

	City Council Meeting June 1, 2020 - 7:00 PM Virtual MINUTES Watch the meeting LIVE! 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

II. Virtual Participation Link

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

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Nancy Backus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Councilmembers 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, Chief of Police Dan O'Neil, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

The following department directors and staff members attended the meeting virtually: Attorney Daniel Heid, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub and Assistant Director of Innovation and Technology Ashley Riggs.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

The National Day of Mourning and Lament Day Proclamation and the LGBTQ+ Pride Month Proclamation have been added to New Business. Resolution No. 5524 and 5526 have been added to Resolutions on the agenda.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Backus read and proclaimed June 1, 2020 as the National Day of Mourning and Lament Day in the City of Auburn.

Mayor Backus read and proclaimed June 2020 as the LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Auburn.

V. CITIZEN INPUT, PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CORRESPONDENCE

A. Public Hearings - (No public hearing is scheduled for this evening.)

B. Audience Participation

This is the place on the agenda where the public is invited to speak to the City Council on any issue.

1. Virtual Participation

Bob Zimmerman, 33029 46th Place South, Auburn
Mr. Zimmerman expressed concern regarding safety protocols and the City's accountability for a disaster.

C. Correspondence

There was no correspondence for Council to review.

VI. COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council Ad Hoc Committee Chairs may report on the status of their ad hoc Council Committees' progress on assigned tasks and may give their recommendation to the City Council, if any.

1. Finance Ad Hoc Committee (Chair Baggett)

Councilmember Baggett, Chair of the Finance ad hoc committee, reported he and Councilmember Stearns have reviewed the claims and payroll vouchers described on the Consent Agenda this evening and recommended their approval.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the City Council to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed.

A. Minutes of the May 11, 2020 Study Session

B. Minutes of the May 18, 2020 City Council Meeting

C. Claim Vouchers (Thomas)

Claim voucher list dated June 1, 2020 which includes voucher numbers 458739 through 458916 in the amount of \$758,755.42 and four wire transfers in the amount of

\$726,850.15

D. Payroll Vouchers (Thomas)

Payroll check numbers 538921 through 538927 in the amount of \$557,917.22 and electronic deposit transmissions in the amount of \$1,991,750.03 for a grand total of \$2,549,667.25 for the period covering May 13, 2020 to May 26, 2020

E. Council Rules of Procedure

City Council to suspend Council Rules of Procedure 3.1(H), 4.1, 10.1, 11.2(B) and 16.1 that were amended on May 11, 2020 during the City Council Study Session through July 31, 2020 and allow the virtual and telephonic participation in Council meetings

F. Setting the date for Public Hearing for the TIP (Gaub)

City Council to set the date of the Public Hearing for the 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Baggett seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance No. 6761 (Tate)

An Ordinance relating to Flood Hazard Areas and amending Chapter 15.68 of the Auburn City Code

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 6761.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

X. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution No. 5516 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept federal grants to be administered through the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

Councilmember Jeyaraj moved and Councilmember Stearns seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5516.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

B. Resolution No. 5518 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing an interlocal agreement with King County Metro and Pierce Transit for Transit Route 497

Councilmember Mulenga moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to adopt Resolution No.5518.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

C. Resolution No. 5520 (Gaub)

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Auburn and the Auburn School District relating to Project CP1902 – Pedestrian Safety Sidewalk and ADA Improvements

Councilmember Brown moved and Councilmember Trout-Manuel seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5520.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

D. Resolution No. 5523 (Tate)

A Resolution adopting the substantial amendment to the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan to incorporate CDBG-CV funds

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Councilmember Mulenga seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5523.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

E. Resolution No. 5524 (Tate)

A Resolution granting administrative authority to the Mayor to develop and implement strategies designed to ameliorate the adverse impacts of COVID-19 faced by residential tenants and residential property owners and managers

Councilmember Trout-Manuel moved and Deputy Mayor DaCorsi seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5524.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

F. Resolution No. 5526 (Comeau)

A Resolution ratifying and confirming Emergency Proclamation 2020-06 and the Civil Order imposing curfews and extending the term of the Curfew Order

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi moved and Councilmember Brown seconded to adopt Resolution No. 5526

Mayor Backus advised Council people going to and from work are exempt

from the curfew, residents will not be stopped for walking their dogs and it will be up to the discretion of the police if they issue a warning or citation for ignoring the curfew.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 7-0

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

At this time the Mayor and City Council may report on significant items associated with their appointed positions on federal, state, regional and local organizations.

A. From the Council

Deputy Mayor DaCorsi reported he attended the Sound Transit Board meeting and made a statement regarding the George Floyd tragedy.

Councilmember Jeyaraj reported he participated with the food delivery for seniors in Auburn and made a statement regarding George Floyd and the history of violence.

Councilmember Brown made a statement regarding American Citizens right to exercise their First Amendment rights.

Councilmember Trout-Manuel reported she attended the Domestic Violence Coalition and the Regional Law and Justice Safety Committee meetings and made a statement about the racial fears.

Councilmember Baggett discussed the cities need for racial equity and reported he attended the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health meeting.

Councilmember Mulenga stated she appreciated the comments made by the other Councilmembers and hopes for peace, unity and the end of racism.

Councilmember Stearns reported he listened to an Auburn Arts Commission meeting. He also advised Council that he met with the Public Relations Manager of the Outlet Collection and she had expressed her appreciation for the Auburn Police Department's good work during the riots on May 31, 2020. Councilmember Stearns also expressed his heartbreak regarding the George Floyd death.

B. From the Mayor

Mayor Backus reported the Auburn Police Department has responded throughout the region as part of the Civil Disturbance Unit (CDU) to ensure the safety for the residents. She explained the City supports protests and will not tolerate rioting. She also met with Chief O'Neil, Deputy Mayor DaCorsi, Councilmember Jeyaraj and Pastor Lashon Matao to discuss how to bring unity to our City, overcome racism and be better. She stated the City can and will do better.

The Mayor and Council made the following joint statement:

George Floyd did not deserve to die at the hands of the Minneapolis police. Those who are responsible for his death should be brought to swift justice. It is when authority and power is used in an unjust manner that we must take a step back and oppose the injustice. This is a plea that we do not turn our backs on racism in our country. This a moment that can define how we act moving forward. We understand your collective outrage and pain. We stand with you in your demands for institutional change and support your right to exercise your First Amendment right of free speech. We unequivocally support racial equity and social justice in our society and will work to preserve that ideal in our community and beyond. We also stand behind the fact that the actions of one or even a few do not – cannot define an entire group of people. An overwhelming majority of the men and women in law enforcement in this country are good and just people, and prove it each and every day. Please, let us remember them and allow them to be part of the answer. It is the only way forward for all of us.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

APPROVED this 15th day of June, 2020.



NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR



Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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