

**Special City Council Meeting
August 24, 2015 - 5:30 PM
Auburn City Hall
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Department Directors and staff members present included: City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Assistant City Attorney Neil Wachter, Community Development and Public Works Director Kevin Snyder, Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Utilities Engineering Manager Lisa Tobin, Street Systems Engineer Jai Carter, Transportation Manager Pablo Para, Innovation and Technology Director Paul Haugan, Public Affairs and Marketing Manager Dana Hinman, Police Chief Bob Lee, Assistant Police Chief Bill Pierson, Finance Director Shelley Coleman, and Deputy City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

II ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6569 (Coleman)

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, amending Section 9.34.030 of the Auburn City Code relating to discharge of firearms within the City limits, and creating a "No Shoot" area exemption for wildlife depredation conducted at the Auburn Municipal Airport

Director Coleman introduced Ordinance No. 6569 The Federal Aviation Administration required airports to have a wildlife assessment performed due to the number of reported bird strikes and near misses. The City has completed the wildlife assessment for the Auburn Municipal Airport and the recommendation for mitigation of the wildlife at the airport ranges from putting up decoys to depredation. The City has obtained all the necessary permits and training needed to be able to carry out the recommendations. Staff is asking for the Auburn City Code to be amended to include a no shoot area exemption allowing staff to discharge firearms at the Auburn Municipal Airport.

Deputy Mayor Holman moved and Councilmember Wales seconded to adopt Ordinance No 6569

Councilmember Wales asked what kind of noise the neighbors would hear Assistant Chief Pierson stated staff will use silenced shotguns and 22 caliber rifles. The residents should not hear very much noise.

Councilmember Wagner asked if the City has contacted Washington Cities Insurance Authority regarding the City's liability Assistant City Attorney Wachter stated the airport management groups insurance carrier will cover the City in case of an accident.

Councilmember DaCorsi explained he has read studies that indicate the number of birds killed has not decreased the number of hits or near misses. He noted he wants to ensure depredation is a last resort.

Councilmember Pelozo asked what other airports in the area use this method to control the wildlife. Assistant Chief Pierson stated a majority of the local airports use depredation as a means to control wildlife, including King County and Sea Tac.

Deputy Mayor Holman moved and Councilmember Wales seconded to suspend the rules and vote on Ordinance No. 6569 after the first reading.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0

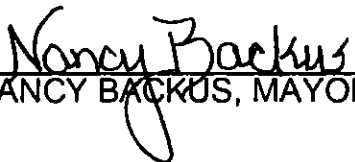
Mayor Backus asked for the vote on Ordinance No. 6569.

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III ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

APPROVED this 21st day of September, 2015



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Shawn Campbell, Deputy City Clerk