

City Council Study Session

July 25, 2016 - 5:30 PM

Auburn City Hall

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

A. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Wales, Bob Baggett, Claude DaCorsi, John Holman, Bill Pelozo and Rich Wagner. Councilmember Yolanda Trout-Manuel was excused.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following Department Directors and staff members were present: City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Police Chief Bob Lee, Director of Community Development and Public Works Kevin Snyder, Assistant Director of Engineering Services/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Engineering Aide Amber Price, Environmental Service Manager Chris Anderson, Environmental Services Specialist Jenna Leonard, Environmental Services Specialist Maggie Gipson, Urban Design Planner Lauren Flemister, Director of Administration Dana Hinman, Innovation and Technology Director Paul Haugan, Parks, Arts and Recreation Director Daryl Faber, Museum Director Patricia Cosgrove, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Rob Roscoe, and Deputy City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

B. Announcements

C. Agenda Modifications

II. CONSENT AGENDA

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Pioneer Cemetery Landmark Status (10 Minute Presentation/5Minute Q&A) (Faber)

Pioneer Cemetery presentation as it relates to being named a landmark

Director Faber, Museum Director Cosgrove, Jenifer Mesner, King County Landmarks Officer presented to Council on the Pioneer Cemetery landmark status. The City of Auburn is seeking designation of the Pioneer Cemetery as a City of Auburn Landmark through the King County Historic Preservation Program.

Museum Director Cosgrove presented the history of the cemetery as well as its significance to the Auburn community.

Director Faber stated in order to be eligible to be buried in the Pioneer Cemetery a person must be a direct descendent of a person who has been buried there.

B. City Code Amendments Relating to the Comprehensive Plan (5 Minute Presentation/5 Minute Q&A) (Snyder)

Amendments to Chapter 14.22, correcting city code to reference recently adopted Comprehensive Plan documents

Assistant Director Tate explained the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 6584 on December 14,

2015. The ordinance included Core Comprehensive Plan, the Land Use Element, the Housing Element, the Capital Facilities Element, the Utilities Element, the Economic Development Element, the Parks and Recreation Element, and a series of supporting planning documents/appendices. Chapter 14.22 of the Auburn City Code is titled "Comprehensive Plan". Chapter 14.22 is the section of City Code that incorporates the specific names of the chapters and documents that comprise the full Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the draft amendments to Chapter 14.22 is to update the names of the documents so that they are consistent with those titles that are used in Ordinance No. 6584.

Councilmember Wagner stated the Council requested a chapter be added on sustainability. Assistant Director Tate stated the Core Comprehensive Plan calls for a Sustainability Element in the next three years.

- C. Ordinance No. 6606 (5 Minute Presentation/ 5 Minute Q&A) (Snyder)
An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, granting to City of Enumclaw Natural Gas, a franchise for gas utility

Engineering Aide Price explained that during review of facilities located in City right-of-way the City determined that City of Enumclaw Natural Gas is required to obtain a Franchise Agreement per Auburn City Code Chapter 20.06.010. Enumclaw has applied for a Franchise Agreement for a term of twenty (20) years to continue to operate within the City's rights of way natural gas transmission and distribution facilities for sale and service to customers within the city of Auburn.

Enumclaw Natural Gas' existing facilities currently serve customers located in South Auburn off of Auburn Way South in the Academy and Lemon Tree Lane neighborhoods and surrounding area. Enumclaw Natural Gas has no plans to expand services as the rest of Auburn is currently served by PSE. Any construction, maintenance, improvements or changes to Enumclaw Natural Gas facilities are managed through the City's permitting processes that are a requirement of the Franchise Agreement. Safety of Enumclaw Natural Gas facilities are regulated and inspected through the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. A Public Hearing to consider this application and hear public comment is scheduled before the City Council on August 1, 2016.

Councilmember Pelozo asked how long Enumclaw Natural Gas has been in the area and how many customers they serve. Mr. Hawthorn from the City of Enumclaw stated they have approximately 50 customers in the City of Auburn. They have operated in the City since 1957.

- D. Ordinance No. 6611 (5 Minute Presentation/5 Minute Q&A) (Snyder)
An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, amending Section 17.14.005 of the Auburn City Code, relating to civil plan preparation, submittal and approval

Assistant Director Tate explained Auburn City Code currently states that an applicant cannot submit their civil plans for review and consideration until after they have received preliminary plat approval from the Hearing Examiner. Community Development staff are proposing that an applicant be allowed to submit their civil plans for review earlier than preliminary plat approval. This will allow an applicant to experience several weeks to months of time savings for project reviews. The draft amendments also include language that is intended to declare that an early submittal does not equate to a vesting right. The vesting right is still dependent on the Hearing Examiner's decision.

Deputy Mayor Wales stated when the City met with the Master Builders Association the proposed changes were very well received.

Councilmember Pelozo stated this proposed change makes good common and economic sense.

