting, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Director of Finance Jamie Thomas, Assistant Finance Director Kevin Fuhrer, Financial Planning Manager Bob Brooks, Finance Administrative Assistant Evelyn McOsker, Senior Transportation Planner Cecile Malik, Community Services Manager Joy Scott, Utility Billing and Solid Waste Services Supervisor Joan Nelson, SKHHP Executive Manager Angela San Filippo, Equity Program Manager Brenda Goodson-Moore, Code Compliance Supervisor Chris Barack, Police Sergeant James Nordenger, Police Commander Samuel Betz, Outreach Program Administrator Kent Hay and Assistant Director of Innovation and Technology Ashley Riggs.

III. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Ordinance No. 6776 (Gaub)(15 Minutes)

An Ordinance relating to recreational vehicle parking, amending Section 10.36.191 of the Auburn City Code

The Study Session agenda was modified to add Ordinance No. 6787 as Item G to the Agenda Items for Council Discussion and an updated version of Ordinance No. 6786 has been provided to Council.

Item B. Ordinance No. 6781 was moved to the first discussion item on the agenda.

Director Gaub introduced Planner Malik, Director Tate and Sergeant Nordenger who discussed amending Section 10.36.191 of the Auburn City Code related to Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parking.

Planner Malik explained what a right-of-way is, the reasons for the proposed changes and the next steps to bring before Council.

Sergeant Nordenger reviewed the enforcement process and contacting Administrator Hay for assistance prior to the vehicle being ticketed and impounded.

Council discussed visitors with RVs parking on narrow residential streets, restrictions for parking at shelters, types of services available to occupants living in RVs and cars, the enforcement process and the benefits of the proposed revisions.

Director Tate advised Council of the rules pertaining to "occupied" RVs parking on privately owned residential lots.

B. Ordinance No. 6781 (Tate)(30 Minutes)

An Ordinance relating to Camping and Occupying Public Property, and amending Chapters 2.22.210, 2.22.220, 9.50.020, 9.78.010, 12.32.020, 13.12.020, and 13.48.170 and adding a new Section to Chapter 9.50 of the Auburn City Code

Director Tate reviewed the proposed modifications to the Auburn City Code that pertain to camping, the benefits of aligning the City's camping ordinance with the 9th Circuit Court Boise decision, the charge and penalty for camping within a designated park and the exceptions and conditions of enforcement.

Council discussed the option of issuing a civil infraction instead of a criminal citation when charging trespassing in a City park or camping on City property, individual's right to privacy and shelter, available services and types of shelters in Auburn and the number of individuals Administrator Hay has helped. Council also thanked Administrator Hay for his work with the homeless and requested he provide data on the following items: actual

number of homeless in Auburn, rate of growth in the homeless population for the past year, and how many beds are available in Auburn and the surrounding areas.

Administrator Hay advised Council that he does not know the number of homeless in Auburn, that services are always offered first, including providing transportation at no cost, what steps are taken if people refuse help, safe shelter options for families and confirmed that no one has been arrested for camping on City property.

Mayor Backus shared she spoke with Auburn Police Officers who expressed their appreciation for the work that Administrator Hay is doing in the community and how he has worked with individuals without involving the Police Department.

Director Tate recommended moving this item to Council for approval and will provide Council with two options on enforcement approaches that can be added as an amendment to the Ordinance.

C. Ordinance No. 6783 (Thomas)(30 Minutes)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 6693, the 2019-2020 biennial budget Ordinance, as amended by Ordinance No. 6712, Ordinance No. 6719, Ordinance No. 6720, Ordinance No. 6751, and Ordinance No. 6764, authorizing amendment to the City of Auburn 2019-2020 budget as set forth in Schedule "A" and Schedule "B"

Assistant Director Furher provided Council with an overview of Budget Amendment #7, he explained how a budget is developed and reviewed the main purposes of the amendment.

Council discussed the fund balance and revenue losses related to COVID-19.

D. Ordinance No. 6785 (Thomas)(5 Minutes)

An Ordinance amending Sections 3.40.020, 3.41.010, 3.42.020, 3.84.040 and 3.88.040 of the Auburn City Code relating to the use of taxes imposed on utilities

Assistant Director Fuhrer discussed amending Auburn City Code related to the Use of Taxes imposed on utilities and transferring the 1% Utility Tax currently collected in the Arterial Street Fund, into the General Fund due to economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council discussed off setting funds.

E. Ordinance No. 6786 (Tate)(20 Minutes)

An Ordinance creating a new Chapter 5.23 of the City Code regarding a City of Auburn Rental Housing Policy

Director Tate provided Council with an update on the Just Cause Eviction ordinance, public comments and the Governor's moratorium.

Manager Scott reviewed the proposed changes to Auburn City Code Chapter 5.24 to 5.23 and the provision to delay implementation of the rules until October 16, 2020.

Council discussed the options of modifying the 120 day notification on rent increases greater than 5%.

F. Ordinance No. 6788 (Thomas)(5 Minutes)

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 6777, extending the temporary waiver of late fees for Utility Accounts and Airport Fees, superseding certain Sections of Auburn City Code requiring payment of such late fees as set forth in Auburn City Code 12.56.045; 13.06.300; 13.06.511; 13.20.390; and 13.48.120, in light of a declared public health emergency related to COVID-19

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi called for a 5 minute recess at 7:11 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

Supervisor Nelson explained the purpose of extending the temporary waiver of late fees for utility accounts and airport fees until October 15, 2020.

G. Ordinance No. 6787 (Comeau)(10 Minutes)

Senior Attorney Boeshe reviewed the reasons for amending Sections 10.36.360 and 10.40.010 of the Auburn City Code relating to Vehicle Impounds.

IV. MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fireworks Update (O'Neil)(30 Minutes)

Councilmember Stearns presided over this section of the meeting.

Commander Betz reviewed the 2020 Fireworks Report with Council and discussed the 2020 objectives and results, working with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, proactive fireworks patrols, calls per district and other valley agencies and how the emphasis on education and extending the hours of the discharge area has reduced the total amount of confiscated fireworks compared to prior years.

Council discussed the enforcement process, calls per district, average number of 911 calls per month and the impacts that COVID-19 had on sales and usage.

V. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no other discussion items.

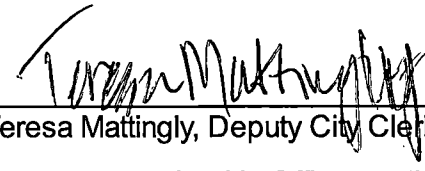
VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED this 8th day of September, 2020.

 CLAUDE D'AMORSI, DEPUTY MAYOR  Teresa Mattingly, Deputy City Clerk

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