	City Council Study Session Finance, Technology and Economic Development Special Focus Area May 26, 2020 - 5:30 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

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, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Chris Stearns arrived at 5:33 p.m. and left at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Nancy Backus and the following department directors and staff members were present: Outreach Program Administrator Kent Hay, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Innovation and Technical Support Specialist Danika Olson, Chief of Police Dan O'Neil and Deputy City Clerk Teresa Mattingly.

The following department directors and staff members attended the meeting virtually: Senior City Staff Attorney Harry Boesche, City Attorney Daniel Heid, Assistant Director of Innovation and Technology Ashley Riggs, Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Assistant Director of Engineering Services Jacob Sweeting, Senior Traffic Engineer James Webb, Development Engineer Manager Steve Sturza, Development Services Manager Jason Krum, Economic Development Manager Doug Lein and Real Property Analyst Josh Arndt.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

There were no announcements, reports or presentations.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Annual Update (Gaub)(20 Minutes)

Engineer Webb provided Council with the annual update for the 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He reviewed the completed and proposed projects to be removed from the TIP, new projects to be added, revising project descriptions and cost estimates and next steps to set a public hearing for June 15, 2020.

Council discussed the status of projects, deferring projects to a future date, if additional cuts or adjustments will be needed to the TIP, year end fund balance, and current and future status of grant funding. Council also thanked Engineer Webb and his staff for their hard work.

B. Ordinance No. 6761 (Tate)(30 Minutes)

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

Manager Sturza reviewed the Floodplain Development Code Update, FEMA's Letter of Determination and the deadline to adopt a new map with Council. He also discussed the negative impacts of non-compliance and staff proposed updates.

Council discussed the number of homes within the Channel Migration Zone, when and how a variance could be granted, residential flood insurance, tribal regulations for historically significant items and how often floodplain maps are updated.

V. FINANCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. COVID-19 Local Business Support Update (Hinman)(20 Minutes)

Councilmember Baggett presided over this section of the meeting.

Director Hinman introduced Economic Development Manager Doug Lein, Real Property Analyst Josh Arndt and Kacey Bray President and CEO of the Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

Manager Lien provided Council with an update on how the City is providing support to local businesses and reviewed the five parts to the support program; Comprehensive Financial Assistance and Resource information for businesses, Financial Assistance Programs, Business Assistance Webinars, promote the use of BuyLocalAuburn.com and the Safe Start Auburn Advisory Committee.

Ms. Bray reviewed the business assistance programs and webinars that the City co-hosts with the Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

Analyst Arndt provided an overview of the resources and webinars available to business and residents online and discussed a four part class on "Developing your Emergency Business Plan" that will be presented by Green River College.

Mayor Backus provided Council with an update on the CARES Act and King County Funding, the restrictions on those funds, and the Safe Start Auburn Advisory Committee and their focus on identifying what the Auburn business community needs.

Council discussed that the online webinars are free, how the Safe Start Auburn Advisory Committee was created and the types of assistance and resources that the Small Business Association will be providing. Council also thanked Manager Lein and his team for the work they are doing for the small businesses.

VI. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were no other discussion items.

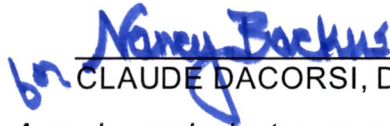
VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

APPROVED this 15th day of June, 2020.


for CLAUDE DACORSI, DEPUTY MAYOR


Teresa Mattingly, Deputy City Clerk

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