Councilmember DaCorsi asked how the City of Auburn compares to other jurisdictions. Assistant Director Tate stated the City is average compared to other jurisdictions.

E. Port of Seattle Economic Development Partnership Program (5 Minute Presentation/5 Minute Q&A (Hinman))

Port of Seattle Economic Development Partnership Program Grant Application

Director Hinman stated the Port of Seattle has authorized a new Economic Development Partnership Program to support local community economic development activities. More than \$962,000.00 is available to cities in King County as matching funds. Based on population, each city would receive between \$5,000.00 and \$65,000.00 for eligible activities. Each city will need to pass a resolution supporting their grant application and will have until August 17, 2016 to provide these resolutions in advance of the August 23, 2016 Port Commission meeting.

Councilmember Holman stated a portion of the Ports Charter is to create jobs. This grant program will help realize that goal.

F. Main Street Urban Design (20 Minute Presentation/15 Minute Q&A (Snyder))
Presentation of final design and budget for improvements to Main Street between C Street SW and F Street SE based on citizen, staff, and Council feedback

Director Snyder, Assistant Director Tate and Urban Design Planner Flemister presented Council with the Main Street Design. The reality of this project is looking at Auburn's future, when the City put the public dollars on the Division Street project private investment followed. This is a large project with a cost of \$18 to \$24 million for both above and below ground improvements from C Street to F Street. Staff is looking for funding sources but more than likely the funds will need to come from the City. Due to costs of the overall project, staff suggests that the project be done in three phases.

Councilmember Holman stated the City cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

Councilmember Wagner stated he does not like the landscape along the curbs. He requested a list of pro/cons for the plantings.

Deputy Mayor Wales asked for an estimate of the amount of time it would take to operate and maintain these improvements. She also requested directional signs be added to the project.

Councilmember Pelozo likes the rain garden concept but he does not like the trees. He suggested staff look at a funding campaign to use public and private funds for the project.

Deputy Mayor Wales stated she wants to ensure all three phases would be completed if the City moves forward with the project. She expressed a concern with the overall cost of the project.

Councilmember DaCorsi stated Council needs to look at all the opportunities and ways to fund these projects.

G. Community Sustainability (15 Minute Presentation/10 Minute Q&A (Snyder))
A review of City of Auburn Projects, Programs, and Activities

Manager Anderson, Specialist Leonard, Specialist Jarvis and Specialist Gibson, the Environmental Services staff, have developed a brief series on sustainability for Council. Tonight's presentation is the first in a three part series.

Staff explained that sustainability is the ability to continue a defined behavior for an extended

period of time. The triple bottom line for sustainability includes social, economic and environmental. Having a common understanding of what community sustainability is is essential in the decision making process. Community sustainability has a unique approach for each community.

Councilmember DaCorsi asked how the City takes the costs and shares it with the community. It is important to understand that the return on investment is worth the extra costs. Specialist Jarvis stated staff can provide an explanation about the benefits of the sustainability for the community.

Councilmember Wagner stated the City needs to consider the employment base of the City in relation to sustainability. Specialist Leonard stated one of the aspects is human capital as one part of social sustainability.

Councilmember Holman stated when he talks to people about sustainability there are various levels of understanding. He needs a simple definition to help explain what it is and the City needs a public education program. He would like the City to work with other partners to help with funding for changing the culverts to not inhibit the salmon.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:35 p.m., Deputy Mayor Wales recessed the meeting to executive session for approximately fifteen minutes in order to discuss pending/potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.60.10(1) (i). City Attorney Heid, Human Resources and Risk Management Director Roscoe, Director of Administration Hinman and Community Development and Public Works Director Snyder attended the executive session. At 7:47 p.m., the executive session was extended an additional ten minutes.

Deputy Mayor Wales reconvened the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Deputy Mayor Wales added Ordinance No. 6613 - An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, creating a new section, 5.20.250, of the Auburn City Code and amending Sections 1.04.060, 1.25.010, 5.20.030, 5.20.050 and 9.22.030 Of the Auburn City Code related to marijuana related businesses and activities, and imposing a moratorium on marijuana related activities as identified herewith, to the agenda.

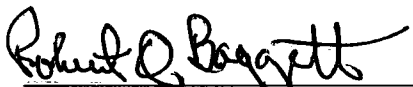
City Attorney Heid stated this ordinance would address the current ban that followed the moratorium on marijuana businesses. This ordinance would resolve some issues that have caused controversy and litigation. This ordinance would allow the existing marijuana businesses to continue, provide for the relocation of the Green Solutions Place, limit the total square feet for marijuana producers and processors to 90,000 square feet, and ban the butane and hydro carbon solvent type of operations.

Deputy Mayor Wales stated this item will be on the City Council agenda for action on August 1, 2016.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 5th DAY OF March, 2018.



BOB BAGGETT, DEPUTY MAYOR



Shawn Campbell, Deputy City Clerk.