CITY OF AUBURN WASHINGTON	**City Council Study Session** **June 29, 2015 - 5:30 PM** **Auburn City Hall** **MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Holman 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

City Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor Holman, Rich Wagner, Bill Peloza, Largo Wales, Wayne Osborne and Claude DaCorsi. Councilmember Yolanda Trout arrived at 5:56 p.m.

City officials and staff members present included: Mayor Nancy Backus, City Attorney Daniel B. Heid, Assistant Police Chief William Pierson, IT Customer Support Manager Reba Stowe, Urban Design Planner Lauren Flemister, Assistant Director of Engineering and City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Assistant City Engineer Jacob Sweeting, Capital Projects Manager Ryan Vondrak, Public Affairs and Marketing Liaison Dana Hinman, Finance Director Shelley Coleman and City Clerk Danielle Daskam.

II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Main Street Urban Design Consultant Introduction & Project Status – SvR Design Company (15 Minute Presentation/15 Minute Q&A) (Snyder)
Main Street Urban Design Consultant, SvR Design Company, will introduce themselves and their work on the Main Street Urban Design project.

Brice Maryman, Landscape Architect and Project Manager with SvR, Katie Idziorek, Urban Designer with Via Architecture and Peg Staeheli, Landscape Architect with SvR presented a PowerPoint to Council to review the Main Street Urban Design Study project goals, share their preliminary observations and potential opportunities that SvR sees for the Auburn Downtown area. Mr. Maryman explained the City has a lot of positive attributes, such as the legacy businesses, the public sector improvement and the downtown sculptures. The City also has some challenges such as the old river pathways that make the ground underneath the streets and crosswalks subside some. The SvR teams have been meeting with community members and discussing ways the community want the

downtown area to grow.

Councilmember Wagner stated he wants to ensure the design encourages people to linger and spend time in the downtown area without encouraging loitering.

Councilmember DaCorsi asked what the consultants have found that people want downtown. Ms. Staeheli responded people need more reason to stay downtown when they are there, such as programing and fun and interesting businesses and restaurants.

Councilmember Wales stated when they are planning programing in the downtown area there needs to be consideration for the multi-generational aspect. The City needs to be more walkable.

Deputy Mayor Holman requested the development team ensure to honor the history of the river in our community.

B. 2015 Capital Project Status Review (20 Minute Presentation/10 Minute Q&A) (Snyder)

Assistant City Engineer Sweeting and Capital Projects Manager Vondrak presented Council with the 2015 Capital Project Status Report. Engineer Sweeting stated the City has completed $13.5 million in projects. The City has another $27.5 million worth of projects in construction, $14 million that are out to bid and $5 million are in design.

Engineer Sweeting and Manager Vondrak demonstrated the new GIS tool to preview the projects that are under construction starting with Project CP1308, the BNSF Utility Line Crossing. They reviewed each project on the list and discussed the status of each project.

Councilmember Trout asked when Projects CP1118 and CP1119, the Auburn Way South Improvements, will be completed. Engineer Sweeting said this project should be completed by the end of 2015.

Councilmember Peloza asked about the B Street NE Plaza. Assistant Director Gaub stated this project is not identified in the current Save Our Streets project list. The City is working on the street selection for this area currently, but the staff will want to wait until the consultants make their recommendations for the downtown area before making improvement to the B Street Plaza. The B Street Plaza will be a part of the overall downtown area improvements.

Councilmember Osborne asked about the Fulmer Field Well Project. Assistant Director Gaub stated the City has completed the initial analysis and is currently working with the consultant to come up what it will take to put the two stations back online. Once they have

completed the analysis, staff will come back to Council with a full report.

III. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Councilmember Wagner said he wants an update on the Airport Master Plan. He would like to ensure the Airport Master Plan includes economic development.

Councilmember Osborne stated the City needs to utilize the wayfinding signs and kiosks already installed in the downtown area.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:32 p.m. and immediately following roll call, Deputy Mayor Holman recessed the meeting to executive session for approximately ten minutes in order to discuss pending/potential litigation. City Attorney Heid, Assistant Director Gaub and Finance Director Coleman attended the executive session. No action was anticipated following the executive session.

Deputy Mayor Holman reconvened the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

APPROVED THE 17th DAY OF July, 2017.

LARGO WALES, DEPUTY MAYOR

Danielle Daskam, City Clerk